

'Every Hero Has a Story' and 'Unmask!'

Mercer County's 2015 Summer Reading Program Begins June 23

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TRENTON, N.J.-The [Mercer County Library System](#) launches its annual summer reading program on Monday June 22. Residents can discover new books, make new friends, stay cool and enjoy family-friendly programs by participating in "Every Hero Has a Story" for kids and "Unmask!" for teens.

Free registration for the children's Summer Reading Program is easy. It begins on June 22 and continues throughout the program, which ends on August 7. Incentive prizes are awarded weekly as children 11 and under make return visits to the library with their reading logs.

The online teen program "Unmask!" is available between June 22 and August 7, for ages 12-18 years. Teens may register via the Library's website, with a user name and password, returning to their account to record books as they read them. Teen events and prizes offered vary by branch location.

Fun, educational activities and contests are planned from June through early August at all branches. A variety of programs are scheduled including The Juggling Hoffmans, Fit 4 Kids: Superhero Muscle Man Mike and Hopper Hoops, The Lizard Guys, Mad Science, Sciencetellers, Mr. Malcolm, Storyteller, Bricks for Kidz Lego Workshop, Miss Amy, Songstress, Uncle John's Puppet Show, Jumpin' Jaimie, Eyes of the Wild Mammal Show, Mr. Ray, City Winds Trio, Petting Zoo & Family Fair, Presley & Melody Concert, Matt Schick Comedy Magic, Willy Walten's Acrobatic Dog Show, Mike Rose Magic Show, Kurt Gallagher Music Concert, Explore India, Miss Penny Puppet Show and much more.

Some programs require pre-registration with a valid Mercer County Library System card. All programs are free. Monthly event listings and reading log registration details are available in early June at branch locations. Events can also be found on the [Library's website](#).

"Our goal is to keep children, teens, and adults engaged with libraries throughout the summer by offering incentives and opportunities related to reading," said Mercer County Executive Brian M. Hughes. "Our summer reading program improves access to library materials and literacy related activities such as story hours, creative arts, performances and other special events and encourages youth to become lifelong library users and readers."

Mercer County Library System's nine branch locations are located in member municipalities as follows: **Ewing, Hickory Corner (East Windsor), Hightstown, Hollowbrook Community Center (Ewing), Hopewell, Lawrence, Robbinsville, Twin Rivers and West Windsor.**

Summer events at most branches are intended to meet the demand of individuals and families residing in member municipalities. Some programs require children to pre-register with a valid Mercer County Library System card. Groups or organizations physically located within member municipalities may contact their local branch to find out which months of the year they may best be accommodated with outreach programming, or if any summer programs may be appropriate for larger groups.

Programming is paid for by the Friends of the Library or local library association or advisory committee at each branch location. Additional sponsorship is received by the New Jersey Statewide Summer Reading Program and local businesses

that have donated prizes.