



Dear community leader:

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

As you know the Lodi Public Library encourages families to visit our library together and work to inspire families to read together. Last year, we illustrated how much Lodi enjoys reading: About a dozen teams of adults competed against one another and helped librarians in a reading battle against the kids. By summer's end, Lodi citizens of all ages had read a WHOPPING 9,230 hours total!

It was so much fun, we're doing it again: Help us show kids that librarians are not the ONLY great adult readers in town. **WILL YOU FORM A 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 July 28. All time must be turned in before 5 pm on Friday, July 28 (when the library closes) to count toward the tallies.
- You should pick a team leader to gather time from all your members (consider collecting reading totals at weekly meetings!). Your team leader will then email, call or stop in the library to record the group's progress. We'll gladly send a weekly email reminder!
- Your team will compete against other adult teams from around town, plus we're grouping the kids by building this year to compete as teams.
- 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!
- Readers can record time for ONLY ONE team. *Sorry, but you'll have to pick your loyalties.*

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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