

The Inquiring Mind

Catch the Reading Bug

What better way for kids to spend the summer than to read? The library has just the club to motivate kids (and teens) to make this their best reading summer ever. Kids will have fun, keep up reading skills, win prizes and explore a whole world of books and reading.

This year's school aged theme is *Catch the Reading Bug*. Register in the Youth Department and pick up a colourful package of materials – a booklet to keep track of reading, a bookmark, a calendar and a schedule of programs. Visits to the Library throughout the summer will earn incentive prizes. Readers who record 50 days of reading for 15 minutes or more over the summer will earn a medal! Check out the SRC website for reading suggestions and lots more: www.kidsrc.ca.

Pre-schoolers can join our Read-To-Me Club. They will receive their own booklet to keep track of every book an adult shares with them. They too can earn incentive prizes.

The provincial *Book Yourself a Trip* Teen Summer Reading Club is online and interactive and provides a place for teens to find out what other teens are reading and share their responses to their favourite books. By posting reviews they enter province-wide draws. This Library has terrific prizes, supplied by various local businesses, for teens who drop in and share their reading and enter our local weekly draws. Teens register at www.teensrc.ca. News flash – for teens who want to keep at it, the club will continue all year!



From the
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Remembering some of
my favourite “summer
reading”

I am not impartial on the subject of libraries. I am, after all, a second generation librarian. My mother was a children's librarian so summer reading was not just encouraged – it was required. Some of my happiest summer memories however, are the books I read.

When I think of summer, my mind goes automatically to Arthur Ransome and his *Swallows and Amazons* series. My mother and I read them together one summer when I was about eight. Not many people read them today but for me they were a source of great pleasure. The twelve books of the series kept us enthralled for most of the summer. I grew up in a large city so the adventures of the four Walker children and the Blackett sisters, their sailboats, *Swallow and Amazon*, and the river and islands where they spent their summers seemed like a magical world to me. The stories transported me beyond my own environment and the joy and imagination with which the children pursued their adventures modeled a powerful way of approaching the world that I have never forgotten.

So be sure to read at least one book this summer that brings you joy and opens new horizons. Better yet, read with a child. It can be an experience that neither of you will forget.