

Readers clock 463,000 reading minutes in the Mayor's Summer Reading Challenge – so far!

Summer is heating up, and so is the 2020 Fort Worth Mayor's Summer Reading Challenge!

We're thrilled to see that readers have been taking challenges, earning badges and tracking time reading online with Beanstack at an incredible rate. So far this summer, our readers have

- tracked 463,000 minutes read and
- completed 3,202 activities for challenges.

It takes a big team of readers to accomplish so much, 3,058 to be exact. Participants of all ages are taking part in the challenge:

- Adults: 770
- Teen: 205
- School Age: 909
- PreK: 349

With fun challenges designed specifically for different age groups, families can participate in the Mayor's Summer Reading Challenge together.



Kami and Kumi Tei worked together to earn Outdoor Explorer badges.

Kami Tei and her son, Kumi, 8, have been active participants in a variety of challenges. Kumi's challenges have him reading new books, including some new favorites like *Power Forward* by Hena Khan and *Sci-Fu* by Yehudi Mercado. Other challenges encourage him to get outside to earn badges for exploration.

"It was fun because we got to do different activities and that were really cool," Kumi said, "I especially enjoyed earning the Explore the World and Outdoor Explorer badges. My favorite activity was making Leaf Art which was part of the Outdoor Explorer badge."



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Kami originally joined the Mayor's Summer Reading Challenge to help her son, but after making herself an account she realized she could complete challenges for adults.

“Once I discovered this, it increased my motivation to explore all of the activities and complete badges for myself, instead of just helping my son complete his activities,” she said. “I really loved there was a Juneteenth badge. I especially enjoyed listening to the audio file recording of past slaves from the 1950s. I was able to learn more about Fort Worth, Texas and the world through many online resources that I didn't know were available.”

This year is the first time Mayor's Summer Reading Challenge is completely online. Participants can track their progress with the free Beanstack app for iOS or Android or at fortworth.beanstack.org. Badges can be earned by reading and completing listed activities. Programming to support the challenge is offered virtually throughout the summer.

“It's been thrilling to see the impact Beanstack has had on our 2020 Mayor's Summer Reading Challenge,” said Youth Services Manager Trevor Naughton, “The ability to track minutes on the go, complete staff-curated challenges and share their activity exploration with us virtually have added exciting, new dimensions to our summer reading program and have given our staff the ability to remain connected and engaged with our community throughout the summer.”

Want to join the fun? It's not too late! [Register yourself or your entire family](#) and let the challenge begin.

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