

## Summer Challenge in Progress

Summer challenge is going strong at the library, we are now past the mid-point. The Prize Desk received different placement this year. We felt the new placement was more prominent and eye-catching and reinforced the all-ages nature of summer challenge.

As of July 18, a total of 8,416 people have registered to participate in our summer challenge program. A total of 3,370 participants have completed the challenge. A total of 11,780 badges have been earned, and a total of 43,434 prizes have been redeemed.

## Winter Summer Reading and Statistics

Please note a minor correction in the June statistics. The Winter Reading participation is now reflected in the Audio Visual statistics column. I also updated it with a more accurate participation number. The following is a report on Winter Reading:

The 2019 Adult Winter Reading Challenge took readers on a tour of the stacks as we encouraged them to Savor the Library and sample our great collection, one book at a time. Readers completed the program by reading six books between January 14th and March 11<sup>th</sup>. We recommended trying:

- A nonfiction title
- A graphic novel
- A book outside your usual genre
- An audiobook
- A book from our digital collection ([Overdrive](#) or [Hoopla](#))
- A book someone recommended to you

Prizes included coffee and donut coupons, stainless steel reusable straw sets, and a chance to win a Kindle Fire tablet or a gift certificate to a local restaurant.

- 661 registered as participants, and 290 people completed the program
- Participants collectively read almost 2,400 books

## Miscellaneous Items

- I successfully "graduated" from Hamilton County Leadership Academy in June. I found it to be a rewarding experience. I learned much about our area and got to know some great people.
- Meeting with Carmel Schools: a date is being sought; a meeting is likely within the next week. I should have more to report at our next meeting.
- Branch construction is generally going well, but the anticipated shipment of steel has been delayed by three weeks.

- Included in the packet is a letter from Senator Braun regarding the American Creed programming held at the library.
- Peter Konshak and I may take a trip to Omaha, Nebraska to the visit the Do Space, a state of the art technology library. We hope this will inspire ideas and approaches for the next version of our Digital Media Lab.
- I toured the Hamilton East Public Library with Peter Konshak, Christy Walker, and Elizabeth Hamilton on July 11. The library is impressive. I encourage everyone to visit this library and in particular the Ignite Studio therein. The Ignite Studio is a large area with digital media labs, an A/V production studio, a Kit Library with pre-supplied materials to allow for immediate artistic production, and more. The space houses an artist in residence studio and provides ample workspace for patrons to get creative.
- Kevin Huse, Antone Sgro and I met with the City of Carmel Planning Department on July 15 to talk about our pending project and related parking structure. It went well. The library is a special use exception in a residential zone. The area itself was not rezoned special use. This is helpful in charting our path forward.