



# **Allegany County Library System**

## **Summer @ Your Library 2019**

### **Sponsor Information Packet**



## WHAT IS SUMMER @ YOUR LIBRARY?

**Summer Reading Programs were originally designed by public libraries to help elementary-aged students avoid summer learning loss by encouraging them to read during the months they were out of school with engaging programs and incentives.**

**SRP's have grown to include programs and prizes for all ages-tweens, teens, and adults-making it a true community-wide outreach. In our economically-challenged area, the Library System, and our Summer Reading Program, now called Summer @ Your Library, has become more important than ever and is busier than ever, offering opportunity and access to resources and services for all. We touch the lives of so many and strive to do even more. However, Summer @ Your Library can only happen with support from community partners and sponsors like you.**



Libraries “rocked” in the Summer of 2018. Here are future scientists having fun and learning about geology at the Westernport Library’s family event with Dr. Matthew Crawford of Frostburg State University.

## Benefits of Summer Reading

Students who participate in public library summer reading programs score higher on reading achievement tests at the beginning of the next school year

These students also report greater enjoyment of recreational reading, express greater confidence in their reading ability and perceive reading to be more important than students who do not participate in summer reading programs

*The Graduate School of Library and Information Science at Dominican University*

Most students lose an average of one month’s school learning of comprehension and vocabulary skills over the summer.

Students from economically disadvantaged homes can lose up to three months.

*Univ. of Missouri-Columbia*

The learning gap caused by summer reading loss is cumulative – resulting in disadvantaged students having significantly lower test scores in middle and high school and a lower rate of high school completion

*Johns Hopkins / The Baltimore Beginning School Study*

## Bringing the Community Together



During Summer @ Your Library we offer fun and family friendly events at all libraries.

In 2018, our theme was "Libraries Rock," and we had 6 family events at each library, including the South Cumberland Library Block Party, the George's Creek Campfire, the Tri-State Zoo at Washington Street Library, Dr. Matthew Crawford's science exploration program at Frostburg Library and Westernport Library, and a family movie night at LaVale Library. Sponsorships from the community made these events possible. The theme for 2019 will be "A Universe of Stories" and we are already planning fun events for all ages!

## We Love Our Sponsors!

Sponsors of Summer @ Your Library are recognized in all print and online promotional materials, including on all 15,000 reading logs distributed throughout the county.

Our sponsors include: AES Warrior Run, Allegany County Teachers Federal Credit Union, the Baltimore Orioles, the City of Cumberland, the city of Frostburg, City Reach Cumberland, the Friends of the Frostburg Library, the Friends of the LaVale Library, the Friends of the South Cumberland Library, the George's Creek Promotional Council, the Reeves Foundation, Maryland 529, the South Cumberland Library Board, the Queen City Creamery, the Western Maryland Watercolor Society, and the Western Maryland Regional Library.



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