



SUMMER LEARNING PROGRAM - FAQ

WHAT IS THE SUMMER LEARNING PROGRAM?

The MFL Summer Learning Program (SLP) is an incentive program that lasts six (6) weeks starting July 7th through August 13th. We encourage readers to keep learning over the summer to prevent learning regression that can happen when not in school - this is for adults, too! Tracking starts July 7th.

DO I NEED TO REGISTER FOR THE SUMMER LEARNING PROGRAM?

Yes. You must register for the program by July 9th in order for the library to assure there are enough prizes for participants. You can register after July 9th but not not be eligible for prizes.

HOW OLD DO YOU NEED TO BE TO REGISTER?

All ages (0-99+) are encouraged to participate in our Summer Learning Program and reading challenge!

HOW DO I REGISTER FOR SUMMER LEARNING?

You can register by:

- Calling the library during open hours (607)535-7489
- Emailing montourfalls@stls.org
- Visiting the library in person and speaking to a staff member
- Filling out the Microsoft Form available on our website (montourfallslibrary.org)

Once registered, you can pick up your SLP folder at the Montour Falls Library. Your folder has programs & event dates, activities, and more!

You will register for programs online by selecting the dates you wish to attend. Please call the library if you need to cancel.

Please register multiple participants in separate forms.

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DO I HAVE TO ATTEND WEEKLY IN-PERSON PROGRAMS?

No, you are not required to attend programs. This year, our weekly SLP programs will occur during story time hour (Wednesdays, 6PM) at the Montour Falls Library. Additional SLP activities will be available for participation during the Montour Falls Farmers' Market (Thursdays, 4PM - 7PM) located at 301 Clawson Blvd., Montour Falls, NY.

CAN I ATTEND SUMMER LEARNING STORY TIMES AND SPECIAL EVENTS WITHOUT BEING REGISTERED?

Yes! Summer Learning story times (Wednesdays at the Montour Falls Library) and special events (Thursdays at the Montour Falls Farmers' Market) are open to the public. Registration for these programs is not required!

WHAT COUNTS TOWARDS MY READING GOAL?

Books (any kind, including picture books), audiobooks, graphic novels; reading cereal boxes, newspapers, and magazines, and *even listening to someone else read to you* counts towards reading time. Any and all reading counts! You can set your own personal goal on the sheet in your folder (labeled "My Reading Goal"), or on the ReadSquared app.

HOW DO I EARN PRIZES?

Earn prizes by reading, completing activity sheets, and tracking your reading time and titles. You can find reading trackers in your folder, on the website, at the library, or digitally on ReadSquared. The library will notify families regarding Grand Prize pickup by August 31.

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WHO GETS A PRIZE AND HOW DO I PICK IT UP?

All registered participants will receive a prize just for participating! Participation prizes will be available for pickup at the Family Fun Day (Thursday, August 13, 4PM-7PM) located at the Montour Falls Farmers' Market (301 Clawson Blvd., Montour Falls, NY). If you are unable to pick up your prize on this day, please let a library staff member know by giving the library a call so another pickup time can be arranged.

WHAT MAKES ME ELIGIBLE FOR THE GRAND PRIZES?

There are 4 grand prizes to be awarded at the end of the Summer Learning Program. Individuals will only be awarded one (1) grand prize per person. The grand prizes will be awarded to the following qualifiers:

- Highest number of books read
- Most reading minutes logged
- Reader who has made the most progress
- Activities completed (Note: this specific prize will be awarded based on a raffle drawing)

We ask that Grand Prize winners pick up their prize by Saturday, September 19. If your prize is not picked up by this date, it will be donated toward next year's Summer Learning Program.

HOW DO I RECEIVE RAFFLE TICKETS FOR ACTIVITY COMPLETION?

When you complete an activity (found in your Summer Learning Folder available for pickup at the Montour Falls Library after registration), show it to a staff member at the library for one raffle entry per activity. Activities include (but are not limited to) coloring pages, brain exercises, and origami! You may bring them in as you complete them or bring all completed activities in at once. The raffle is only for one (1) of the grand prizes, so you may still be eligible for a reading challenge grand prize even if you do not complete any activities!

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DO I NEED TO COMPLETE BOTH A PAPER READING LOG AND LOG MY READING ON READSQUARED?

Nope! You may complete either your paper reading log OR log your reading digitally on ReadSquared. If you must switch logging methods in the middle of the program, no worries! Just let a Montour Falls Library staff member know so we can count totals accurately.

HOW DO I USE READSQUARED?

Download the ReadSquared app available on the Apple App Store or Google Play Store. QR codes that link you to the respective app stores are available on our website and in your Summer Learning folder. Once you have downloaded the ReadSquared app:

- 1.) Find your library - search for the Montour Falls Library once prompted.
- 2.) Connect to the library - create an account, or log in if you already have one. You can use multiple accounts linked to the same or more than one library.
- 3.) Select “Kids Unearth a Story” or “Adult Unearth a Story” under “My Reading Programs”.
- 4.) You’re good to start tracking your reading! You can log your reading time and titles to unlock badges, activities, minigames, and more!

If you’re not sure how to navigate ReadSquared or just need some help getting started, call the library at (607) 535-7489 to book an in-person tech support appointment and one of our staff will be more than happy to walk you through it.

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