

To: City Council
From: Matt Muckler, City Administrator
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- **Summer Calendar:** The West Branch Park & Recreation Department has compiled a community summer calendar. [Click here](#) to view the 2014 Summer Calendar. Residents will find the calendar especially helpful in planning out summer activities for kids. Please contact Melissa Russell by phone at (319) 930-0393 or via e-mail at melissa@westbranchiowa.org to have an event listed on the calendar or any other questions you may have. The West Branch community has a wide array of activities and programs available for residents this summer. The City Staff wishes everyone a great summer and encourages you to take advantage of some of the great programs our community has to offer.

- **Summer Reading Program:** The Summer Programs at the West Branch Public Library are underway with this year's themes focusing on science. Special events and guests include visits from Storm Chasers to learn about how radar works, how tornadoes behave, and why storm chasing is important. The Blank Park Zoo will be visiting with interesting animal science like how duck feathers are waterproof and how salamanders hear without ears. The West Branch Fire Department will be teaching about fire science - how fires start and work and what stops them. And the library staff will be hosting a Harry Potter themed potions class with household magical ingredients. It all kicks off with an outdoor movie at the library this Saturday, June 7th at 8pm. As always, popcorn and snow cones will be provided!

It also wouldn't be summer without prizes. This year, people of all ages will be able to win prizes by both reading and learning new things. Kids will be encouraged to complete a game sheet that encourages activities which include a lot of reading, but also visiting parks, drawing and painting, playing musical instruments, gardening, and cooking. Prizes for the kids are generally smaller, but frequent, encouraging continued participation. Teens will earn badges for things like learning the constellations, creating family trees, and writing with their prizes being more infrequent, but larger like gift certificates and gift cards to various businesses and stores. Adults will be encouraged to learn new languages through the online language learning software, new computer or career skills, and writing. Adult prizes include a brand new iPad Mini and Keurig K140.

Full details of programs and events can be found on the library website at www.wbpl.org/srp.

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