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Mayor's Summer Reading Club

Read, play, learn, make, and eat for free this summer!

AUGUSTA, GA – Mayor Hardie Davis invites all young people under the age of 18 to join the Mayor's Summer Reading Club. This free program will be held at the Headquarters Library (823 Telfair St., Augusta) Monday through Wednesday June 4 through July 11 from 11 am to 1 pm and includes lunch. The program encourages youth to continue developing their literacy skills during the summer break through a fun, positive learning environment.

During the Mayor's Summer Reading Club, participants will read books of their choice, participate in an enrichment activity, and eat lunch every day. Each day of the week has a different enrichment activity theme. On Monday Funday, attendees will play board games, which build life and academic skills like patience, vocabulary knowledge, and planning skills. On Talented Tuesday, members of the community will share their talents and encourage attendees to develop their talents. On STEAM Day Wednesday, participants will make musical STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics) crafts.

Children and youth under the age of 16 must be picked up by 1:15 pm. The library requests that an adult accompany any children under the age of five.

Advance registration is only required for groups of six or more. If your group is interested in registering or you have any questions, please email <u>petersond@arcpls.org</u> or <u>outreach@arcpls.org</u> or call 706-434-2036 or 706-821-2612. Please include a contact name and phone number or email address, number of attendees, and dates attending.

About ARCPLS: The mission of the Augusta-Richmond County Public Library System is to enhance and enrich the quality of life for the greater Augusta, Georgia community by promoting and facilitating access to valuable educational, cultural, and literary resources, information, and services for all members of the public.

The six libraries in Richmond County serve a population of almost 300,000, containing within them over half a million items. All libraries are equipped with computer access to the state-wide PINES catalog of materials, and have public-use computers for Internet access and office applications. Friendly staff make customer service a priority.

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