

Tuscola Public Library starts Summer Read: Find Your Voice

By Dominik Stallings

Tuscolans of all ages are able to participate in the Tuscola Public Library Summer Read event. This year's theme is "Find Your Voice,"

Tuscola Library Director Devin Black said the five-week reading program is mostly geared towards kids and teens, but adults are also encouraged to participate. Participants can read any book they want at home as long as they write it into their logs. Naturally, the library has a wide variety of books for people to check out. Those interested can sign up at the Tuscola Public Library.

Kids who sign up receive a squishy plush animal. If

they meet their reading goal of 30 minutes a day, five days a week can receive a prize each week. Children can also have books read to them, as well. The prizes include stickers, hand clapper toys, megaphones and other "Find Your Voice" inspired toys.

"Parents love us," said Black.

Teens have to read within their reading level for 45 minutes a day for five days a week. They don't get weekly prizes like the children, but if they complete all five weeks, they receive a \$10 Amazon gift card.

Adults have a task list of different things they can do,

such as volunteer an hour at a local non-profit, visit another library or visit one of the Tuscola Library events like the outdoor movie, poetry discussion or karaoke events. Adults who finish the five weeks receive a "Library Perks Card," which features coupons that can pay library fines.

The summer read culminates in the grand prize raffle on July 12 on Water Fun Day. Logs and task lists that are fully completed and returned by the end of library hours on July 8 will be entered to win prizes.

Children can receive a Family Pool Pass for 2023, thanks to the City of Tuscola.

Teens can receive a savings account and gift bag from Tuscola First Bank, which is valued at \$100.

Adults can win a local gift card pack with \$25 gift cards to each of Mi Vera Cruz, Amazon, Kirby Foods and Joe's Pizza.

Black said the program is flexible. You can sign up pretty late and can make up for missed weeks. Kids and teens can also do more reading on some days to skip others. Kids who finish the required amount of reading can still receive the weekly prizes, even if they finish later. The only deadline there is the July 8 drawing. There's also an extra

"catch-up" week for those who started late.

The summer read isn't just for fun prizes. Black said that there are also a lot of benefits for a child's education. Libraries have noticed that test scores for students test scores for reading drop when they enter school in the fall. He said libraries call it the "summer slide." It stems from students not exercising their brains by reading, during the summer months. Black said that simply reading during the summer will stop that drop-off. He also thinks that it can help kids stay ahead of the curve when it comes to schoolwork.

Black said the summer

reading program is also good to have since there are currently more kids hanging out and playing at the library. It is one of the few public places with air conditioning, with the pool currently not open, a great place for kids to enjoy summer.

Black said the library has a lot more events during the summer than they do throughout the year. He hopes to see more kids utilize the events and try different things.

"We want for them the library to be a place to read, watch, or have something to do," said Black.

Tuscola High School second semester high honor roll

Freshmen

Foltz, Katherine Rose; Gabbard, Haydyn Guy; Kurtz, Lillyanna Roy "Lilly"; Leonard, Claire Elizabeth; Manning, Dane Robert; Manzella, Lidia Margaret; Moody, Braxton Alan; Shinn, Kalen Christian; Smith, Alaina Grace; Stahler, Seth Michael; West, Jazmine

Lynne; Willoughby, Reegan Marie; Yantis, Delanie Lynn.

Sophomores

Bennett, Andrew Jack; Bennett, Thomas James; Carpenter, Reilynn Kellee "Edward"; Clodfelder, Kenna Marie; Devlin, Aiden Dwight; Ford, Jocelyn Christine; Hornaday,

David James; Kleiss, Carleigh Sue; Klie, Nathan Donovan; Lin, Alex; Patterson, Athalia Siviv; Pettry, Allison Jane; Taylor, Brayden Anthony; Wallace, Olivia Grace.

