



JOURNEY THROUGH TIME



2023

Dear Teacher and/or Librarian,

Vancouver Island Regional Library is once again offering the popular Summer Reading Club program to encourage students to keep reading over the summer. We invite students at your school to embark on a reading adventure at the library by participating in this year's BC Summer Reading Club: **Time Travel**

Each summer, Vancouver Island Regional Library (VIRL) offers a free Summer Reading Club to help children stay on top of the important skill of reading while they are out of school. As you know, regular reading over the summer helps kids to maintain or improve reading skills, and voluntary reading is key to making reading habitual. Summer Reading Club motivates kids to read by providing:

- Materials so kids can track their reading success: prizes, reading records, and stickers.
- Medals for all children who complete a reading record.
- Amazing virtual and in branch library programs, performances, contests, and activities.

Summer Reading Club officially starts on **July 4th**. Parents and/or guardians can register their children online at www.virl.bc.ca/src or in branch starting on **June 20th**. Once registered, kids may also pick up a special package at their local branch to keep track of their reading; the package includes a reading record, stickers and other fun stuff. Please encourage families to check out our website or contact us if they have any questions. You can find current hours of operation for each of our branches on our website at virl.bc.ca/branches/

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We would love to help get your students excited about reading this summer with a fun information session about Summer Reading Club. These sessions are provided free of charge and last approximately 30 minutes. Sessions typically include information about how Summer Reading Club works and we will showcase all the fun incentives kids will receive! Please call or email your local branch to book a visit now.

Attached is a notice for insertion in your last school newsletter to parents providing information about the program and important dates. We appreciate all your efforts in helping us promote Summer Reading in your school, and we look forward to meeting your students. For more information, please feel free to contact your local library branch, or visit our website at www.virl.bc.ca/src.

Vancouver Island Regional Library and the British Columbia Library Association are sponsoring Summer Reading Club, with generous support from the Province of British Columbia, through Libraries Branch, Ministry of Education and CUPE BC. Additional support is received from Public Library InterLINK and BC Libraries Co-op. Thank you for helping to make this year's BC Summer Reading Club a success in our community!

Yours truly,

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