

Beanstack Tips 2021

Early Registration begins: Mon, May 17,
Program Dates: Mon., June 7- Fri., July 30

All Staff working public service desks are expected:

- 1) to reset passwords
- 2) to register customers (individual, family or group)
- 3) to log minutes read or the number of activities completed
- 4) to award prizes and record it online, or if at the Main Library, know where to send customers to collect their prize
- 5) to actively promote the program, ex. talk to patrons about the challenge while checking out their materials

This year every program has the slogan *Tails and Tales*. The *Tiny Tots Summer Learning Challenge* is for infants & toddlers ages 3 and under. The *Children's Summer Learning Challenge* is for ages 3-11. The *Teen Summer Learning Challenge* is for youth ages 11 - 18. The *Adult Summer Learning Challenge* is for individuals ages 18 or older.

Registration:

Three year-olds may participate in either the Children's or Tiny Tots Summer Learning Challenge. Eleven year-olds may participate in either the Children's or Teen Summer Learning Challenge. Eighteen year-olds may participate in either the Teen or Adult Summer Learning Challenge. Teen events are for ages 11-17.

Patrons with special needs must register for the program that matches their chronological age, but may participate in the program of their choice.

Patrons usernames and passwords from last year will work this year.

If patrons cannot remember their password from last year, reset it to "beanstack" and tell patron to change it when they get home. Passwords are case sensitive.

Though some may choose to register online at home, please encourage as many customers as possible to register while in the library. This will help ensure that more customers register for the challenge.

Library cards are not required for registration in the summer learning challenges.

Children and teens may register for summer reading without a parent or guardian present.

When registering online, all fields marked with an asterisk must be filled in by either staff or by the customer. If possible, encourage patrons to provide an active email address or phone number in order to receive prize notifications.

The default username is firstnamelastname. Use this only if patrons have not chosen a username. If taken, add a number starting with 1.

If a child does not know their zipcode, please ask the child where they live and fill in the zipcode for them.

If a child, who lives out-of-county, is staying with a grandparent for the summer, use the zipcode of the grandparents.

Participants should remain in the learning challenge that they registered for initially, even if their birthday falls during the program period (June 7-July 30).

If the school field does not apply to the patron registering, type “not” in the field to find the not applicable entry.

Group registration is limited to 5 or more. And should be used by daycares, nursing homes, camps, etc. Large families should use the individual or family option.

When signing up groups, put the group’s name first, hyphen, then the teacher’s last name (ex. Thomas Gymnastics-Smith).

Logging:

Though we will continue to use printed Reading Records or logs, some customers, especially adults or teens, may prefer to log all of their reading time online instead.

Customers may be eligible for the Grand Prize Drawing even if they have not yet been awarded their reading incentives.

The Summer Learning Challenge officially ends on July 30. Only customers completing reading requirements by that date will be eligible for the Grand Prize Drawing. However, as a courtesy to those who may be unable to visit by July 30, staff or customers will be able to log reading information through Friday, Aug.6.. Reading incentives will be awarded while supplies last.

If a group is logging individually, then each individual has a chance at the Grand Prize Drawing. If they log as a group, the group does not have a chance.

If a group completes the Tiny Tot Challenge, all the tots in the group will receive a bath toy and the adult in charge of the group may pick out one board book.

DO NOT automatically complete challenges or badges for patrons. Doing so does not credit time read. ALWAYS use the log to enter the time/activities.

Misc.:

Before using the mobile app, patrons must register for and select to participate in a challenge on the website.

Beanstack periodically asks patrons to verify their information is up to date.

Also note that library account creators under the age of 13 are unable to access Friends and Leaderboards.