



# Catch the Beat

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**The Burlington Public Library**  
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Local sponsorship of the children's summer reading program is provided by The Friends of the Burlington Public Library, AAA Burlington, Burlington Union, Gamewright, North Shore Music Theater, & Trapeze School of New York.

Dear Parents:

### 24 hours of reading

The library's summer reading program makes reading fun for each child no matter the child's age or reading level. A time-based program, it allows children to keep track of their reading in 15-minute increments. Children may sign-up at the library beginning June 12. At sign-up each child gets a printed *gameboard* representing 24 hours of reading. Each time the child reads for 15 minutes he may color in one space. Simple prizes will be given out for every four hours of reading. At 20 hours children receive a certificate and at 24 hours they have their picture hung on our musical wall of fame.

### 50 hours of reading

After 24 hours of reading, children who wish to continue to 50 hours may register for the 2<sup>nd</sup> segment of the reading program. Once registered at the library they may log their additional reading via computer and write reviews of the books they have read. The names of 50-hour readers who finish by August 18 will be printed in the *Burlington Union* newspaper on August 30<sup>th</sup>.

### What about reading to children?

Most children enjoy being read to. Even older children and adults enjoy listening to stories. Many audio books are available that can be listened to in the car while traveling. Children not yet reading on their own may count listening to stories read to them or time they spend looking at picture books. Older children may read to younger children and all may count the time.

### Sergeant Read-a-Lot

Children will want to watch for *Sergeant Read-a-Lot* again this year. Obtain weekly clues as to his whereabouts on-line or at the library. This year he will wear a different disguise each week so look carefully! If you spot *Sergeant Read-a-Lot* (Shhh!) don't tell anyone. Instead, come into the library and write his location on a raffle ticket. You could win a prize. Sergeant Read-a-lot changes locations every Friday. Remember! When you come into the library don't say out loud where you saw him!

### Teen program

The *teen program* is for Middle School and above. Students must have completed 5th grade before they can participate in this program. Pick up wallet-size *reading cards* and mark off a number on the back for each ½ hour read. After the first 3 hours, bring your card in and get your first prize. When you fill a card (6 hours) drop it in a raffle box for a weekly drawing, pick up more cards, and start again! Read as much as you like, and turn in as many cards as you can. The more cards you enter, the greater your chances to win. At the end of the program, all cards that have not yet been drawn for a prize will be entered in the grand *Last Chance* raffle for a host of prizes! All prizes have been donated by local merchants whose names appear on our website.

We look forward to meeting you this summer,

*Burlington Public Library Youth Services Staff*

*Charl*

*Ginny*

*Joanna*

*Dave*

P.S. In addition to the Reading Program there are a variety of free events and activities at the library this summer. See the back of this flyer for more information.