



Dr. Karen Fischer Gray
Superintendent
Parkrose School District
10636 NE Prescott St.
Portland, OR 97220

Dear Dr. Gray,

Parkrose students did it again! Thanks to Parkrose School District's partnership with Multnomah County Library, over 114,000 babies, kids and teens participated in Summer Reading again this year! Through your commitment to our partnership:

- We reach all students, regardless of economic or family situation
- We reinforce the message that reading and learning for fun over summer break is critically important for success in school
- Schools underscore their partnerships with trusted community pillars for learning

Educators and librarians know that children grow into successful readers when they have access to reading material, see the value placed on literacy in the home, and spend time reading with caring adults. Studies show that nearly 80 percent of the achievement gap between high-income and low-income students may be attributed to summer reading loss.

If you'd like more information about your district's finisher stats, or want ideas on how to increase the number of students who read over 45 days during summer vacation, contact Seana Lane at seanal@multcolib.org or 503.988.3236.

Please enjoy this copy of *Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City*, by Matthew Desmond, as a thank you for partnering with the library in encouraging summer reading. *Evicted* has been selected for Everybody Reads 2017, the library's 15th annual community reading project. Desmond will also speak March 9, 2017, at the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall.

We look forward to partnering with you again in 2017!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Seana Lane".

Seana Lane
Summer Reading Program Coordinator
Multnomah County Library