

## Summer Reading Program Wraps Up with a Reader's Raffle

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With the back-to-school season in full swing, the Rehoboth Beach Public Library has turned another page of their annual Summer Reading Program, which inspired students and booklovers of all ages to continue reading over the summer months. In 2025, 153 children and teenagers registered for the program, which was a slight increase from the previous summer; between June 16th and August 8th, program participants read at least 1425 books, and earned 187 brand new books as rewards for turning in their reading logs. To celebrate their young readers' achievements, the library hosted an outdoors field day at Grove Park and concluded this year's program with a reader's raffle prize drawing.

The Ultimate Summer Reading Challenge, which encouraged participants to read at least 12 different books, was accomplished by 59 children - many of whom not only met, but greatly exceeded this goal. Two summer readers from the Schorah family tied for the greatest number of books read, completing 130 books each; the next top reader, from the Rippen family, finished 110 books during the two-month challenge. To reward avid readers for going above and beyond, the library awards participants with raffle tickets, so that as students read more books, their chances of winning grow. Many supportive local businesses - including Funland, Game ON! VGM, Gidget's Gadgets, Jungle Jim's, Midway Speedway Park, Nick's Mini Golf, and Shell We Bounce - donated a variety of fun prizes for the program's annual children's raffle.

This year, the library's Summer Bingo made waves by welcoming adults to join in the summer fun. The contest motivated library-goers to explore their wider communities by awarding raffle tickets to adults and families for visiting the beach, reading books from new genres, trying new hobbies, finding local landmarks, attending library programs, and more. For each activity that library patrons completed, they received a raffle ticket, with five tickets awarded per Bingo. This year's Summer Bingo prizes were donated by several generous local businesses, including The Point, Charm City Run, Clear Space Theater, The Cultured Pearl, and SoDel Concepts. Thanks to the support of businesses and community centers throughout Rehoboth Beach, the library will continue to cultivate the love of literacy and learning throughout next summer's Reading Program.