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Summer Reading Challenge!



Celebrate summer with Volusia County Public Library's Summer Reading Challenges!

June 1 - August 9

Stay engaged with reading and learning all summer long.

Log reading and complete activities in the library's Beanstack™ platform to earn badges and prizes.

Prizes redeemable through August 31.

Ready to get started? Registration opens May 25.

Register at

<https://volusialibrary.beanstack.org/reader365>

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Read Across America

Reading Challenge

March 1-December 31, 2026

Read a book from each of the 50 states and log the title in Beanstack™ to earn a limited-edition coffee mug! Mugs will be available while supplies last.

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SUMMER BREAKSPOT

FRIENDS FOOD FREE ALL SUMMER LONG

Volusia County Public Library will partner with Volusia County Human Services to provide children and teens (ages 18 and under) with free nutritious breakfasts and lunches during the summer through **Summer Breakspot!**



Meals will be served Monday through Friday starting Monday, June 1 and ending Friday, August 7.

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Digital Resources for Children

Check out some of the digital resources for children available through Volusia County Public Library



The Mailbox Plus® is an online teaching/home schooling resource designed for PreK-Grade 6 students. It offers 54,000+ standards-aligned worksheets, activities, lesson plans, crafts, and games created by experienced teachers to help save planning time and increase student engagement.

Scholastic Teachables is an online resource providing a vast collection of ready-to-use, printable educational materials for PreK-Grade 6, including lesson plans, activity sheets, and leveled mini-books, which are created and vetted by Scholastic teachers and specialists to support teachers, parents, and the homeschooling community.



ABCmouse® learning activities consist of books, educational games, puzzles, art activities, poems, songs, music videos, and more for ages 2-8. An added bonus with ABCmouse® Home Access for Libraries is the inclusion of the Assessment Center that creates customized lessons that are targeted to help a child improve in specific skill areas.

The World Almanac for Kids Elementary is an online, interactive database designed for elementary students (grades 2-5) to explore curriculum-aligner topics through easy-to-read articles, videos, games, and over 300 science projects. It serves as a safe, digital research tool, offering teacher support materials like handouts, maps, and graphic organizers.



Miss Humblebee's Academy is an award-winning, online curriculum that prepares children ages 3-6 for kindergarten proficiency. It offers hundreds of programs and fun activities in math, art, music, and language and literacy, science, and social studies. By creating a profile for each child, parents can track a child's progress and access developmental milestones.

Magazines & Comic Books for Children

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From First Words to First Chapters: Growing Readers Across Volusia County

This summer, Volusia County Public Library celebrates the tremendous impact of its children's reading challenges, and the role families play in building strong readers from the very start. Together, 1000 Books Before Kindergarten™, Growing Readers, and Raising Readers support literacy development from birth through fifth grade—helping children grow skills that support school success and lifelong learning.



Now in its twelfth year, **1000 Books Before Kindergarten™** encourages families to read aloud 1,000 books before a child enters kindergarten. Since the program began, families have logged more than 631,000 books, with 3,500 registered participants and 2,238 active readers building early literacy skills through shared reading experiences.



For children in kindergarten through second grade, our **Growing Readers Reading Challenge** builds on that foundation by encouraging consistent reading alongside activities such as talking, singing, writing, play, and high frequency word practice. To date, 977 children have registered, recording more than 18,600 days of reading.



Raising Readers Reading Challenge supports children in grades three through five as they transition from learning to read to reading to learn. With a focus on nonfiction and informational reading, the challenge helps build vocabulary, comprehension, and reading stamina. The program currently includes 321 registered participants, 79 active readers, and 20 completed challenges.

All three challenges are free and flexible. Families may register at any Volusia County Public Library branch and receive a free starter kit to begin their reading journey. Participants can track progress through the library's Beanstack™ platform while earning badges, prizes, certificates, and completion trophies along the way. As families set reading goals for the summer, Volusia County Public Library remains committed to supporting literacy and lifelong learning at every stage. By encouraging children to read consistently throughout the summer months, these challenges help combat the "summer slide" and keep young readers engaged and prepared for the school year ahead.



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100 BOOKS BEFORE GRADUATION



Reading Challenge



The library's **100 Books Before Graduation Reading Challenge** is for students in grades 6–12. It encourages regular reading, builds comprehension, and supports academic success.

Tweens and teens can read at their own pace while exploring a variety of books that expand vocabulary, improve understanding, and support learning.

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GetSetUp is an easy-to-use online learning platform designed especially for adults 55+ (although learners of any age are welcome), that connects users through live classes, on-demand courses, and short, engaged videos that spark curiosity and build confidence.

Craft & Hobby offers a wide range of creative and lifestyle courses, from painting, sewing, and knitting to photography, cake design, and fitness. Beginner-friendly programs like **Startup Libraries**, **Beginner Level Learning**, **14-Day Learn to Knit**, and **10-Minute Fit Body** make it easy to build new skills at your own pace. With content spanning crafts, hobbies, cooking, and even dance – including Spanish-language options – there is something for every interest and skill level.



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