

in Benton, Morrison, Sherburne, Stearns,
Todd, & Wright Counties

April 20, 2010

Dear Principal:

Great River Regional Library (GRRL) is preparing for this year's Summer Reading Program, which will be offered at all 32 of our public libraries June 14-August 14. In recent years we have added a Teen Summer Reading Program to our long-established children's program. Teens themselves asked for this -- many who had grown too old for the children's program wanted an alternative in which to take part past the age of 12. We're happy to oblige!

The theme for this summer's teen program is *Make Waves at Your Library*. As with the children's program, the emphasis in the teen program is on fun, because it gives teens the opportunity to find new books to read for leisure rather than for assignment. It stimulates their enthusiasm for reading.

You can help students in your school be more successful by encouraging them to visit their library during the summer and by telling them about the fun they'll have in the Summer Reading Program:

- Access to an almost unlimited supply of reading materials (including graphic novels and manga)
- Eligibility for incentive prizes
- Participation in special events and programs

Best of all, it's a free program they can do with their friends!

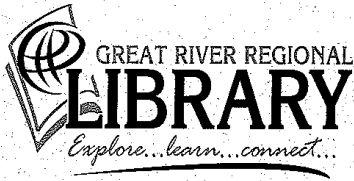
Please help us help your students succeed by distributing the enclosed flyers to your classrooms and media centers. Some of our staff also may contact you to visit your classes to promote this program; we hope you will welcome them into your school.

Our staff are also available to speak at school in-service days this August or throughout the year to present information about our library resources, such as our collection and databases. It would be a great opportunity to dialogue with your staff about working together for the benefit of our community's youth and teens. Please see the enclosed flyer for more information.

If you have any questions about the summer reading program or other children's programming at GRRL, please contact me at (320) 650-2510 or bethr@grrl.lib.mn.us. Thank you for your help in promoting a lifetime of reading success!

Sincerely,

Beth Ringsmuth-Stolpman
Patron Services Specialist



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