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Dream Big: Summer Reading Draws to a Close

ELMHURST, IL — This summer, tens of thousands of books were read to or by children from age 1 to grade 8. Starting with the wildly popular Kick-off Day in June, 4,974 kids registered for the program, and set record-breaking attendance numbers for programs in June and July. Kids earned coupons and prizes by reading, and upon completion of a book log, they got a raffle ticket for one of many fantastic prizes. The raffle drawing was held on Monday, August 13.* Congratulations to all of the winners!

Summer fun wasn't reserved just for the kids! Teens had their own "Own the Night" program, where reading four books earned coupons for local hot spots, including Fitz's Spare Keys, The Hub, and York Theatre. Books were read in record numbers—1,265, in fact—by 165 teens who wrote 939 reviews. Completing four books also entered teens into a raffle for an iPad! The winner of the iPad raffle was selected Tuesday, August 14*. Congratulations Kayla A.!

The Adult program rounded out Summer Reading at EPL. Like the teen program, four books earned one raffle entry. Adults took advantage of the new online program, logging 1,856 books online, and 3,460 on paper. The adult raffle winners were selected Monday, August 13.* Congratulations to:

Raffle #1 Kindle.....Lauren M.
Raffle #2 Nook.....Sue H.
Raffle #3 iPod nano.....Evelyn T.
Raffle #4 SpaceRoger K.
Raffle #5 Travel.....Sarah C.
Raffle #6 Cooking.....Mary Grace Z.
Raffle #7 Fitness.....Matthew J.
Raffle #8 Dreamy Reads.....Jane A.

Summer reading depends heavily on the generosity of individuals and businesses. A special thank you to all of the middle school volunteers, who logged countless hours in the Kids' Library.

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Another big thank you goes out to the sponsors of all three Summer Reading programs. They provided prizes, coupons, and donations for the participants. Thank you for another great year!

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Grayson & Carol Haller	Marie Strauch

**All winners have been notified by phone.*

The Elmhurst Public Library strives to enrich life in Elmhurst by providing opportunities to explore, learn and grow. The Library provides the support and resources for Elmhurst residents to develop a love of reading; access information for work and learning; pursue interests that will enrich their lives; understand changes in technology, society and culture; and gather and interact with each other. Elmhurst Public Library is a place for discovery at the heart of the community.

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