SUMMER READING PROGRAM 2019

We had another great summer of reading with 80,610 minutes read! Thank you to everyone who participated this summer and hopefully discovered some phenomenal books!

We had awesome prizes for the weekly discussion group, including descriptive DVDs, gift cards, an Amazon Echo and a Funko Pop collectible! It was fun reading all the comments and hearing about your favorite books and characters. Thank you for sharing!

The 2019 Summer Reading Program winner is…

Grand Prize: Elika Kainoa

Congratulations! We hope you enjoy your prize and keep up the reading!

Thank you to everyone who filled out the end of the program survey. We appreciate your comments and will take everything into consideration for next year’s program. If you haven’t filled out the survey, it’s not too late, please go to the following address: http://tinyurl.com/orsrpsurvey. It only takes a couple minutes to fill out and will really help us plan for next year’s summer reading program!

We would also like to take this time to recognize the organizations who donated to the Summer Reading Program; the Blind & Visually Impaired Student Fund, the Oregon Zoo, and the Oregon State Fair.

Fall Dates to Remember

- First day of fall Sept. 23
- Comic Book Day Sept. 25
- White Cane Awareness Oct 15
- National Cat Day Oct. 29
- Mickey Mouse’s B-day Nov.18
- Civil War Nov. 30
**3rd to 5th Grade Division**

**Aru Shah and the End of Time** by Roshani Chokshi, DB90413. While spending her autumn break at home, in the Museum of Ancient Indian Art and Culture, Aru tries to impress her visiting classmates and claims the museum’s Lamp of Bharata is cursed. Then she accidentally frees an ancient demon. 2018.

![Aru Shah and the End of Time](image1)

**Fish in a Tree** by Lynda Mullaly Hunt, BR021151, DB80497. Bullied and moved from different schools, 6th grader Ally creatively distracts anyone from discovering that she has problems reading. But one teacher helps her understand that she has dyslexia and encourages Ally to understand her feelings in a new way. 2015.

![Fish in a Tree](image2)

**Number the Stars** by Lois Lowry, BR12658, DB31580. For ten-year-old Annemarie, life in occupied Denmark in 1943 is not much changed by the war—until the Nazi persecution of Danish Jews begins. Her family helps a Jewish friend by having her pose as their dead sister. Annemarie learns that being brave means “not thinking about the dangers. Just thinking about what you must do.” 1989.

![Number the Stars](image3)

**Stef Soto, Taco Queen** by Jennifer Torres, BR021855, DB87271. Mexican American Stef Soto hopes to break free from her overprotective parents and the embarrassing reputation she has because of her family’s taco-truck business. But Stef soon learns that family friendship, and even the taco truck are important and wonderful parts of her life. 2017.

![Stef Soto, Taco Queen](image4)

**6th to 8th Grade Division**

**The First Rule of Punk** by Celia C. Pérez, DB89161. Twelve-year-old Malu reluctantly moves to Chicago and starts seventh grade with a bang. She violates the dress code with her punk rock aesthetic and spurns the most popular girl in favor of starting a band with kids like herself. 2017.

![The First Rule of Punk](image5)

**Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus** by Dusti Bowling, BR022120, DB89430. Born without arms, spunky thirteen-year-old Aven worries about making friends at her new school after her family moves to Arizona to manage the run-down Stagecoach Pass theme park. Aven bonds with classmate Connor, and the two soon finds themselves immersed in a mystery at the park. 2017.
Ms. Bixby’s Last Day by John David Anderson, DB85248. When three sixth-grade boys, Topher, Brand, and Steve, learn that their favorite teacher, Ms. Bixby, will be leaving the school year early due to cancer, they remember her cool spirit through stories. Determined to give her one really special day, they embark on an ill-advised mission. 2016.

The Only Road by Alexandra Diaz, BR022116, DB89471. After his cousin is murdered for refusing to join local gang the Alphas, twelve-year-old cousin, Angela, become their next targets and make the treacherous journey from Guatemala to the United State to live with Jaime’s older brother. 2016.

The School for Good and Evil by Soman Chainani, DB82483. With her glass slippers and devotion to good deeds, Sophie knows she’ll earn top marks at the School for Good and join the ranks of past students like Cinderella, Rapunzel, and Snow White. Meanwhile, Agatha, with her shapeless black frocks and wicked black cat, seems a natural fit for the villains in the School for Evil. 2013.

9th to 12th Grade Division

Long Way Down by Jason Reynolds, DB89688. Fifteen-year-old Will sets out to avenge his brother Shawn’s fatal shooting. As he proceeds, Will encounters several ghosts in the elevator that reveal truths about their way of life. 2017.

The Strange Fascinations of Noah Hypnotik by David Arnold, DB91092. Sixteen-year-old Noah Oakman is a Bowie believer, concise historian, disillusioned swimmer, son, brother, friend. Then Noah gets hypnotized. Now Noah sees changes— inexplicable scars, odd behaviors, rewritten histories—in all those around him. 2018.

This Mortal Coil by Emily Suvada, DB95397. In a world where people are implanted with technology to recode their DNA, gene-hacking genius Cat must decrypt her late father’s message concealing a vaccine for a horrifying plague that turns the sick into exploding zombies. 2017.
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OBOB is a statewide voluntary reading comprehension program sponsored by the Oregon Association of School Libraries with funding from the Oregon State Library through the Library Services and Technology Act. Many students in grades 3-12 from schools all throughout Oregon are reading this year’s book lists and competing at their school’s OBOB tournaments for the chance to compete at the Regional and State Tournaments in 2020!
We have many of the OBOB books in audio and braille formats. You can go to the Students page on our website at www.ortalkingbooks.org to find out which OBOB books we have available to download on BARD. If you would like a cartridge with all the titles we have, please give us a call at 1-800-452-0292 and we will mail it out to you.
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