

An illustration of three children in space ships against a starry night sky. On the left, a child in a blue ship with yellow stars and a green alien. In the center, a child in a white ship with a red base, wearing glasses and holding a book. On the right, a child in a grey ship with a red and yellow base. A book is floating in the space between the ships.

Summer Reading Report 2019

Oregon City Public Library

Compiled by Barratt Miller, Youth Services Librarian
September 2019





Introduction

Funding



\$8,484

Ready to Read Grant
(State of Oregon for
Summer Reading
activities for youth
age 0-14)



\$3,500

Friends of the
Oregon City Library



\$500

Oregon City
Optimist Club



Additional Funds

Oregon City Public
Library budget

Timeline

JUNE 2019						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31	1 ★
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	1	2	3	4	5	6

June 1
Registration begins

JUNE 2019						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25 ★	26	27	28	29
30	1	2	3	4	5	6

June 25
First day of prize
pickups

AUGUST 2019						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9 ★	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

August 9
Last day to register

SEPTEMBER 2019						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 ★	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	1	2	3	4	5

September 1
Last day to pick up
prizes

Registration Prizes



Free book
(All Ages)



**40% Off
Oaks Park
Ride
Bracelet**
(All Ages)



**Free mini-golf
or playland
admission at
Bullwinkle's
Family Fun
Center**
(All Ages)



**Free soft
serve ice
cream cone
from Mike's
Drive-In**
(All Ages)



**Free ticket to a
Thorns or Timbers
2 soccer game**
(All Ages)



**Free class at
MyGym**
(Wiggle
Worms &
Kids)

Reading Logs



Wiggle Worms (Can't Sit Still Yet)

Share at least 1 story,
song, or rhyme with
a caregiver each day
on 25 days

*Extra prizes for 2nd & 3rd
reading logs*



Kids (Up to Grade 5)

Read (or listen to
stories) for at least
25 minutes each day
on 25 days

*Extra prizes for 2nd & 3rd
reading logs*



Teens (Just Finished Grades 6-12)

Complete 5 in a row
on the bingo card

*Extra prizes for 20/25 and
blackout*

Finishing Prizes



1st Reading Log or Bingo 5-in-a-Row

Prize from the treasure chest and coupon packet



2nd Reading Log or Bingo 20/25

Prize from the treasure chest and chance to win one of four \$25 gift cards to White Rabbit Books & Gifts



3rd Reading Log or Bingo Blackout

Prize from the treasure chest and chance to win one of three \$50 gift cards to White Rabbit Books & Gifts

Finisher Coupon Packet



**\$5 off
library late
fees**
(All Ages)



**Free ticket
to a Trail
Blazers
game**
(All Ages)



**Oregon State
Fair ticket**
(2 for 1 adult
admission for
all ages, free
admission for
Wiggle Worms
and Kids)



**Free
admission
and skate
rental from
Lloyd
Center Ice
Rink**
(All Ages)



**Free toy
from the
Lakeshore
Learning
Store**
(Wiggle
Worms &
Kids)



**Free 6 oz.
frozen
yogurt from
Menchie's**
(Kids &
Teens)



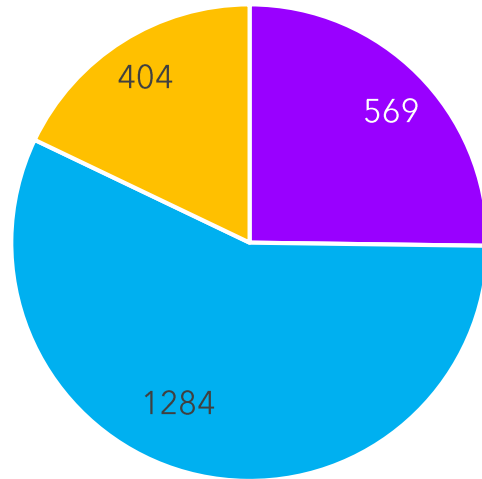
**Free kids
meal from
The Old
Spaghetti
Factory**
(Kids &
Teens)



Reading at Home

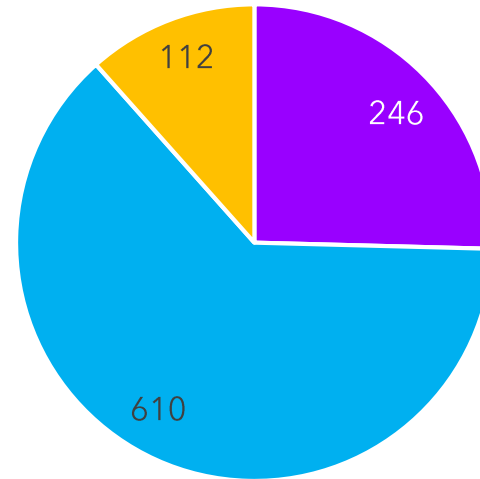
How Many Kids Participated in Summer Reading This Year?

