



What is the Fairfield Summer Challenge – What Does the Fox Read?

Find your inner detective this summer at the library! Last summer you cast your votes and our new library mascot is now the fox! This summer we will solve a few mysteries... what is our mascot's name? What do they like to read? And of course – what will YOU read this summer?! What stories captivate you? Will you try something new? Solve the mysteries and explore all the genres storytelling has to offer this summer! Read, write book reviews, attend events, and complete bonus activities to earn points and reach your goal this year of 1,000 points!

Register for the following age-specific programs on our Beanstack site:

- * *Children's Summer Challenge (Babies – entering grade 5)*
- * *Teen Summer Challenge (entering grades 6–12)*
- * *Adult Summer Challenge (Ages 18+)*

What is Beanstack?

Beanstack is an online program that makes keeping track of reading and activities super easy for individuals and families! Find the site here: <http://fairfieldpubliclibrary.beanstack.org>.

Beanstack allows patrons to:

- * Keep track of your reading log, progress, and rewards, whether on an individual account or for your family account.
- * Complete fun bonus activities to earn extra points.



Frequently Asked Questions

Can I log reading and activities on my mobile device?

Beanstack is available for smartphones, tablets, and on the web. Search for the Beanstack Tracker App on the [Apple App Store](#) or [Google Play App Store](#) for an easy way to log reading (you can even scan the ISBN!), view and complete activities, and more!

How do I register?

Visit our [Fairfield Public Library Beanstack site](#) and create a new account for you or your family. Registration only takes minutes! Readers joining the Teen Challenge and above can open their own account (entering grade 6 and above). Readers joining the Children's Challenge should open an account with an Adult as their Account Creator.

If you are a returning reader, log in to your account. If you need to reset your password, use the online prompt or speak to a staff member. We recommend recovering your username and password from previous years. While you can make a new account, it's fun to keep all your information in one place. It's also easier for staff and volunteers to locate your account and redeem your prizes.

To locate this year's challenge: on the web, scroll down on your homepage until you see "More Challenges" and select the image for the "What Does the Fox Read?" Summer Challenge. On the mobile app, tap the "Discover" tab on the bottom navigation pane, then scroll down to view "More Challenges" and select the image for the "What Does the Fox Read?" Summer Challenge.



How do I reach my 1,000 points goal?

You earn 1 point for each minute of reading. You earn 5 points for each book review. You also earn bonus points for different activities in each Challenge (see Activity Badges). Do not forget our Emoji Book Title challenges and Scratch Your Own Mystery for all ages. Readers can completely customize their Challenge with a combination of reading, reviews, and activities!

How do I log my reading minutes?

On the web, select the blue “Log Reading and Activities” button on the top left of your Beanstack page. Select the reader from the drop-down menu, then select “Log Minutes.” You are required to enter how many minutes you have read, providing the title and author are optional. You are encouraged to back date any reading from previous days by selecting those dates from the calendar.

On the mobile app, select the purple plus button on the bottom navigation pane, tap “Reading,” then select one or more readers, and tap “Choose Reader.” You have the option to scan the ISBN barcode of your book, search for a book in the search box, select a book you have previously logged, or log without a title. On the next screen, select “Log Reading” or “Start Timer” – do NOT select Quick Complete or the title will not count for our challenge. Our challenge counts minutes read for your points.



What are the bonus activities I can complete to earn extra points?

All bonus activities are visible on the Activity Badges tab through your Summer Challenge. **For all ages, the Storywalk, Guess the Emoji Book Title Challenges, Mini Canvas Art Gallery, Vote to Name Our Mascot and The Case of the Fox's Missing Books Scavenger Hunt.**

For children, additional badges are available weekly with our in-house library activities, events, and more bonus activities.

For teens and adults, challenge yourself to borrow a new book each week, borrow a wrapped book, attend events and more!

How do I log bonus activities?

On the web, select the blue “Log Reading and Activities” button on the top left of your Beanstack page. Select the reader you would like to log for from the drop-down menu, then select “Complete an Activity,” and choose an activity badge to view the various activities that are available for bonus points.

