



HAYWARD
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Youth and Summer Programming @ HPL

Library Commission Meeting
May 19, 2025



What Do We Do

Youth Services serves children and teens and their parents, caregivers, and teachers. We offer programs, collections, and activities to help nurture a love of reading and learning in dedicated spaces designed for children and parents to read, play, and learn.



Early Childhood

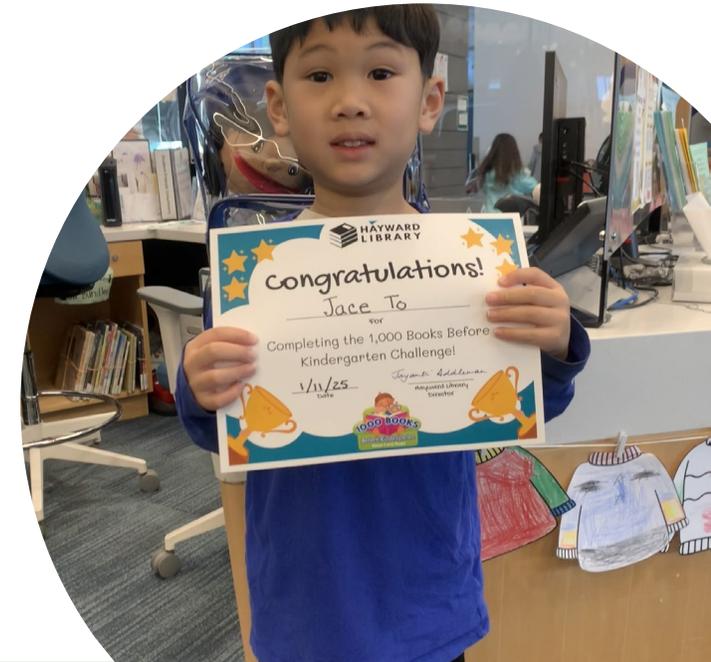
- Storytime - Storytime programs introduce young children to books, rhymes, music, and peer interaction while building a foundation of pre-literacy skills and a life-long love of books and reading. Available in English, Spanish, and Chinese.
- 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten – Encourages families to read with their children nightly before bed. Families receive prizes of free books for every 100 books read.

Weekly Storytime Statistics

Storytimes 6 days/week

Average over 600 storytime participants each week.

Storytimes in English, Spanish, Mandarin Chinese, and American Sign Language



School Age/Family

- Special Events/Performers
- Monthly interactive contests and programs.
- Class visits at the library or in the classroom.
- Library card drives
- Daily homework help
- SORA Reading App – allows HUSD students to check out library eBooks using their HUSD student ID without a HPL library card.



Just for Teens

- Monthly contests
- Readers Advisory
- Recommended reading lists
- Volunteer opportunities
 - Book reviewers
 - Children's Room helpers
 - Summer Reading helpers
- Monthly arts and crafts programs



Other Services

- Maintain print and online book, movie, and media collections in multiple languages.
- Readers Advisory
- Recommended Reading Lists
- Book Bundles
- Online resources for homework and recreational reading.



Quick Statistics

40,540

Program Participants (All Ages)
FY 23

10,999

Reference Questions Answered
FY 23

531,645

Checkouts
FY 23

48,192

Program Participants (All Ages)
FY 24

11,426

Reference Questions Answered
FY 24

457,080

Checkouts
FY 24

34,509

Program Participants (All Ages)
FY 25 (Through 3/31/25)*
Weekes Closed 12/24-7/25

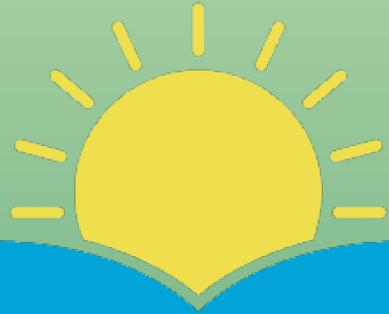
6,235

Reference Questions Answered
FY 25 (Through 3/31/25)*
Weekes Closed 12/24-7/25

398,023

Checkouts
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Summer Reading 2025



