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Waukee Public Library Kicks Off "Level Up at Your Library" Summer Challenge

The Library's annual Summer Challenge has officially kicked off, inviting community members of all ages to log reading, attend events, and win prizes. With the introduction of the new Hot Collection, the return of the Iowa Adventure Pass, and a robust lineup of summer programming, there's something for everyone to explore at the Waukee Public Library.

WAUKEE, IA (June 2, 2025) — The Waukee Public Library is excited to announce the launch of its 2025 Summer Challenge, "Level Up at Your Library," running from **June 1 through July 31**. This summer, readers of all ages are invited to immerse themselves in books, participate in engaging events, and earn fantastic prizes.

The Summer Challenge encourages participants – kids, teens, and adults alike – to read or listen to books for at least 15 minutes a day. After just 10 days of reading, participants earn a prize and an entry into a grand prize drawing. Reading logs are available online through **Beanstack**, via the **Beanstack Tracker app**, or as printed calendars available at the library.

"We're thrilled to launch this year's Summer Reading Challenge at the Waukee Public Library," said Director Kristine Larson. "Our incredible staff has planned a summer full of engaging, interactive programs and events for all ages. Whether you're picking up a hot new book, attending a cool event, or making new friends, there's something for everyone to enjoy at the library this summer."

In addition to reading goals, the Library will host an exciting lineup of summer programs and events, including storytimes, maker packs, interactive activities, and more. Programs are designed for a wide range of interests and age groups, making it a summer of discovery for all.

Hot Collection Arrives in July

The Waukee Public Library is excited to announce the debut of our **Hot Collection, launching this July!** This specially curated selection is designed to offer **expedited access** to high-demand titles, significantly reducing waitlists and hold times. The Hot Collection aims to enhance the availability of popular new books for community members.

The Hot Collection features:

- 10-day checkouts
- No holds
- No renewals
- Limit of 2 items per card



These highly anticipated titles will be available on a first-come, first-served basis, allowing patrons to access the latest bestsellers without the need for a hold.

Adventure Pass Returns for the Season

The popular **Iowa Adventure Pass** also returns just in time for summer!

This unique program gives Waukee residents free access to attractions across the state, including zoos, museums, and gardens. With a valid Library card, patrons can reserve a pass online, print or download the confirmation, and present it along with a photo ID for admission.

Each pass typically provides free entry for two adults and two children (unless otherwise noted). This exclusive program is available to Waukee library cardholders who reside in Waukee.

Summer Starts at Waukee Public Library

This summer, the Waukee Public Library invites community members of all ages to take part in a season filled with discovery, connection, and fun. Whether logging reading progress, joining interactive programs, checking out the latest bestselling titles, or exploring Iowa through the **Adventure Pass**, there are countless ways to engage, learn, and be inspired. With something for every age and interest, the **Summer Challenge** offers a meaningful and memorable experience for all.

To learn more about the **2025 Summer Challenge**, explore the full calendar of upcoming **summer events**, or reserve an **Adventure Pass**, visit waukeepubliclibrary.org.

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About the Waukee Public Library:

The Waukee Public Library operates as part of the City of Waukee and is governed by a seven-member board of trustees. In 2024, the Library welcomed over 102,000 visitors and circulated 180,916 items. In addition to providing books, digital materials, meeting space, and computer access, the Waukee Public Library hosts hundreds of programs and events each year to educate and enrich Waukee area residents of all ages. Visit waukeepubliclibrary.org.