Juniors

Barrett, Jackson Anthony; Boyer, Raeanna Marie; Foltz,

Joseph William; Gardner, Alyx Kimi; Gibson, Catherine Ann "Catie"; Gough, Brayden Jamison; Hasting, Natalie Rae; Jones, Murielle Elyse "Elle"; Moss, Sydney Pauline; Pettry, Addisyn Lee; Powell, Elizabeth Grace; Quinn, Jordan Taylor; West, Mason Michael.

Seniors

Bialeschki, Ethan Alexander; Boyer, Ella Kathryn; Broady, Boston Kenneth; Coad, Nevaeh Isabella Grace; Fiscus, Makenna Anne; Fowler, Addisyn Mae; Hausmann, Mia Christette; Herschberger, Makenzie Raeann; Hornaday, Benjamin John; Jeffers, Kaleb

Landen; Kauffman, Grant K; Macaulay, Molly Rose; Musgrave, Colton Scott; Rauguth, Anna Catherine; Rennert, Brogan Marie; Sanchez, Jordan Miguel; Spillman, Thomas Vincent; Veach, Natalie Marissa; Wilcox, Isabelle Ryleigh; Woodard, Harley Alexis.

2023 Tuscola High School awarded scholarships

Over \$165,000 in scholarship funds were given out during Honor Day on May 19. Here is the list of scholarship recipients.

T.E.A. Scholarships: Ben Hornaday and Brogan Rennert.

Douglas County Republican Central Committee Scholarship: Marley Good and Ella Boyer.

Miss Tuscola Scholarship: Reggan Smith.

Broc Winn Memorial Scholarship: Ben Hornaday.

GFWC Tuscola Woman's Club Scholarship: Emma Spillman (EIU Music Camp), Duncan Nolan (Vault Art Gallery Camp), Raeanna Boyer (EIU Drama Camp), Alyx Gardner (Ohio St. Dance Camp Scholarship), Kenzie Chalfont (Parkland First Gig Rock and Roll Camp), Makenna Fiscus (Juniorettes and Gentlemen's Club recipient).

Tuscola Powwows Scholarship: Colton Musgrave and Isabelle Wilcox.

Fidelis Crusader Scholarship: Maggie Horath and Alexis Feeler.

American Legion Post #27 School Awards: Grant Kauffman and Brogan Rennert.

American Legion Post

#27-Wayne Meyer Memorial Scholarships: Claire Meyer and Anna Rauguth.

David Dietrich Senior Athlete Awards: Chris Boyd and Ella Boyer.

Tuscola First Bank Scholarship: Ella Boyer.

Sopha E. Heil Scholarship: Ben Hornaday.

Rotary Scholarships: Neil Walker and Ella Boyer.

FFA Alumni Scholarships: Brogan Rennert, Claire Meyer, and Mason Jones.

Tuscola Community Foundation Scholarships: Mia Hausmann and Claire Meyer.

TCF-Tommy K. Martin Memorial Scholarships: Anna Rauguth and Ella Boyer.

TCF-Cletcher-Wessale Scholarships: Mia Hausmann and Makenna Fiscus.

TCF-Ray Wulliman Scholarship: Elle Jones.

TCF-Dr. Dana Mattix Scholarships: Marley Good and Mia Hausmann.

TCF- Tuscola Educational Foundation Fund: Claire Meyer and Mason Jones.

TCF-Harley and Doris Helm Memorial Scholarship: Colton Musgrave.

TCF-Doug McCurnber Family Scholarship: Addi Fowler.

TUMC-Doug McCumber

Family Scholarship: Neil Walker.

TUMC-Albert & Virginia Lee Memorial Scholarship: Neil Walker.

Tuscola High School Scholarship Fund: Amelia Reed and Makenzie Herschberger.

Marci Lietz Memorial Scholarship: Hunter Branca.

Cabot Science Scholarship: Hailey Downs.

Keli Adkisson Memorial Scholarships: Mason Jones, Makenzie Herschberger, and Neil Walker.

Joe and Sue Summerville Agriculture Scholarship: Claire Meyer.

VFW Auxiliary Scholarship: Elle Jones.

