

# Town of Hopkinton

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## **Hopkinton Public Library Encourages Community Members to Participate in Summer Reading Program Beginning This Week**

HOPKINTON — Town Manager Norman Khumalo and Library Director Nanci Milone-Hill are pleased to announce that the Hopkinton Public Library will be hosting summer reading programs for residents of all ages.

The Hopkinton Public Library Summer Reading 2023 program will be held from Wednesday, June 21 to Saturday, August 19. The theme this year is "It all starts here: in and around Hopkinton this summer!"

"We encourage community members of all ages to participate in our Summer Reading 2023 program," said Young Adult Librarian, Jessica Miller. "Many people spend the summer looking forward to traveling and other activities, however, our theme this year is meant to highlight all of the great things we have in our community. Here at the Hopkinton Public Library, we are looking forward to staying local and enjoying all that

Hopkinton has to offer."

To register for the Hopkinton Public Library Summer Reading 2023 program, click [here](#). Participants will create one account on ReadSquared and enter each reader in the household into the appropriate program.

## **Summer Reading Youth Program:**

The summer reading youth program will award children for reading with tallied points. Children earn points on ReadSquared by entering the number of minutes they read (1 minute = 1 point), completing fun reading activities and attending library events.

As children earn points, they will have the opportunity to win up to three prizes. The first prize will be five drawing tickets to enter to win one of five prize baskets at the end of the summer. For their second prize, readers will be able to keep a book of their choice. Lastly, for the third prize, children will have the opportunity to select four fun items from the library's "prize store."

Within the youth program, there are three categories:

- PreReader Program, recommended for kids reading with an adult
- Marathon-Elmwood Program, recommended for kids rising into first, second and third grade
- Hopkins Program, recommended for kids rising into fourth and fifth grade

## **Summer Reading Young Adult Program:**

Young adults can earn points by reading books, as well as completing activities or attending library programs.

Each book read, activity completed or program attended will earn the reader one point. Readers will earn one drawing ticket per point. The drawing tickets can be digitally applied for a chance to win one of five young adult prize baskets with the following themes: "Literature Lovers," "90's Nostalgia," "Beauty and Wellness," "STEM," and "Crazy for Crafts." Winners will be drawn and notified at the end of summer.

Upon achieving 10 points, all young-adult readers will earn a bonus "book prize." At 20 points, readers will earn reading accessories. Readers may earn up to 30 points to

increase their chances of winning a prize basket.

Within the young adult program, there are two categories:

- Middle School Program, recommended for ages 10-14
- High School Program, recommended for ages 14-19

## Summer Reading Adult Program:

Adults can earn points on ReadSquared by reading books. Each book read will earn one point. Readers can redeem three points for one drawing ticket toward one of five adult prize baskets. Basket themes will include “Walk Massachusetts,” “Book Lover’s Paradise,” “Savory Summer Herb Kit,” “Hometown Pride,” and “Summer Craft Sampler.” Winners will be drawn and notified at the end of summer.

At 15 points, all adult readers will earn a bonus "book prize." This includes a bookmark and a coupon for one free book at a Friends of the Library Pop-up book sale.

The adult program is recommended for readers aged 16 and up.

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