

SUMMER LEARNING PROGRAM FAQs

How long is the Summer Learning Program?

The WGPL program lasts 6 weeks starting July 5 through August 15. The End of Program Party will be on Thursday, August 13 at the Montour Falls Farmers Market in collaboration with the Montour Falls Library, Dutton S. Peterson Memorial Library, and the E.B. Pert Memorial Library. Students will continue to track reading progress until August 15 which is the last day to turn in reading logs.

What is the age range of participants?

Students ages 3 through 18 are eligible to participate in the Watkins Glen Public Library's program. Must be registered.

How do I register?

Registration opens June 10 and will remain open through the duration of the program.

1. Call the library at (607) 535-2346 during open hours
2. Contact us via Facebook Messenger (response time may be slower)
3. Visit us in person

Please include the child's first and last name, age, contact phone number or email, and emergency contact information. **Review the Consent Agreement.** Program folders will be available for pick up starting July 1. Students should not track reading progress until July 5. Folders contain reading logs and copies of the program lineup.

What counts towards my reading goal?

Books, audiobooks, graphic novels, and even listening to someone else read *to you* counts towards hourly goals. Students may set personal goals on their reading logs if they choose.

Do I have to attend in-person programs? Do I have to take home weekly activity packs?

Both are optional. You are not required to attend programs. The only requirement to participate is registering and tracking hours and titles. The last day to turn in reading logs is Sunday, August 16.

How do I win prizes?

Fill out the reading log as you go. For every 5 hours read, students receive 5 coins. Use coins to make purchases at the Summer Learning Marketplace at the library. Save your coins for bigger prizes. We will award grand prizes at the end of the program based on the total # of hours and total # of books read in different age groups.

Do I need to register for in-person programs?

Weekly in-person programs are held on Wednesdays at 3:00pm. Only students registered with the WGPL Summer Learning Program are eligible to attend due to limited supplies.

Can I attend Summer Learning special events without being a registered participant?

Yes. Special events are open to the public including Tanglewood Nature Center, Dinosaur Expedition Adventure, and Robert Rogers Theater. **The fossil dig at the Dinosaur Expedition Adventure requires registration through the Watkins Glen Public Library.**