

April 25, 2023

Dear Parents & Caregivers:

We are pleased to partner with the Knox County Public Library to bring its popular Summer Library Club to you. This year, we are "playing our part" with Mayor Glenn Jacobs' county-wide initiative *All Together Now: Feel the Beat* logging summer reading as part of Read City USA. The Mayor's goal is to create the most well-read community in America. Collectively, Knox County citizens are aiming to read 300,000 hours this summer.

At our facility, reading time is built into each day, but we highly encourage you to read together at home as well. We will log your child's progress as we enjoy books together. Once each child has reached his or her reading goals, we will send home a Summer Library Club Rewards Book and Read City prize with your child.

This year's Summer Library Club Rewards Package includes a book filled with 14 vouchers with almost \$200 worth of treats and adventures such as:

- Admission to the Titanic Museum, Tennessee Valley Fair, Knoxville's Holidays on Ice, South Knoxville Taekwondo, The Change Center, and Main Event
- Freebies from Nirvana Comics, Knox Dough, and Salsarita's
- **Explore** a new book at the Friends of the Library Rothrock Used Book Shop or a Used Book Sale, challenge each other to a friendly game at Strike and Spare Family Bowl, or listen for the beat as you relax in the refreshing waters of a YMCA of East Tennessee pool
- And earn a Read City Prize

Enclosed, you will find a flyer with information about Summer Library Club and the Children's Festival of Reading (Saturday, May 20, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm, World's Fair Park). Please visit www.knoxcountylibrary.com for a schedule of events or pick one up at any library location. If you have any questions about the reading program, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Have a great summer of reading!

P.S. Adults can sign up for the *Feel the Beat* reading challenge too--make it a family goal! Research shows that when kids see their parents read, they are more likely to develop into readers as well.