SUMMER READING
• **CHALLENGE** •
— Hayward Public Library —

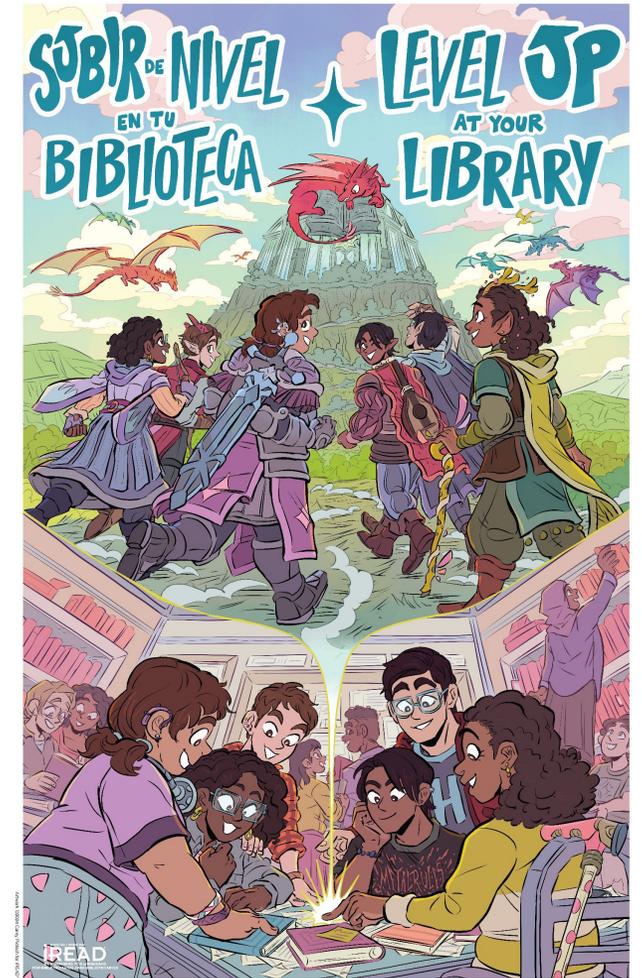


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Summer Reading Challenge June 8 – August 2, 2025

- Fun way to encourage kids (and adults!) to keep reading over the summer.
- Available for all ages – children, teens, and adults register for SRC using the Beanstack app.
- Participants win 1 free book for every 7 days of reading and are entered into weekly and grand prize drawings.

