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Summer Quest set to kick off this June at Berks County Public Libraries

For immediate release—This summer the adventure begins at your library! Public libraries in Berks County are excited to kick off the summer with their annual Summer Quest program beginning in June. Kids, teens, and adults are invited to join the fun at their local library with reading challenges and engaging programs while earning prizes along the way.

Library programming may look different from previous years, but youth service librarians are ready to connect with participants in new and innovative ways.

Marissa Guidara, youth services consultant for the Reading Library District, assists the county's 25 public libraries with programs and events geared towards kids and teens. She says last year gave libraries a glimpse into exploring the best avenues to reaching program participants. Now with a year of pandemic experience under their belts, librarians are ready to welcome in another summer of learning and fun.

"Library summer programs have always been important, especially for school-aged kids," said Guidara. "They provide free access to reading materials and activities that foster curiosity and creativity. Kids can have fun and unwind from school while preventing the summer slide."

The summer slide is a term that describes the decline in reading ability and other academic skills that kids can experience over summer break. With the pandemic changing school environments this past academic year, libraries are focused on helping kids retain what they have learned in school through fun-filled learning experiences this summer.

Summer Quest registrations are currently open for all interested participants. Readers can register with their library's virtual tracker at www.berkslibraries.org/summer-quest to earn digital badges for their reading achievements.

Kids can also participate in a variety of activities including outdoor events, virtual experiences, and grab-and-go kits. Complete activity and reading challenges to earn cool prizes!

Be sure to check out your library's website and social media channels for their Summer Quest start date and schedule.

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Visit www.berkslibraries.org/summer-quest for more information. Summer Quest kick off dates vary by library. Contact local libraries or visit their website and social media channels for additional details about specific programs and events.