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## **Summer Reading at East Hartford Public Library: A Universe of Stories**

East Hartford, CT— Summer reading is for everyone! The East Hartford Public Library is excited to invite you to participate in the summer reading program.

The East Hartford Public Library has reading programs for adults, teens, school-aged children and preschoolers. Registration is open now, and the program begins on <u>June 12</u>, when participants can start logging their reading into our mobile-friendly online system. The library summer reading program also counts towards the Governor's Summer Reading challenge, a project of the Connecticut State Library and the CT Department of Education.

To register for summer reading, visit the library's website at <a href="www.easthartfordct.gov/library">www.easthartfordct.gov/library</a> and click on the "Summer Reading" menu item on the left side of our website. Click on the link for the relevant program: children's, teen, or adult. We're using ReadSquared software this summer, which can also be downloaded as an app so that you can easily log activity wherever you are this summer. The ReadSquared app is available in the iTunes and Google Play stores.

To earn points on ReadSquared, children and teens can track minutes read, log book titles, attend library programs, and complete missions, with prizes awarded at each level. Adults earn prizes for signing up, logging books, and even just checking items out! We also have weekly drawings for prizes donated by local businesses.

In addition to the online summer reading program, which can be done anywhere, on any Internet-connected device, the library offers an exciting lineup of summer programs for all ages. Our kickoff for children and families will take place on Wednesday, June 12 from 5:00 – 8:00 PM, with visiting reptiles, activities on the lawn, and appearances by the police and fire departments. Bring a picnic dinner! No registration required. For a complete listing of summer programs, visit the East Hartford Public Library website at <a href="www.easthartfordct.gov/library">www.easthartfordct.gov/library</a> or call the library at (860) 290-4329. The East Hartford Public Library is located at 840 Main St., East Hartford, CT.