

Children Offered Adventurous Assignments Through Library's Summer Reading Program

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A summer safari of wild animals and adventure is just a storybook away for kids 5-12 who join the Huntington Beach Public Library's Summer Reading Program.

This year's program, Wild About Reading, will run from June 22 to Aug. 14. Children can register between June 11 and July 31 at the children's resource center of the Central Library or the Main Street, Graham or Banning annexes.

A children's carnival will kick off the summer program, scheduled from 1-5 p.m. June 22 at the Central Library, 7111 Talbert Ave. Sponsored by the Friends of the Children's Library, the carnival will feature cupcake walks, helium balloons, ping-pong goldfish throws, fruit loop necklace booths and plenty of food. Booth tickets are 25 cents each and food items are 50 cents each. Proceeds will go toward the new children's wing building

fund.

Throughout the summer months, reading program members will receive jungle-style bookmarks, name tags and booklists. The libraries will be festively decorated with netting, palm trees and large animal paintings, while the library staff will dress in safari-like attire for the amusement of the children.

To become an official member, youngsters must read eight books at their own level or make eight

weekly visits to one of the libraries.

In addition to the Summer Reading Program, the Central Library will be offering children's movies in the Talbert Room every Friday afternoon between June 19 and Aug. 7, except for July 3. Admission is \$1 and popcorn and cold drinks will also be sold. Seating is limited and advanced purchase of tickets is suggested. For times and movie titles, call (714) 848-7813.



Library clerk Lee Beltz and volunteer Patti Bush help youngsters Nathaniel Wilson and Ryan Gough select books.



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