

Dear community leader:

The **Lodi Public Library** needs your help, and all we're asking is for you to **READ!!**

The library each year presents a summer reading program to encourage kids to maintain their skills during the school break. In 2014, more than 200 children in Lodi participated in the program, and those kids read for 1,679 hours. We also had a team of librarians reading against them (a popular new twist), and while we held our own in the early days, eventually they swamped us. Our 6 staff readers tallied 602 hours for the summer.

So this year we're recruiting assistance: Help us show kids that librarians are not the **ONLY** great adult readers in town. Will you form a reading team of your staff, your department, your friends, or in your organization? Do you have children? Consider forming a team with other parents to trounce your kids!



- We're asking you to record reading **TIME** from June 1 until August 21. All time must be turned in before 5 pm on Friday, August 21 (when the library closes) to count toward the tallies.
- We'll gladly send an email reminder once a week to report back with your reading time (consider collecting reading totals at weekly meetings!).
- Your team will compete against other adult teams from around town. We'll come up with a nice prize for the team that leads in hours read.
- Additionally, we're asking you to choose **ONE PERSON** from your team whose time will be added to our summer "Dream Team." This Dream Team's total summer reading time will be directly compared against the kids' results as the summer progresses. Consider your team's nomination carefully: would you rather choose the most prolific reader, or the one most likely to keep track of that reading?
- Like the kids, you can count all the reading you do *for fun*. Books, newspapers, and magazines are acceptable. You also may count any audiobooks you listen to and digital books and magazines. We don't let the kids count their video game or online time, so you can't count those either. Professional reading (work) does not count - and yes, we know the kids can read while you are at work all day, but you've had years more to practice!
- Adult readers can record time for **ONLY ONE** team. *Sorry, but you'll have to pick your loyalties.*

This year, our theme is heroes – super heroes, community heroes, historical heroes, animal heroes, and more. We're curious to see if at the summer's end will the kids or the adults morph into

Contact the library for more info, or jump right over to the library's website to register your adult team (in the same area where parents register their kids on the Summer Library Program's webpage).

www.LodiPublicLibrary.org

Thanks for your help, and happy reading!

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Lodi's League of
**EXTRAORDINARY
READERS**