

# Young readers make a splash at the library

The summer reading program is in full swing at the Wayne Public Library. This year's themes are, "Make a Splash, Read!" and, "Make Waves at Your Library!" for teens. Each week an average of 150 young people pour into the library for program classes with reading, themed games and projects.

Readers were allowed to dive right into reading and could begin counting books for prize drawings on May 22, but the official kick off was June 2 with a visit from Adam White, Magician and Comedian from Lincoln. This event was generously sponsored by Pac N' Save, and attended by over 200 people from the community. White kept the crowd in stitches as he used audience members to complete his tricks. He amazed on-lookers by making objects change from across the auditorium, and even pulling a live rabbit from a hat.

During River Week, the 126 children found themselves in a fishy mood, and learned about being individuals and proud of themselves. The toddler group created fishing poles, preschoolers and kindergartners made beaded fish, first and second graders painted fish stones and, third and fourth made racing turtles, and beaded fish key chains were strung by fifth and sixth graders, the teens created reed and shell book marks.

Week 2, June 13 - 19, was Water Games Week and 177 young people made a big splash outside the library on the slip and slide. There were squirt gun fights and tossed balloons, water balloon yo-yos and some watery tales. All this happened on the only days that week there was sun, amazingly enough!

Week 3, The Deep Blue Sea, was attended by 136 shark hunters as we explored the creatures of the deep. Those in attendance learned that sharks don't need the tooth fairy because when they loose a tooth, it grows right back. Youngsters made shark hats, played ocean dice, made octopi, octopus wind socks and helped find "Harry by the Sea."

Each week on Thursday at noon, teens meet for "lunch bunch." Each young adult brings a sack lunch and they eat, swap chips and ideas about books to read with each other.

More to come in weeks 5-8, Pirates, Nests and Riverbeds, Bubbles and Surfing. The summer reading program will continue through July 21, and grand prizes will be drawn from the names of all the reading entrants.

To be eligible for a prize, children need to read 10 books, or read for four hours. The

more you read the more you are entered! Late registration and participation is welcomed and there is still loads more to learn and do! July 15th will be our, "Dive-In" Movie, at the Wayne Swimming Pool Park at around 8:55 p.m. And the final week will be enhanced by a visit from The Groundwater Foundation. Brian Reetz, Program Coordinator will bring his team and all sorts of activities to teach the children about keeping our groundwater clean.

"So, drip-drop into the library this summer, it's so cool" said Julie Osnes, Youth Services Director at the library.



(Photo by Clara Osten)

Audience members were all in awe during the opening program for this year's Summer Reading Program. Magician and comedian Adam White held his audience during the performance.