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The Kingston Frontenac Public Library (KFPL) is delighted to welcome back its Summer Reading Programs for children and teens.

The TD Summer Reading Club encourages kids to escape their everyday, step outside their ordinary, and seek the unknown and untamed through reading. Last year, over 1,000 kids joined the club. With your support, we hope to encourage even more children to join this year.

Children up to the age of 12 are invited to register online or in person at any of KFPL's 16 branches to receive their free bilingual reading notebook, web access code bookmark and stickers! Registration opens on June 17. By helping children connect to their local public library, you can foster a love of reading in them and help them retain their literacy skills over the summer. It is a fantastic investment in future school success.

Did we mention prizes? When children complete a reading log notebook, their names will be entered in a draw to win a Chapters gift certificate. Additional draws will be done in June, July and August, from all Summer Reading Club registrants.

Students in Grades 7 through 12 are invited to participate in KFPL's Teen Summer Reading Challenge (TSRC)! Every week from June 19 to August 27, a series of themed challenges across three skill levels will encourage teens to read, write, be creative and explore their community in new ways. By completing these challenges and sharing their experiences with their peers, teens will earn ballot entries to win up to \$500 in weekly prizes! Teens can register online at <http://teens.kfpl.ca> as of June 12.

For more information on children's and teens' summer programs (respectively), see the following two pages of this media release.

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KIDS: THE TD SUMMER READING CLUB RETURNS TO YOUR PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Kingston Frontenac Public Library is delighted to welcome back the TD Summer Reading Club! This summer, we are celebrating Canada's 150th birthday and invite kids to celebrate what makes books, libraries and Canada great, by encouraging them to open up to new ideas, new characters, new landscapes, and to one another.

Join the fun and enjoy reading recommendations and free activities for all kids, all summer long! Participate anytime, anywhere — at your local KFPL branch, at home, online, or wherever your summer takes you. To participate in the free club, children 12 and younger can register online or in person at any of KFPL's 16 branches to receive their free club materials: a bilingual reading notebook, a bookmark with a unique web access code, and stickers!

Did we mention prizes? When children complete a reading log notebook, their names will be entered in a draw to win a Chapters gift certificate. Additional draws will be done in June, July and August, from all Summer Reading Club registrants. Stay tuned for more exciting prizes!

On June 17, join us for the TD Summer Reading Club's launch at the Isabel Turner and Calvin Park branches to catch an exciting performance by the Barefoot Players! Inspired by French Canadian Folklore, the Barefoot Players will take you on a storytelling portage with flying canoes, heaps of poutine, singing about Evangeline and Gabriel and dancing to the tune of "Ah! Si Mon Moine Voulait Danser"! This performance is one of the many free activities that KFPL will provide over the course of the summer. This summer's lineup includes: 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, and magicians, among others!

Including *Live @ the Library* shows, the Library will be offering over 100 *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, call your local branch, or visit the Programs and Events section of the Library's website at www.kfpl.ca.

***TEEN SUMMER READING CHALLENGE AND OTHER SUMMER PROGRAMMING AT
THE KINGSTON FRONTENAC PUBLIC LIBRARY***

The Kingston Frontenac Public Library (KFPL) invites Grades 7 through 12 to participate in the Teen Summer Reading Challenge (TSRC)!

Designed to support healthy teen development and address the learning loss that some youth experience over the summer break, the TSRC makes transliteracy fun with an interactive experience that rewards participants' reading, participation, and friendly interaction with their peers! Every week from June 19 to August 27, a series of themed challenges across three skill levels will encourage teens to read, write, be creative, and explore their community in new ways. By completing these challenges and sharing their experiences, teens will earn ballot entries to win up to \$500 in weekly prizes!

To participate in this free program, teens can register online at <http://teens.kfpl.ca> beginning on June 12. Weekly challenges will seek to encourage engagement with literature, the Internet, our library, and the Kingston community, and the variety of challenges will allow teens to participate in various ways: from home, on vacation, at a library branch, or in the community. For each completed challenge, participants will receive a ballot entry for a chance to win a prize. Every week there will be three winners, and ballots will accumulate for the grand prize draw of a \$100 gift card for Chapters Indigo.

In addition to the Summer Reading Challenge, KFPL will be offering a bonanza of exciting summer programming for teens and new adults! Teens with an interest in technology can join our Coder Dojo program (in which talented one-on-one mentors facilitate inquiry-based explorations of computer programming and coding) or visit one of the Maker Fairs at our rural branches. We will also be welcoming teen volunteers to assist with our Reading Buddies program for children in Grades 1 to 3.

You can find out more about these programs — as well as our Adult Summer Reading Challenge and programming — by calling your local branch, perusing the summer edition of *What's Happening*, or visiting the Programs & Events section of the library's website at www.kfpl.ca .