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Summer reading project for all ages underway until Aug. 4

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From the beginning of June through Aug. 4, all libraries in the Contra Costa County system, including Lafayette, Orinda and Moraga libraries, are participating in the County's Summer Reading Program, "Reading Takes You Everywhere." Readers of all ages can visit ccclib.org/summer for activities and challenges to feed the imagination and explore new skills. Patrons may also visit any of the 26 Contra Costa County library locations for free and fun happenings all summer.

Each participant receives a passport. Every completed passport is eligible for a free book and will be entered into a raffle to win prizes. There is a Baby Passport for children ages 0-3, and the Readers Passport is for kids, teens and adults of all ages. All types of reading count - audio books, comic books, fiction, non-fiction, silent reading or reading aloud. Reading can be done in any language and isn't limited only to library books. Patrons who visit the library have even more chances to win prizes, according to Orinda Community Library Manager Sierra Compagna.

Upcoming events at the Orinda Library include the Try-It-Truck on July 12, 5 to 7 p.m.; A Bird's Rainbow, July 30, at 10:30 a.m.; and Road Scholar on Aug. 1 at 1 p.m. According to librarian Maura Hennessy, the Lafayette library will include Rockets Away! on July 3 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Uncle Jer's Bee Show July 17 from 2 to 3 p.m.; The Paper Airplane Guy Aug. 1 from 2 to 3 p.m., and a Teddy Bear Overnight on Aug. 8 from 4 to 5 p.m., and the Moraga branch will include some special events for adults like the Moraga Library Book Club: The Invention of Wings, by Sue Monk Kidd, July 19 from 1 to 2 p.m. and Birding Talk: "Changing Seasons" July 26, from 1 to 2 p.m. Also on July 19 from 3 to 4 p.m. there will be a Teen Game and Crafts for those in grades 6-12. All events count toward the summer reading program, and can be found on the library website, according to Community Library Manager Geneva Moss.

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