

This year's Summer Reading Challenge offers kids and teens a chance to fill their summer with great books and fun activities! This year, participants will help save the Chesapeake Bay. By completing missions, participants can help MCPL and the Chesapeake Bay Foundation preserve the Chesapeake Bay watershed, clean up the Chesapeake Bay, and provide healthy habitats for Chesapeake Bay animals! As kids and teens log books read and activities completed the Chesapeake Bay Foundation will...

- Plant White Oak trees in the Chesapeake Watershed
- Plant oysters in the Chesapeake Bay
- Provide healthy habitats for Diamondback Terrapins, Tundra Swans, and Osprey

Sign up can be done online or at any library branch starting June 15. Kids get a free book just for signing up!

Printed gameboards explaining the program can be picked up at MCPL branches during sign up, while supplies last, or printed at home from the [Summer Reading Challenge website](#).

We have updated our recommended Book Lists for babies, toddlers and preschoolers, and teens. The great news is that many of the titles are also available free for download/streaming through the library website with an MCPL library card! <https://mcpl.link/summer-reading-booklists>

MCPL branches will have exciting in-person special events this summer: storytimes, book clubs, crafts, and even animal programs, dance and music events, magic shows, and STEM programs, and other big events. Our offerings continue to expand, so check the Events tab on the website often for updates. <https://mcpl.libnet.info/events?r=today>. They are even celebrating Shark Appreciation Week from July 24-30!