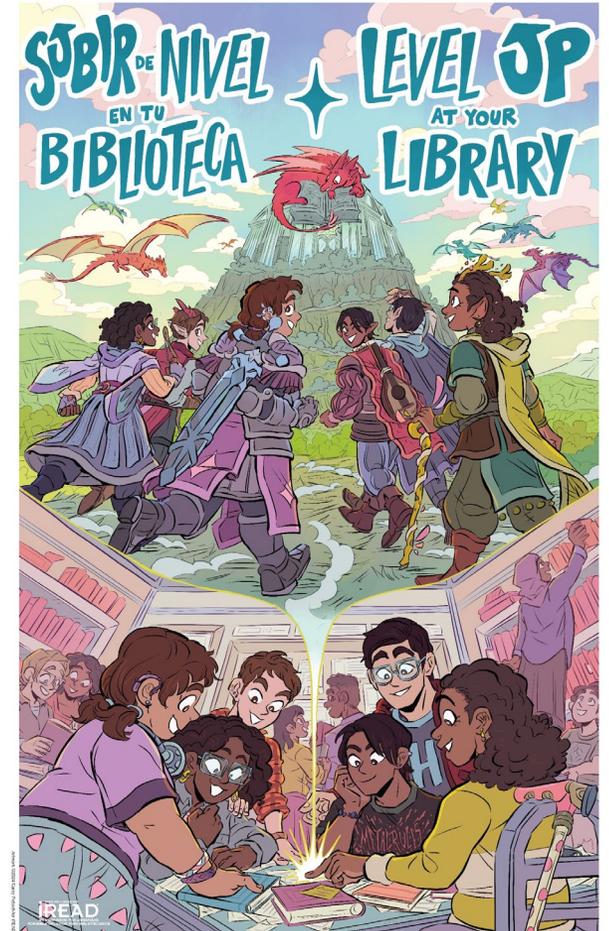




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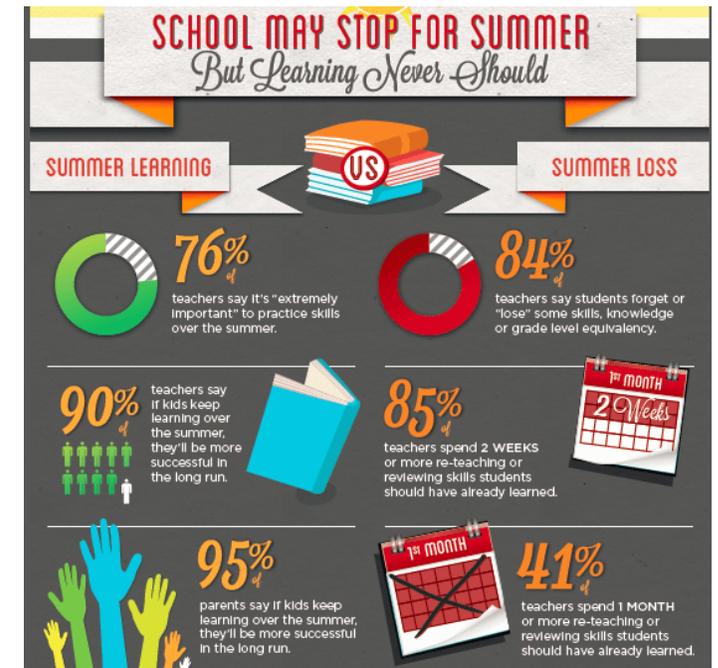
- Advance literacy and academic performance by engaging children and teens in reading and reading-related activities during the summer months.
- Foster a love of reading through public library programs and services.
- Increase successful reading experiences through librarian-supported, self-selected, voluntary reading.
- Avoid the Summer Slide





Summer Learning Loss

- Summer learning loss refers to the decline in academic skills students experience during extended breaks from school.
- Low-income and minority students are disproportionately affected due to limited access to resources and enrichment programs.
- The long-term effects of summer learning loss include lower graduation rates and reduced workforce readiness, impacting economic growth.
- Engagement in summer learning programs has shown promising results, with participants often showing gains in reading skills equivalent to an additional month of school. Such programs are also linked to higher graduation rates and improved self-esteem among students.



