

## **SUMMER READING FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

### **My child just started to read. Should they register for Read-to-Me or Reading?**

It really depends on what will help develop your child's love of reading. If your child will be more excited about books if they see the long list of titles read to them, then Read-to-Me is the best option. You can put a star or sticker next to titles, they read or help you read.

If your child will be more excited about books by "graduating" to the "Big Kid" reading challenge, then that's the best option. We suggest they set a reading goal of only 1 – 2 books per week. Beginning readers benefit from re-reading books several times. Assure them that you will still read to them.

### **If we read a book several times, can we list it each time we read it?**

Log the title only once for the Summer Reading Challenge. We do encourage reading favorite books over and over. It is a great way to develop literacy skills and a love of reading.

### **We read chapter books to our young children. How should we log those?**

If chapter books are your primary read-alouds, you may want to log each chapter separately to fill the Read-to-Me folder. If you read a variety of picture books and chapter books, you may choose to log the chapter book as one title.

### **Should my child log books or pages?**

It depends on your child's reading interests. Logging books is recommended for younger readers and readers who like series books or tend to read books cover to cover. Books tend to be easier to track

Pages work best for readers who like to read long books. They may feel a greater sense of accomplishment seeing that they've read 1,000 pages vs. 3 books. Pages also work well for readers who like non-fiction and may read sections of books, rather than cover-to-cover. Pages also work well for readers who like to read magazines or online articles.

### **How do we set a goal?**

Figure out how much your child will read in a week and multiply that by the number of weeks in the summer reading challenge. This [chart](#) has some guidelines to get you started.

Consider your child's schedule and how much they like reading. We want every child to be reading throughout the summer, but we don't want it to become a dreaded chore or source of stress and frustration. We have kids set individual goals so reading provides pleasure and a sense of accomplishment, not competition.

If you'd like more help setting a goal, contact Heide at 414-847-2670 or [heide.piehler@mcfls.org](mailto:heide.piehler@mcfls.org)

### **Do e-books and audiobooks count toward the reading goal?**

Definitely! E-books are just another form of book. Listening to audiobooks has been shown to improve literacy skills in a number of ways including comprehension and vocabulary. We do encourage readers to try a mix of print and audiobooks.

**Do we have to read library books for the program?**

No. All books count – library books, books you own, books you trade with friends.

**Can we sign up more than once?**

You may just sign up once. If the reading goal is met, just keep reading and logging books. Some children like to share their summer reading log with their new teacher in fall.

If you have any other questions, please call the Shorewood Public Library at 414-847-2670.