

# BOOK REPORT

Friends of the Library Newsletter

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## Pop-Up Library Gives Books to Youth

Thanks to a USD 383 Manhattan-Ogden KLINK grant the library hosted its first Pop-Up Library Book Giveaway on Saturday, May 30 at the Downtown Farmer's Market. With the initiative to get books into the hands of kids, this series allows any child age 0 through 5th grade to get a free book. Each book will have a themed handout that includes literacy activities that can be done at home.

At the first Pop-Up event, a total of 320 books were given out. Jennifer Bergen, Children's Services and Programs Manager, enjoyed the event and saw the impact that it gave to our community. She highlighted, we had lots of positive interactions, and lots of people telling us how much they missed the library and asking when we would



Visitors stop by the Pop-Up booth on May 30.

reopen. It was great to see some loyal patrons, meet some people who just moved to Manhattan, and see staff.



Library employees ready to give away free books.

Other library services were also promoted, including the Summer Reading Program and the Library Carryout Service. Two more Pop-Up events for kids will be planned for later in the summer. In addition to the events for kids, there will also be Pop-Up Library Book Giveaways for teens.

Look for event dates and locations on the library's website this summer.

## A Letter from the Library Director

Dear Loyal MLA Member,

It's an unusual feeling having the library building sitting quiet, hearing the thud of materials being returned to the west book drop, and walking by the first floor tables piled high with all of the quarantined materials.

As most of you know, the library closed its doors during COVID-19, but continued to serve patrons via online services. As staff continue navigating library services, one thing is true, we miss seeing you and are here for you by phone during this time.

I'm proud to work alongside staff members who are eager to serve. I've watched them implement new projects and opportunities to you including issuing eCards, adding two new online resources, the Library Carryout Service, the Summer Reading Program, opening the technology center for appointments, and more.

In time the library will be back with our new "normal" routine. Until then we continue to evaluate many factors

as we move to the next level of our reopening plan. With that said, beginning Monday, June 29, the Library will begin Level 3 of our reopening plan.

The library continues to be a place of opportunities and connecting our community to a wide array of information.

I look forward to getting back to our new "normal" and I appreciate the support the library and its staff have received during this time. I hope to see you at your library soon, if not in person, I'd love to hear how you are using your library from home.

We are in this together! Keep reading and soon you will be able to go to the library.

Sincerely,



Linda Knupp  
Library Director, Manhattan Public Library

## Summer Reading is Here, Online

Summer Reading is a free online program for all ages of kids, teens, and adults in the Manhattan area. The program helps you track your reading and provides incentives to read over the summer months. Our community goal is to reach one million minutes of reading time collectively! The library's Summer Reading program runs from May 18 through July 31 (75 days), and you can log your reading time for any or all days during that time. You can also join in our fun online programs for all ages during June and July.



*Ms. Jan presents the first Baby & Toddler Storytime Online.*

### How to Record Reading Time Online

- Create an account with a username and password.
- Keep track of the time you spend reading or listening to books.
- Log in on this page to record time and write book reviews.
- First, set your reading goal with the "Add My Goal" button. Enter the total number of minutes you want to read this summer. The minimum is 400 minutes.
- Add your reading time in the "Minutes Read" box. Book title and book review are optional.
- Click "Submit Log."

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*This year's summer reading theme is "Imagine Your Story."*

### What Counts?

"Reading time" refers to any time spent reading or listening to books. Summer Reading is all about fun, so read anything you enjoy.

### Prizes

The summer reading program is nationwide and has an important mission: to motivate kids, teens, and adults to read for fun and, for kids, prevent loss of reading skills while school is out. To do this the Manhattan Public Library has enlisted the help of local partners to give rewards and prizes to readers. Earn a free book prize when you get halfway to your reading goal and when you complete your goal. You will receive a Wandoo Reader message when you have earned a prize.



*Rachel waiting for patrons to come claim their prizes.*

Other coupons from local sponsors may also be included. Additionally, end of summer prizes for the adult and teen programs will be randomly drawn in August from those who complete their reading goal.

For more information, check the library's website at [www.mhklibrary.org/summer-reading-2020/](http://www.mhklibrary.org/summer-reading-2020/).

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## Get Connected

While the library has been closed due to COVID-19, library staff have been remotely issuing library cards to those in Manhattan who do not currently have an account. This card will provide access to hundreds of thousands of eBooks, audiobooks, documentaries, movies, and more.

The process only requires patrons to fill out our online registration form. Library staff will send your new account information to the email address listed on the online registration form.

**MANHATTAN RESIDENTS:  
APPLY FOR YOUR  
LIBRARY CARD TODAY!**

Library staff will remotely issue library cards to Manhattan residents who do not currently have accounts.



Fill out our online registration form and enjoy a variety of resources today!

If you have questions, email [refstaff@mhklibrary.org](mailto:refstaff@mhklibrary.org)

To date a total of 311 new library cards have been issued since the end of May.



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