Summer Programming – All Ages



Special Events



Storytimes/Early Literacy



Summer Learning Camp



Arts and Crafts



Ukelele Lessons

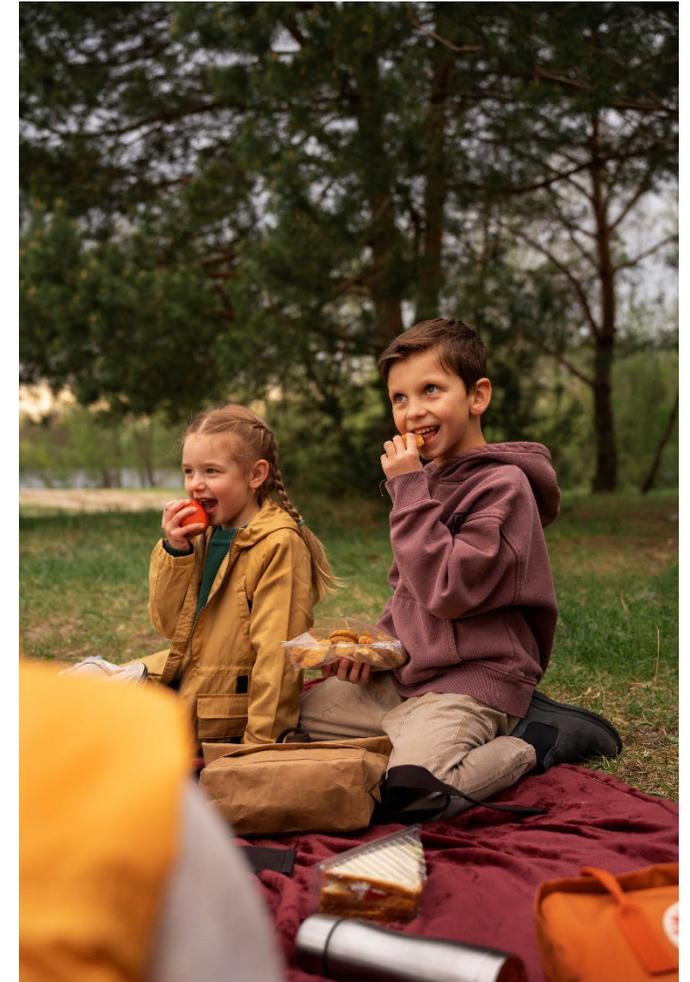


Volunteer Opportunities for Teens



Lunch at the Library

- Offers free, healthy lunches and learning opportunities for children and teens.
- Includes educational programming.
- Each child and teen receives at least one free book every day they attend to help build home libraries.





Summer Learning Camp

- For students entering 2nd – 8th grade.
- Hands-on workshops presented by Hayward Arts Council, HARD, and Lawrence Hall of Science.
- 3-day afternoon sessions which include a free lunch



2024 Summer Statistics

4,719

SRC Participants

8,999

Books Distributed

1,002

Meals Distributed

10,250

Program Participants (All Ages)

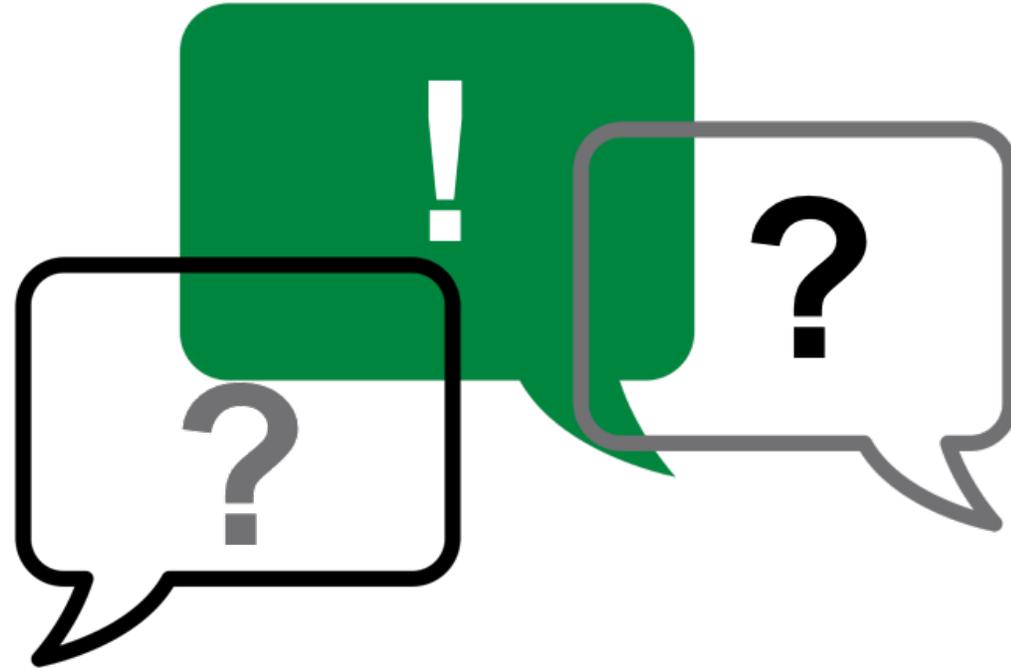
649

Teen Volunteer Hours

262

Programs for All Ages

Questions???



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