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THE BOOKPLATE

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Children's Summer Reading Program

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It was a fabulous summer for the Boone County Library Summer Reading Program! There were 250 kids registered for the program and I think we saw nearly every one each week. Boy, were we busy with registration and assisting all those kids who met their weekly goals!

Outside of the program itself, we averaged between 120 and 130 kids for each week's story time on Tuesday and Wednesday AND had approximately 140 children per week from the daycare visits. As we visited each country or continent on our travels, we crafted items of or from that area. We made South American safari pictures, Egyptian collars, African tribal masks, Chinese hats and panda hand puppets, Kimono dolls and Japanese hope lanterns, painted kangaroos in watercolor and created colorful parrots for our final jaunt to Hawaii. With 165 plus attending our Hawaiian luau at the pool party, we had our hands full!

Because of the generous donation by Friends of the Library, we were able to award 105 gift bags to our weekly prize winners as well as other token prizes given out at the pool party. The kids had a blast and many, many, many books were read this summer. Overall a smashing success!