



Summer Reading Wrap up!

Summer Reading officially ended on Saturday, August 5, and we wanted to share some of the numbers with everyone!

- Kids 0-4** 242 kids signed up and read 1348 hours total
- Kids 5-10** 602 kids signed up and read 3937 hours total
- Teens 11-15** 209 teens signed up and read 1493 hours total
- Adults 16+** 230 adults entered and read over 300 books



So if everyone was All Together Now and read without stopping, the kids and teen would have read the equivalent of nine and a half months! That's a lot of reading!

Great work to all those who participated and we hope to see you and more for the next Summer Reading Program!



Around the World With VBDL

Well, the summer has come and gone, but there's still adventure out there!

Grab a VBDL passport and collect stamps at each Around the World program you attend. If you visit at least 3 country programs during the year, or 1 continent program during the summer, you can get entered into a raffle for a prize at the end of the year!

So where are you going now? Take a glance at [VBDL's online calendar](#) to see all the places VBDL is exploring!

Antwerp Sunshine Branch

Mexico

Tuesday, September 12, 5pm

Celebrate Mexican Independence Day with a snack and a craft!

Canada/United States

Tuesday, November 14, 5pm

Join us for snacks and a craft inspired by the incredible Niagara Falls.

Bloomington Branch

Chile

Monday, September 18, 6pm

Enjoy the traditional flavors of Chile during this Small Bite program for adults.

Iceland

All December long

See if you can find all the Yule Lads during a month long scavenger hunt. Yule lads are troll-like creatures from Iceland that cause mischief during the days leading up to the Christmas. Can you catch Spoon Licker and Door Slammer and all their brothers?

Iceland

Tuesday, December 19, 6pm

Join us for an Icelandic Christmas Eve Book Tradition! Make a candle and a small fleece blanket and borrow a book to enjoy this cozy Icelandic Christmas tradition!

Covert Branch

Mexico

Friday, September 15, 3:30pm

Celebrate Mexican Independence Day at the Covert Library!

Chile

Saturday, October 14, 11:30pm

Travel to Chile and explore its food and culture!

Mexico

Tuesday, October 31, 3:30pm

It's Día de los Muertos! Join us and celebrate this day of remembrance.

Gobles Branch

San Marino

Saturday, September 9, 11am

Stop by the library to make castles inspired by those in the beautiful microstate of San Marino!

Andorra

Saturday, October 14, 11am

Have you noticed a trend with Gobles' countries this year? They're all small (geographically speaking) nations! Not to be left out, Andorra will be the next country that the smallest VBDL branch will feature. Join us as we explore this small but amazing country!

Lawrence Branch

India

Tuesday, September 19, 3:30pm

Don your chefs' hats and join us for Kids Cooking! We will be preparing a yummy treat from India, so stop by to learn cooking skills and try some new flavors!

Japan

Tuesday, October 17, 3:30pm

We're back in the kitchen (well, the library) for Kids Cooking and we're making delicious ramen!

Webster Memorial Branch

Nigeria

Monday, September 18, 6pm

Join us for a presentation from a special guest and learn about the food and culture of the Igbo people of Nigeria.

Egypt

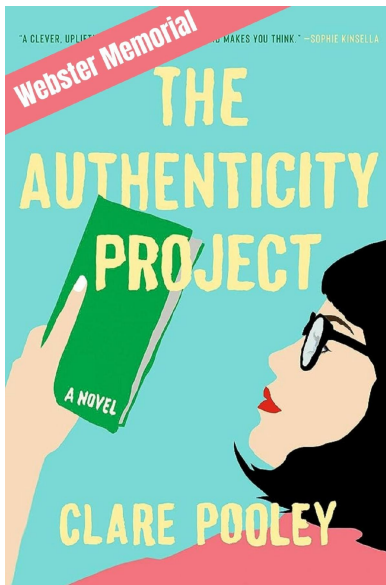
Saturday, November 11, all day

Sign up and play as a group or solo while you solve puzzles inspired by ancient Egypt. See if you can escape the pharaoh's tomb with your life!

Van Buren Book Club

Find your next favorite read at one of VBDL's many book clubs!

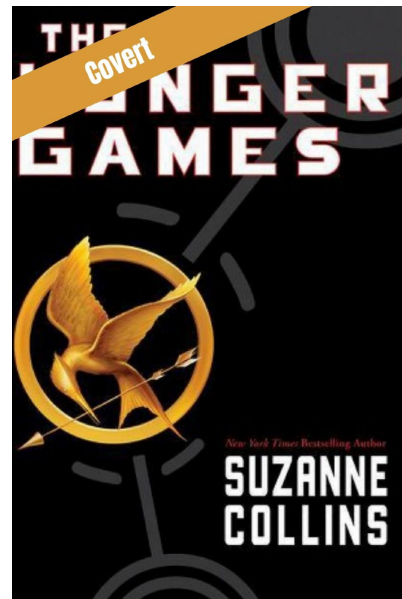
This newsletter, we would like to highlight two of our branches' book clubs choices for adults!



September read

The Authenticity Project by Claire Pooley

Webster Memorial's Wandering the Stacks Book Club meets every second Thursday at 6pm starting September 14. Find more info at [VBDL's calendar](#).



September read

The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins

Covert's Cover to Cover Book Club meets once a month on a Monday at 5:30pm, starting September 18. Find more info at [VBDL's calendar](#).

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