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RE: Summer Reading Programs at the Lake Wales Public Library – Imagine Your Story

The Lake Wales Public Library's 2020 Summer Reading programs will look a little different this year. The 2020 theme is *Imagine Your Story*. The fairy tale theme invites children and teens to find imagination and adventures through reading, learning and traveling through books. The Lake Wales Public Library's Youth Services staff are committed to provide excellent summer programs to encourage reading, art, STEM and outdoor play.

Our popular reading logs will be available online through a new app called READSquared. Library users are invited to create an account for each adult, child or teen in a family and log your books throughout the summer and earn prizes. Register for a Lake Wales Public Library READSquared account at <http://lakewales.readsquared.com/>.

The very popular Reading with the Rays incentive program is still rewarding young readers. Our wonderful Tampa Bay Rays are kicking up the giveaways and Rays swag for all their reading fans. For information on this summer's Reading with the Rays' program, downloadable game card and recommended reading lists visit raysbaseball.com/reading.

Teen Programs are emphasizing participation through fun and safe social media platforms, with reading, activities and games for our young adults. Follow our Instagram page, [lakewalespubliclibrary](https://www.instagram.com/lakewalespubliclibrary). Summer programs and activities for teens will be posted there.

Weekly *Imagination Kits* are available to families via Door Side pickup, or by mail. Each week a new activity kit will go home with your family for learning and fun. Some kits will focus on outdoor activities focusing on gardening, walking, biking or hiking. Other kits will emphasize arts and crafts, games and family activities. Call 863.678.4004, ext. 224 to schedule a pick up of *Imagination Kits*.

Our summer youth program sponsors have encouraged us to move forward with family activities. Thanks to Mountain Lake Community Services, Inc., the Lake Wales Library Association and the Kiwanis Foundation of Lake Wales for their support.

Summer slump is a reality and may have begun earlier this year than the summer, but public libraries play an important role in avoiding the summer slump!

Your Polk County Library Cooperative members have the newest, and past years, Sunshine State Young Readers award winners. We also have series, biographies, picture books, popular teen titles and new titles for young readers. Visit www.lakewalesfl.gov/library and click on My Account to visit our online catalog. If you need assistance placing holds call 863.678.4004, ext. 0, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Register to receive the monthly Lake Wales Public Library Youth Services eNewsletter by emailing library@lakewalesfl.gov, or call the Youth Services department, 863.678.4004, ext. 224.