On the mobile app, select the purple plus button on the bottom navigation pane, tap “Activity,” then select the reader you would like to log for and tap “Choose Reader.” Choose an Activity Badge to view the various activities available for bonus points.



What are Tickets and how do I spend them?

You earn Tickets for each badge that is unlocked (see the yellow Ticket icon on the badges where Tickets can be earned). You can spend your tickets by visiting Ticket Drawings tab. Each badge earns 1 Ticket except where noted.

What are the Grand Prize Ticket Drawings?

The following is a list of all the Grand Prize Ticket Drawings for all ages. The Challenges end on August 12, and the winners notified on August 14.

*** Children's Summer Challenge (Babies – entering grade 5)**

- Wings of Fire Party
- Dragon Masters Party
- Maker Space Party
- Escape Room Party
- Paint-Along Party
- Slime Party
- Blacklight Glow Party
- Storytime Party
- Book and STEM Game Bundle (Multiple Bundles)
- Preschool Book and STEM Game Bundle

*** Teen Summer Challenge (entering grades 6–12)**

- Fantasy Genre Prize Bag
- Adventure Genre Prize Bag
- Graphic Novel & Anime Prize Bag
- Escape Room Party

*** Adult Summer Challenge (Ages 18+)**

- Stick Together Puzzle Night
- Fairfield Scenes Notecard Bundle
- Private Craft Party at the Library
- Escape Room Party



How do I add a Reader to my Account?

When logged in, navigate to the top right corner of your home screen on the web and on the app. Tap on your name or initials in red, and a drop-down menu will appear with a list of your family members. Underneath their name you will find “Add a Reader.”

Can we log together as a family?

Yes! When logging your reading minutes, you can select multiple readers. On the web, select “All Readers” from the drop-down menu while logging. On the mobile app, tap the names of each reader in your account while logging.

Can I compete with family and friends?

Yes! Challenge your friends and see who can top your group’s Leaderboard! This is a closed group that can view each other’s reading logs, challenge histories, and earned badges, as well as compete on their leaderboards. Visit the “Friends” tab in your Beanstack account on the web, or the “Community” tab on the mobile app, to generate a code to share with friends, or add their code to your account. Once your friends are added, you can view your Leaderboard.

If my family is away for the summer, can we still participate?

Yes! Many of our challenges have digital and at-home activities. You can log your reading minutes and activities online, and collect prizes upon your return (while supplies last).

Do audiobooks count toward my reading minutes?

Yes! Read anything you can get your hands on! Any type of reading—audio, digital, print, or periodicals—counts toward your goal. Just supply the title and amount of time you read. If you just read the paper this morning, for example, you would type “New York Times” in the title field and enter your approximate time spent reading.

Can I log reading on my smart speaker?



Yes, if you have an Alexa smart speaker, you can link your Beanstack account to log minutes. *If your family has multiple Alexa devices at home, you can use the same Beanstack account across devices or connect each device to a different account. The Beanstack Tracker for Alexa only logs reading time or titles.

1. Enable the skill by either saying “Alexa, enable Beanstack Tracker” or searching for “Beanstack tracker” in the Alexa Skill Store.
2. If you enable the skill by voice, access the skill from your Amazon Alexa App and Choose to Link Your Account.
3. Search for “Fairfield Public Library” when prompted.
4. Click “Log In To Your Account.”
5. When you receive the message “Beanstack Tracker has been successfully linked” you may close the app or website.
6. Using Alexa, Say “Alexa, open Beanstack Tracker” and follow the prompts to log minutes for Summer Reading! Because Beanstack allows families to track multiple readers in a single account, your whole family can use Alexa to log their minutes.



Can I have a printout of my reading log?

Yes! Visit Reading Log in the Toolbar, and select the Print button.

Can I participate without an e-mail address?

Beanstack is an optional library service that requires you provide an e-mail address and phone number. You can use the library computers to update your Beanstack account, but you must have an e-mail address to participate. Please ask a librarian at any public service desk to help you open up a free email address.

Is my personal information secure?

Beanstack follows generally accepted industry security standards to safeguard and help prevent unauthorized access, maintain data security and correctly use your personally identifiable information. Please visit the Privacy Policy link of the Beanstack site for more information.