

**Belmont Public Library
Children's Summer Reading Program
Beads and books**

Who?

Kids age 3 and up. Pre-readers can participate by attending programs at the Belmont Public Library, being read to, and telling their own stories! *Please note that there are components of this program that have small parts and are choking hazards, so please be careful around younger children.*

What?

Beads galore! For every 15 minutes of reading, kids earn a bead. The more time they read, the fancier the beads get. Kids can save up time, trade for different beads at the library, and trade beads with friends. There's no right or wrong way to build a Reading Chain!

Kids can also set a reading goal and upon completion choose a book to keep and a fun Brag Tag to put on their chain to mark the occasion. But the fun doesn't stop there...we have lots of programs all summer long—and you get any bead of your choice for attending!

When?

All summer long! Sign-up starts June 17. The first day to get beads is June 27. The last day to get beads is August 16. Any time the Children's Room is open, kids can come redeem their beads.

Where?

Sign up for the program and pick up the beads at the Belmont Public Library Children's Room.

FAQ (Thanks to the 2nd graders at Burbank Elementary for their many thoughtful questions!)

Q: What do I get when I sign up? A: A Starter Kit with a reading tracker and stickers, chain and starting dog tag, a BINGO sheet full of reading and other activities, and a fun surprise.

Q: What if I finish all 40 circles in the reading tracker? A: We have an extension paper with a lot more circles. Pick it up at the library, or download it online, whenever you finish the first one.

Q: Do I have to read at the library? What books do I have to read? A: Read anywhere and everywhere! (Except in the water, of course!) As for books, we have some great suggestions for you, but you can read whatever you want! Fiction, non-fiction, comic and graphic novels, audiobooks...ALL reading is GOOD reading!

Q: What if I won't be here for part of/the whole summer? A: Track the time you read while you're gone and redeem it for beads whenever you get back into town!

If your family is going away for the whole summer, come talk to library staff and we'll try to work with you so your family can still participate! (While supplies last.)

Q: MAYDAY MAYDAY I LOST MY CHAIN/TRACKER! IT'S A DISASTER! WHAT DO I DO?! A: Houston, that's not problem! We have extra chains and trackers if you lose yours and we can replace *some* of the beads you lost (while supplies last)...but please try to keep track of it!

More questions? Stop by the library, call us at 617-993-2880, or send the Children's Librarians an email at belmail2@minlib.net



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