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It's that time of the year again! Summer is almost here, school is almost out, and summer reading fun is about to begin! The Kingston Frontenac Public Library (KFPL) invites all kids 12 and under to participate in the TD Summer Reading Club (TDSRC). This summer with the TDSRC, children are encouraged to dive into areas that already fascinate them, dabble in others for new inspiration, and discover that their passions have the potential to transform them, their friends, and their world.

Join us on Saturday, June 23, for the official kickoff of the TDSRC. On that day children can register for the TD Summer Reading Club at their local branch. There will also be a special performance by the Thousand Islands Playhouse Young Company at the Isabel Turner Branch. Shows are at 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. and require free tickets.

If your family cannot make it to the kickoff, you can still sign up for the club in person at any KFPL branch starting Friday, June 1, until Saturday, September 1.

All kids participating in the club will receive: a special bilingual notebook to track their progress; a web access code for the virtual club on the TDSRC website; stickers; and the chance to win prizes. Kids can participate in the TDSRC anytime, anywhere — at the library, at home, online, on the road — wherever their summer takes them. KFPL also provides materials in alternative formats, such as audio or Braille.

Why join the TD Summer Reading Club? For school-aged children, summer can mean regression in their reading skills. Active participation in the TDSRC helps reduce this "summer slide" by providing access to books and literacy-based programming while making reading fun.

In addition to the club, KFPL branches across the city will offer programming and performances throughout the summer. This year's lineup includes a LEGO Club, Puppet Show Extravaganza Tours, Stories in the Park, and of course, the very popular "Live @ the Library" series. "Live" performers include musicians, artists, live animals, and magicians! Including "Live @ the Library" shows, the Library will be offering over 200 *free* programs and events for children during June, July and August across the city and in Sydenham and Sharbot Lake. For more information about Live at the Library performers and other events, pick up the summer events flyer, call your local branch, or visit the Programs and Events section of the Library's website at <u>www.kfpl.ca</u>.

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