

Frequently Asked Questions:

(Changes from last year are highlighted in yellow.)

What is this club all about?

Why should kids have all the fun? This club is an opportunity for adults to celebrate and enjoy summer reading. To join the club, simply submit a registration form, either online or in person at the library, set a goal for yourself, and start reading! As you finish a book, let us know, either online or by filling out a form, and giving the book a rating of one to five stars. If you would like to write a brief, informal review (no more than a paragraph or two) of the book to share with the club, it would be greatly appreciated by other club members, but a review isn't required.

What's "Build a Better World" about?

Every year, the Collaborative Summer Library Program (a group of libraries across the U.S.) comes up with a theme for the summer reading program. The theme this year is "Build a Better World"

How old do I have to be to join this club?

Because this club is meant for adults, you must be at least old enough to be entering high school (9th) grade in the fall of 2016. There is no upper limit on age.

Do I have to read a minimum number of books?

Yes, you have to complete at least *one* book by Labor Day.

How do I set my goal?

The goal is entirely up to you. It's for your personal feeling of accomplishment. Decide how many books you would *like* to read this summer, and set your goal accordingly.

What happens if I don't meet my goal?

Nothing. You will still be a bona fide member of the summer reading club.

What happens if I do meet my goal?

You will have a great feeling of personal satisfaction.

May I exceed my goal?

Absolutely!

Is there a special prize for setting the highest goal in the club and then meeting it?

No.

Does the club keep track of which books I've read?

No, we do not keep track of which books were read by individual club members. We will keep track of *how many* books each individual has reported as finished, and we will keep track of book titles and ratings *for the group as a whole*. To make it easier for you to track your own summer reads, there is a link for "Reading Log" on the club's webpage. There are also some good websites, such as www.goodreads.com, which you may use on your own.

How do I get to the club's website?

Go to the library's homepage, <http://www.hclibrary.us>, and click on "Readers' Services," then on "Adult Summer Reading Club." (Or just bookmark: <http://www.hclibrary.us/asrc.htm>.)

How do I join?

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Do I have to write a book review when I finish a book?

No, but we encourage you to write one if you would like. After all, people may choose a book to read based on what other club members have to say about it. Keep this in mind when deciding what to say in your review, and please limit reviews to no more than two paragraphs. Even just a sentence or two to say why you liked or did not like the book would be helpful. All reviews will be published on the book club's blog, which can be reached from the club's website (click on "Blog and Reviews"). Content may be edited.

How do I use the blog?

The blog is where all of the club's book reviews will be published. Click on "Blog and Reviews" from the club's webpage, and you can browse through the reviews.

If you would like to write a review for a book, please add it to your "Finished a Book" entry from the club's webpage or on your "Finished a Book" lime-green form (available from the library).

All reviews must be pre-approved by the library before appearing on the blog, so there will be a delay between the time you submit your review and the time it shows up online.

What is "Just Jennifer" on the blog?

Jennifer is a Hunterdon County Librarian and avid reader (and a member of the club) who writes reviews on the newest books coming out. If you like to be one of the first to discover new books, Just Jennifer is a great place to start.

I don't use a computer. Is there another way to participate in the club?

Yes. If using the Internet is not for you, we will make available print versions, updated periodically, of the titles read collectively by the club. We will also stock any other materials you may need. You may indicate your need for this on the registration form, or by calling Terry at (908) 730-6135.

Do I have to read any certain types of books?

No. Read whatever you want to read and have fun!

May I count books I listen to?

Yes, definitely!

Do the books I read have to come from the library?

No.

Is there a minimum reading level or a minimum number of pages per book in order for it to count? Do magazines count?

It is up to you whether to count any particular book. If you feel that the book or magazine *should* count, then count it. It's *your* goal that you're working toward.

If I read a book to my child or grandchild for the children's summer reading program, may I count the book as my summer reading as well?

You may count it if you feel it is appropriate. [See answer to previous question.]

Do I have to read the entire book in order for it to count?

For fiction, yes. For non-fiction, you must have read at least 75% of the book.

I was in the middle of a book when I registered for the club. May I count this book?

You may count any books you started reading on or after Friday, May 26, 2017 (Memorial Day weekend). If you were in the middle of a book on May 26, you may make your own decision on whether to include it with your summer reading.

I was in the middle of a book on the last day of the club. May I count this book?

You may count any books you finished reading on or before Labor Day (September 4th, 2017). If you were in the middle of a book on September 4, you may make your own decision on whether to include it with your summer reading. All finished books must be reported to the club by 11:59 pm on Tuesday, September 5.

Why would you publish my "name" on the Summer Reading Club website?

If you submit a book review or win one of the weekly prizes, we would like to post that information on the blog and/or website. We may also wish to post names for other reasons not foreseen at this time. The "name" posted will be the alias you have chosen.

Will there be an end-of-the-summer party?

Yes, we will have our End-of-Summer Party at the Headquarters Library (Route 12) on Thursday, **September 7**, at 7 pm. Please call 730-6135 or click on "REGISTER FOR THE PARTY" to reserve your spot.

Where are the puzzles and scavenger hunt?

Due to low interest, the puzzles and scavenger hunt will no longer be a part of the summer reading club.

How do I win a prize?

Every week, we will have a random drawing for a prize. Everyone will get one entry just for joining the club. Thereafter, every time you finish a book, you will get an additional entry, thus increasing your chances to win. At the end of the summer, there will be 4 grand-prize drawings for **a selection of newly-published books,**

picked out by a librarian. A winner will be chosen at random from Headquarters, the North County Branch, the South County Branch, and affiliated libraries plus Bookmobile. We also give out door prizes at the End-of-Summer Party.

Do I have to be present to win?

You do not have to be present to win the weekly or grand prizes. You do, however, have to be present to win door prizes at the End-of-Summer Party.

What else do I need to know?

Nothing! Grab a book, find a comfortable spot, and start enjoying your summer reading! (And just in case you *do* have a question not answered here, please call Terry at (908) 730-6135, or email her at tedwards@hclibrary.us.)