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## **“Read for the Win” Makes Summer Reading Fun**

### **Los Angeles Dodgers Foundation Pitches in with Grant, Tickets and Giveaways for Sports-Themed Reading Program**

**LOS ANGELES** (June 9, 2016) – All ages are invited to make reading a game by joining the Los Angeles Public Library’s sports-themed [Summer Reading Program](#), “Read for the Win,” June 13 through August 6, 2016, at the Central Library and all 72 branches.

This year the Los Angeles Dodgers Foundation is pitching in with tickets to games, hats and stickers as part of their sponsorship of the summer reading program. Contests to win Dodger tickets will be offered weekly on the Library’s social media sites during Read for the Win. For more information, visit [lapl.org/summer-reading](http://lapl.org/summer-reading) or follow the Los Angeles Public Library on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram.

The Library will also offer a variety of special events, including author programs, crafts, games, story times, performances, films, and even the opportunity to read with rescue dogs. Check [library calendar listings](#) for events across the city.

Themed to sports and gaming, Read for the Win game boards will track each reader’s progress by noting hours spent with a book or completing special activities. Children and teens will receive a prize when they sign up and when they turn in their completed game boards. Adults are asked to try activities that range from writing a book review to reading a graphic novel to earn a Los Angeles Public Library book bag when they turn in their game boards. Participants can sign up online or at any of 73 libraries across the city.

Summer reading programs not only provide a host of fun activities for children, they also help stem learning loss during the long break between the end of one school year and the beginning of the next. Kids who read during the summer sharpen their reading skills and often perform better when they return to the classroom in the fall.

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Read for the Win sponsors include the Library Foundation of Los Angeles, the Council of the Library Foundation, the Walter J. & Holly O. Thomson Foundation, the Walt Disney Company, the California Library Association, the California State Library, and the Los Angeles Dodgers Foundation.

A recipient of the nation's highest honor for library service—the National Medal from the Institute of Museum and Library Services, the Los Angeles Public Library serves the largest and most diverse urban population of any library in the nation. Its Central Library, 72 branch libraries, collection of more than 6 million books, state-of-the-art technology accessible at [www.lapl.org](http://www.lapl.org), and more than 18,000 public programs a year provide everyone with free and easy access to information and the opportunity for life-long learning.

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