Cundiff Scholarship Trust: Reggan Smith, Thomas Spillman, Kaden Carpenter, Amelia Reed, Molly Macaulay, Mason Jones, Anna Rauguth, Makenzie Herschberger, Marley Good, Hailey Downs, Grant Kauffrnan, Claire Meyer, Neil Walker, Brogan Rennert, Boston Broady, Murielle "Elle" Jones, Jordan Sanchez, Harley Woodard, Ashley Buck, Makenna Fiscus, Cotton Musgrave, Mia Hausmann, and Ella Boyer.

Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center Guild Scholarship:

Makenna Fiscus.

First Mid-Illinois Bank Scholarship: Claire Meyer.

All-Pro Scholarship: Mason Jones.

TrustBank Tuscola Scholarship: Makenzie Herschberger.

T.K. Martin Education Scholarship: Thomas Spillman.

Tuscola Alumni Association Scholarships: Reggan Smith, Mia Hausmann, Molly Macaulay, Grant Kauffman, Ben Hornaday, and Makenzie Herschberger.

Family of Ricardo & Mercedes Izquierdo Alumni Scholarship: Mia Hausmann and Reggan Smith.

William (Class of 1997) and Sharon Shiu (Class of 1963) Memorial Scholarships: Ashley Buck and Neil Walker.

Victory Church of Camargo Scholarships: John Claxon and Ben Hornaday.

Harriett Jane Bell Scholarship: Brogan Rennert.

Donald L. Lindley and Belle H. Lindley Scholarship: Harley Woodard and Jordan Sanchez.

George Barnett Nursing Scholarship: Molly Macaulay.

Rutan Family Memorial Scholarship: Kaden Carpen-

ter.

Omni Energy Partners Technical Scholarship Program: Mason Jones.

Georgine McDonald Trust Charles and Maggie B. McDonald Scholarships: Boston Broady, Neil Walker, Jordan Sanchez, Molly Macaulay, Marley Good, Brogan Rennert, and Miranda Long.

Lenore Cletcher-Wessale Trust Scholarships: Boston Broady, Jordan Sanchez, Molly Macaulay, Miranda Long, Marley Good, and Brogan Rennert.

Douglas County Republican Women Scholarship: Marley Good.

DARISAR Good Citizens Awards: DAR-Brogan Rennert and SAR- Grant Kauffrnan.

Kiwanis Scholarships: Neil Walker, Brogan Rennert, Molly Macaulay, and Reggan Smith.

Illinois State Scholars Ethan Bialeschki, Grant Kauffman, Ella Boyer, Anna Rauguth, Mia Hausmann, and Harley Woodard.

William Butkovich Scholarship: Elle Jones. TCHS Class of 1996 Scholarship: Brady Urban.

National Wild Turkey Federation Scholarship: Hunter Branca.

Forty Martyrs-Bill and Irma West Scholarships: Claire Meyer and Thomas Spillman.

FCCLA Scholarship: Alexis Feeler.

Senior Departmental Awards: Ag: Claire Meyer Art: Liriel Jones. English: Ethan Bialeschki FCS: Neveah Coad. Math: Ethan Bialeschki and Grant Kauffman. Science: Natalie Veach. Spanish: Mia Hausmann. Business: Ethan Bialeschki. History: Neil Walker and Hailee Groves.

CIC Student Athlete Award: Chris Boyd and Molly Macaulay.

2022-23-Choral Awards: National Choral Award Grant Kauffman.

Best Overall Freshman: Delanie Yantis.

Best Overall Sophomore: Karson Jeffers.

Best Overall Junior: Aly Brucker.

Outstanding Band Awards: Outstanding Freshman - Bella Taylor,


Outstanding Sophomore - Andrew Spillman,

Outstanding Junior - Catie Gibson.

John Philip Sousa Award (Outstanding Senior) - Thomas Spillman.

Sports Physicals


\$20



8:30 am to 4:30 pm
Monday, July 17

SBL Tuscola Clinic
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Appointments required. Please call to schedule.



Sarah Bush Lincoln

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