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**BOCA RATON PUBLIC LIBRARY
LAUNCHES SUMMER READING INITIATIVE, "LIBRARIES ROCK!"
WITH A KICK-OFF PARTY, JUNE 9, 10:00AM–12:00PM**

(Boca Raton, FL) –The Boca Raton Public Library, along with public libraries in South Florida and around the country, is launching its annual Summer Reading program, "Libraries Rock!" Generously sponsored by the Friends of the Boca Raton Public Library, this year's music-themed activities and classes will inspire all ages to rock out and read. The festivities begin with a free Kick-Off Party on Saturday, June 9, from 10:00am–12:00pm at the Spanish River Library, 1501 NW Spanish River Blvd. The whole family is invited to play games, enjoy food, listen to a live DJ, participate in an interactive drumming activity and much more.

Summer Reading enrollment begins on June 4 for kids, 'tweens, teens, and adults. Children receive a free reading log, bag and bookmark when they enroll and can collect a new prize each week for reading. 'Tweens and teens receive a cell phone wallet upon enrollment and are placed in weekly drawings for gift cards when they log their books online. Adults get a free book bag when they enroll and are eligible for monthly drawings for local concert tickets when they log the books they read at bocalibrary.org.

As a community partner in education, BRPL encourages families to read during summer break to keep their reading skills sharp. The Summer Reading initiative provides an educational bridge between school years to prevent "summer slide" during which students may lose up to two months of skills. "The 'summer slide' is real, and our professional library staff is here to help. We will provide reading recommendations for students at all reading levels, from preschool through high school. Adults can also request a Personalized Reading List based on their reading preferences," said Amanda Liebl, Youth Programs Director. "Our Summer Reading Program offers kids, 'tweens and teens some awesome prize incentives to encourage them to read throughout the summer. And our classes, programs and events will provide education and fun for the whole family."

"Each year, BRPL's Summer Reading program grows and reaches more readers," notes Ann Nappa, Library Manager. "Thank you to the Friends of the BRPL, who generously donated more than \$12,000 to support this educational initiative on behalf of the community! Great prizes for reading, a rockin' kick-off party, and our fantastic new 'Libraries Rock!' book bag are all part of the summer fun at BRPL."

For a full listing of summer classes and activities, pick up a copy of *The Recreator* or a Summer Reading brochure at both libraries. Visit bocalibrary.org to enroll in Summer Reading and log your books from June 4–August 9.



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