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Summer Reading is Ready to Launch at Laramie County Library System

Laramie County Library System invites the community to explore all things space by participating in our Summer Reading Celebration, *A Universe of Stories*. The annual program encourages everyone from children to adults to set a reading goal of either 25 hours, 25 days or 25 books to be completed by mid-August. Sign-up begins on May 24th. Participants can register for the program and pick up their reading cards at any of the library's locations in Cheyenne, Burns, Pine Bluffs or our Bookmobile. Individuals may also register by visiting Laramie County Library's website at laramiecountylibrary.org. *A Universe of Stories* is free, and individuals do not need a library card to participate.

As participants read throughout the summer, they can mark off their goals on a summer reading card and keep track of their progress. Participants can come into the library to pick up a prize for every 5 books, hours, or days they complete toward their goal. The first day to pick up reading prizes is June 7th and prize pick up will end on August 18th.

Participants who reach their goal before the deadline are invited to continue their summer reading by participating in Read for a Cause. For every goal met, Cheyenne Rotary After Hours will make a donation to Raising Readers in Wyoming, an organization that encourages parents to read to their children by providing new books as part of their well child health care visits.

Summer reading is a critical component in maintaining academic skills, and helps fight the summer slide where students lose some of their reading and learning gains from the previous school year. Laramie County Library System will host several space-themed events and activities throughout the summer to celebrate *A Universe of Stories*, and encourages people of all ages to partake in reading, learning, and adventure.

Beginning on May 24th, fly on over to your Laramie County Library System location and sign up to explore *A Universe of Stories*; there is no telling where your Summer Reading Celebration adventure may take you!

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