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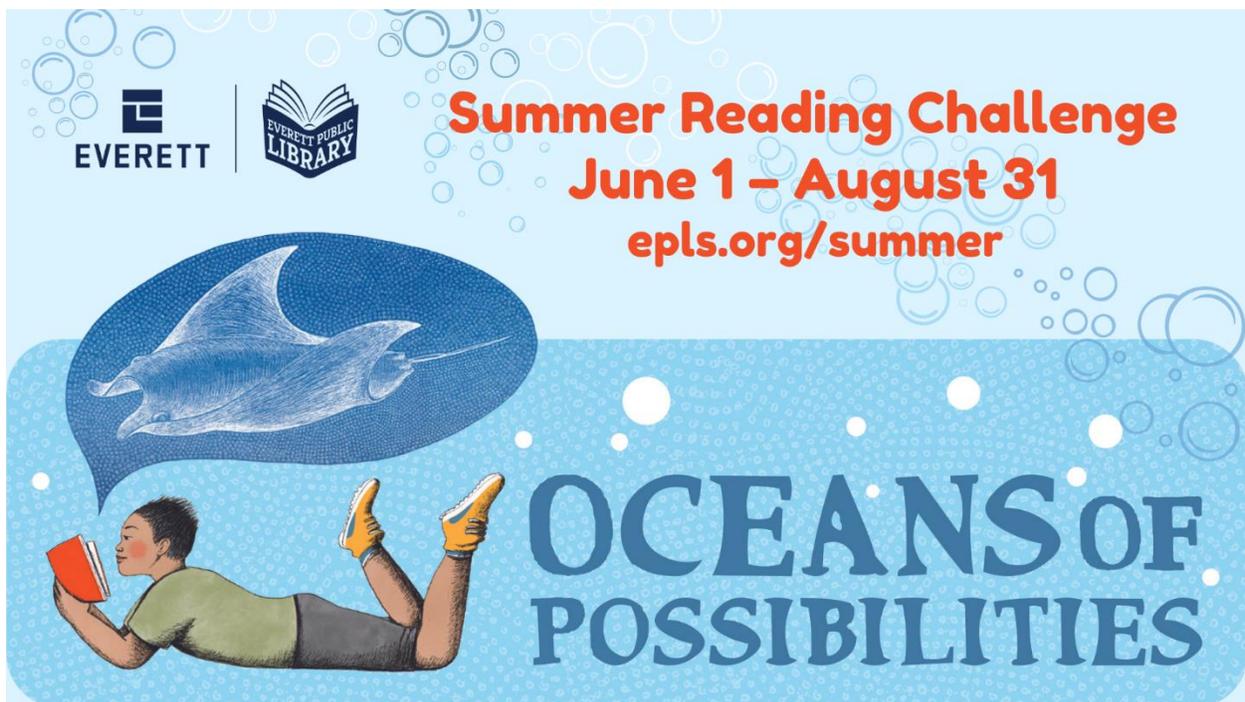
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Oceans of possibilities: Everett Public Library launches 2022 summer reading program



EVERETT, WA – Splash into summer with Everett Public Library’s summer reading program for youth and adults. This year’s program will run from June 1 to August 31 under the theme Oceans of Possibilities. Program information can be found at www.epls.org/summer.

Everett Public Library hopes to keep kids, teens, and people of all ages reading throughout the summer months. This year’s sea-inspired program will feature free book giveaways, ocean-themed events that run the gamut from crafty to musical and, of course, plenty of reading.

The summer reading program for children and teens from birth through grade 12 is simple: read or listen to reading for 12 hours, track your progress and return to the library to earn a free book (while supplies last) and an entry into the grand prize drawing. Another 12 hours of reading or listening earns another book and prize entry.

The summer reading challenge for adults is a bingo card with 24 reading, learning, and exploration challenges (and a free space!). Participants can earn a free book after completing any 5 challenges (while supplies last) and will receive an entry into the grand prize drawing for every 5 challenges they complete.

The youth summer reading program will kick off at both branches on Saturday, June 11 with a celebration featuring an interactive sing-along led by local children's singer-songwriter Nancy Stewart. Join Stewart and library staff at the Main Library at 11 a.m. and Evergreen Branch at 3 p.m. for sea shanties, game and craft stations, a library scavenger hunt, reading challenge sign-ups and free refreshments.

The kick-off event is the start of a jam-packed series of fishy summer fun for kids of all ages.

- A four-part craft series, held virtually every Wednesday from June 29 – July 20 at 2 p.m.:
 - June 29 — Under-the-Sea Cupcake Decorating with Cam Zarcone
 - July 6 — Make Your Own Gummy Fish
 - July 13 — Ocean Colors Paint Pour
 - July 20 — Sea Creature Bread
- Mermaid storytimes at both library locations:
 - Main Library — July 13 at 10:30 a.m.
 - Evergreen Branch — July 21 at 10:30 a.m.

The library's series of adult summer reading events will begin on June 7 with the all-ages event [Exploring the Titanic](#), presented by OceanGate expedition guide Alyx Terryll. Join Terrell in the Main Library auditorium at 6 p.m. to learn about the mysteries of the world's most famous shipwreck, from the deep-sea marine life that inhabits the site to the technology required to dive to the quickly decaying wreck.

The library will host five other aquatic events for adults and young adults:

- July 19 at 6 p.m., in person at the Main Library auditorium — [Puget Sound: A Maritime Highway](#), by local author David B. Williams. At this talk, explore the 13,000-year history of transportation on the Puget Sound.
- July 23 at 2 p.m., in person on the Main Library balcony — [Shanties and Songs of the Seven Seas with Pint & Dale](#). Local music duo William Pint and Felicia Dale tell stories of the sea, via song.
- August 4 at 2 p.m., in person in the Main Library auditorium — [Create @ the Library: Nighttime Sea Collage](#). Create a collage seascape in this arts and crafts class; no experience needed!
- August 11 at 6:30 p.m., in person in the Main Library auditorium — Main Library Book Discussion: "The House in the Cerulean Sea," by TJ Klune.

- August 20 at 10 a.m., in person at the Evergreen Branch — [Make an Ocean Charm Necklace with Christina Bengtson](#). Create a unique ocean-inspired necklace in this free two-hour workshop.

The summer reading program is free and open to the public. A library card is not required to participate. Call adult services at 425-257-8000 or youth services at 425-257-8030 or visit www.epls.org/summer for more information about participating in summer reading.

The Everett Public Library was founded in 1894 by the Everett Woman's Book Club. The historic Main Library was built in 1934 by architect Carl Gould, and the Evergreen Branch opened in 1985. The library's two branches serve the residents of the City of Everett and nearby locales, circulating over 400,000 items per year and hosting hundreds of programs for children and adults. We connect the community to resources and services that inform, educate, and entertain. For more information about the Everett Public Library, visit www.epls.org.

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