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LIBRARY CHALLENGES COMMUNITY TO READ 14,000 BOOKS FOR A CHANCE TO WIN PRIZES

SUFFOLK, VA (June 4, 2019) The Camp SPL Summer Reading Challenge launches Saturday, June 15th and ends with a colorful celebration. If the community reaches the 14,000 books goal by August 3rd, everyone will be able to participate in a Color Blast! at the Camp SPL Grand Finale Carnival on August 3rd. To participate, people must take the time to read and log books in order to meet the goal.

There is another incentive to read and log books thanks to the Friends of the Suffolk Public Library, and that is a grand prize worth \$500. Participants in the Summer Reading Challenge will earn one raffle entry per book read and logged. There will be three age groups of prizes (Ages: 0 to 7, 8 to 17, and 18+) and the grand prize winners will get their choice of the following:

- Virtual Reality Oculus Go Headset
- Osmo Genius Kit & Kindle Fire
- Nauticus & Virginia Living Museum Annual Passes
- The Virginia Zoo & Children's Museum of Virginia Annual Passes
- Virginia Air & Space Center Annual Passes & admission to Virginia War Museum and Military Aviation Museum
- Colonial Williamsburg Annual Passes

- Chrysler Museum of Art Glass Studio Class
- Libation Package with tours and tastings at The Williamsburg Winery and local breweries
- Suffolk Staycation Package

In addition to the Camp SPL Grand Finale Carnival on August 3rd, a variety of events and classes will be offered for all ages. A few of the not-to-miss events:

- Amazing Peanut Chase: City-Wide Scavenger Hunt (Saturday, June 15th, 11 AM to 3 PM)
- Pre 4th of July Picnic (Saturday, June 29th, Noon to 3 PM)
- Summer Dance Soirée (Friday, July 12th, 6:30 PM to 9 PM)
- Other Camp SPL events and classes: www.suffolkpubliclibrary.com/CampSPL

The Camp SPL Summer Reading Challenge is open to everyone and a library card is not required to participate. Whether a school aged kid is looking to check off books from their summer reading list or an adult just wants to enjoy a beachside read, all ages can participate by logging books through Beanstack, the same online platform used in the Winter Reading Challenge and last summer. Participants can log in with their existing account, then join the Summer Reading Challenge, or create a new account if they don't yet have one. The Beanstack App, which can be downloaded from the [App Store](#) and [Google Play](#), makes logging even easier. More information about the Summer Reading Challenge and other Camp SPL events can be found at www.suffolkpubliclibrary.com/CampSPL.

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