

Proclamation

Board of Commissioners for Washington County

WASHINGTON COUNTY SUMMER READING PROGRAM 2015: EVERY HERO HAS A STORY June through August 2015

WHEREAS, public library service in Washington County is provided through a unique partnership of the County, nine cities and two non-profit organizations known as Washington County Cooperative Library Services, or WCCLS; and

WHEREAS, WCCLS and its 15 member libraries annually offer Summer Reading Programs with activities for children, teens and adults to engage, educate and entertain residents of all ages; and

WHEREAS, library-sponsored programs for children are so popular that in 2014 children's reading programs had over 280,000 child visits, with over 30,000 children and over 4,700 adults registered to participate in the summer reading program; and

WHEREAS, library reading programs are designed to build early-literacy skills in young children to prepare them to enter school "ready to read"; and

WHEREAS, school-aged children and teens who read through the summer return to school without suffering a "summer slide" in their academic skills; and

WHEREAS, adults who read during the summer not only set good examples for the young people in their lives, but just plain have more fun while expanding their reading horizons; and

WHEREAS, WCCLS and member libraries are offering over 230 special programs this summer to entertain, inspire and educate library patrons including comedy, juggling, magic, trivia, a Border Collie K-9 team, Comics Workshops, dance, music and movie programs, author appearances and more; and

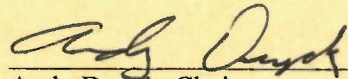
WHEREAS, children who sign-up for summer reading and complete their reading goals will learn that reading has many rewards including free or reduced priced tickets to the Portland Thorns, the Trail Blazers, Oaks Amusement Park, Bullwinkle's Family Fun Center and Tualatin Hills Swim Centers, plus free books and other prizes; and

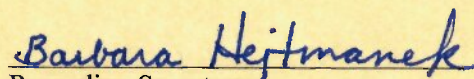
WHEREAS, the theme for the 2015 Summer Reading Program is, "Every Hero has a Story," which encourages readers to read about all types of heroes – mythical, graphical, literary, imaginary, or actual every-day heroes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that on this 16th day of June, 2015, the Washington County Board of Commissioners encourages residents of all ages to visit their public libraries, to participate in the annual Summer Reading Program and become reading superheroes in their own right; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a County of Super Readers is a County that is informed, engaged and better prepared to face the challenges of the future.




Andy Duyck, Chair


Recording Secretary

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Minute Order