Registered



■ Wiggle Worms (25%) ■ Kids (57%) ■ Teens (18%)

Completed

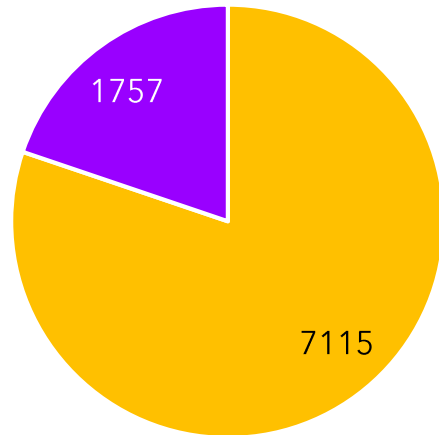


■ Wiggle Worms (25%) ■ Kids (63%) ■ Teens (12%)

Registration increased by 29% in 2019

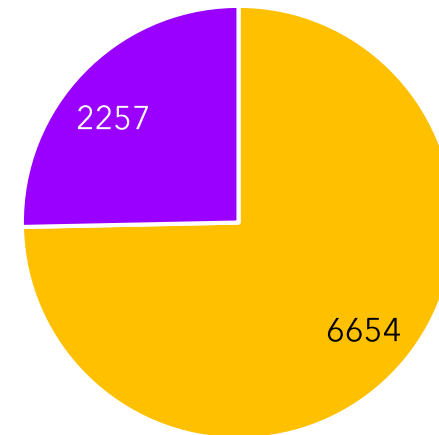
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2018



- Youth in OC who didn't participate in Summer Reading (80%)
- Signups at OC Library (20%)

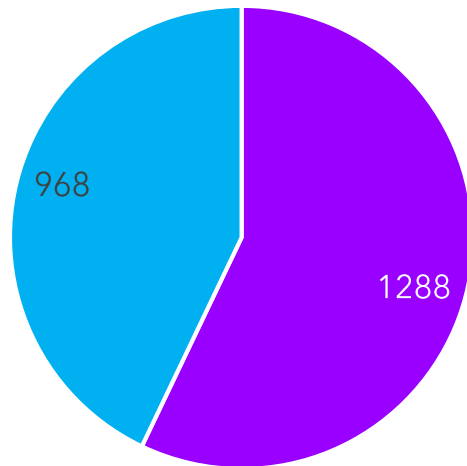
2019



- Youth in OC who didn't participate in Summer Reading (75%)
- Signups at OC Library (25%)

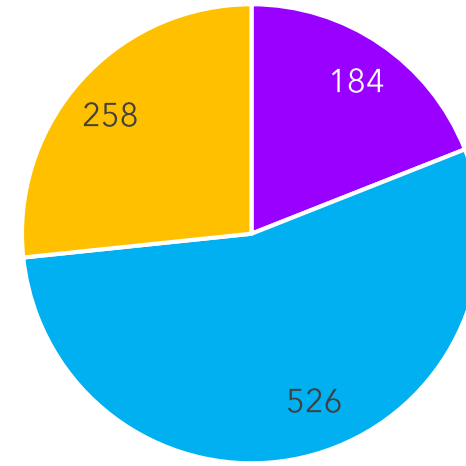
1 in 4 OC youth signed up for SRP in 2019 (up from 1 in 5 in 2018)

How Many Kids Finished the Summer Reading Program This Year?



- Did not finish Summer Reading (57% of sign ups)
- Turned in 1 or more reading logs (43% of sign ups)

Decrease in completion rates
(47% completion rate in 2018)



- Turned in 1 reading log (19% of finishers)
- Turned in 2 reading logs (54% of finishers)
- Turned in 3 reading logs (27% of finishers)

Increase in 2nd reading logs completed
(22% of finishers in 2018)

How Much Did Our Summer Readers Read?



Over **11,025** stories & songs shared with Wiggle Worms

Over **11,718** hours read by Kids

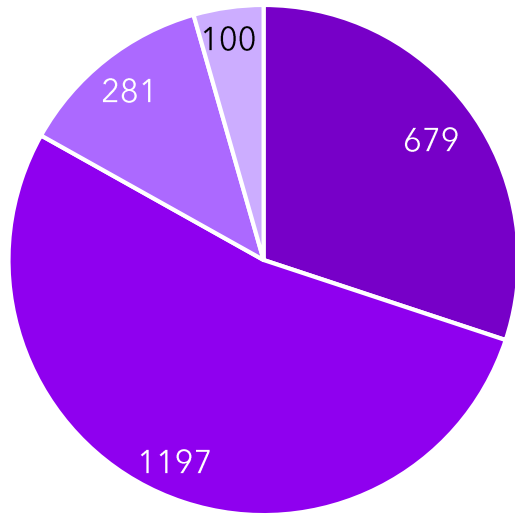
Over **1,565** bingo squares completed by Teens

1,669 reading logs and bingo cards submitted

Left: Library staff members lay on a pile of submitting reading logs and bingo cards on the lobby floor

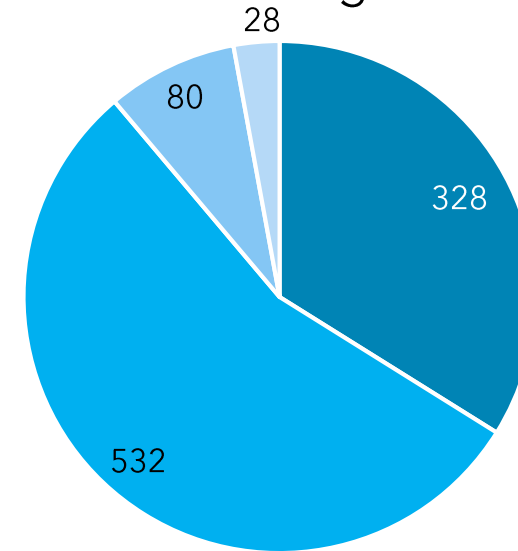
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Summer Reading Sign Ups



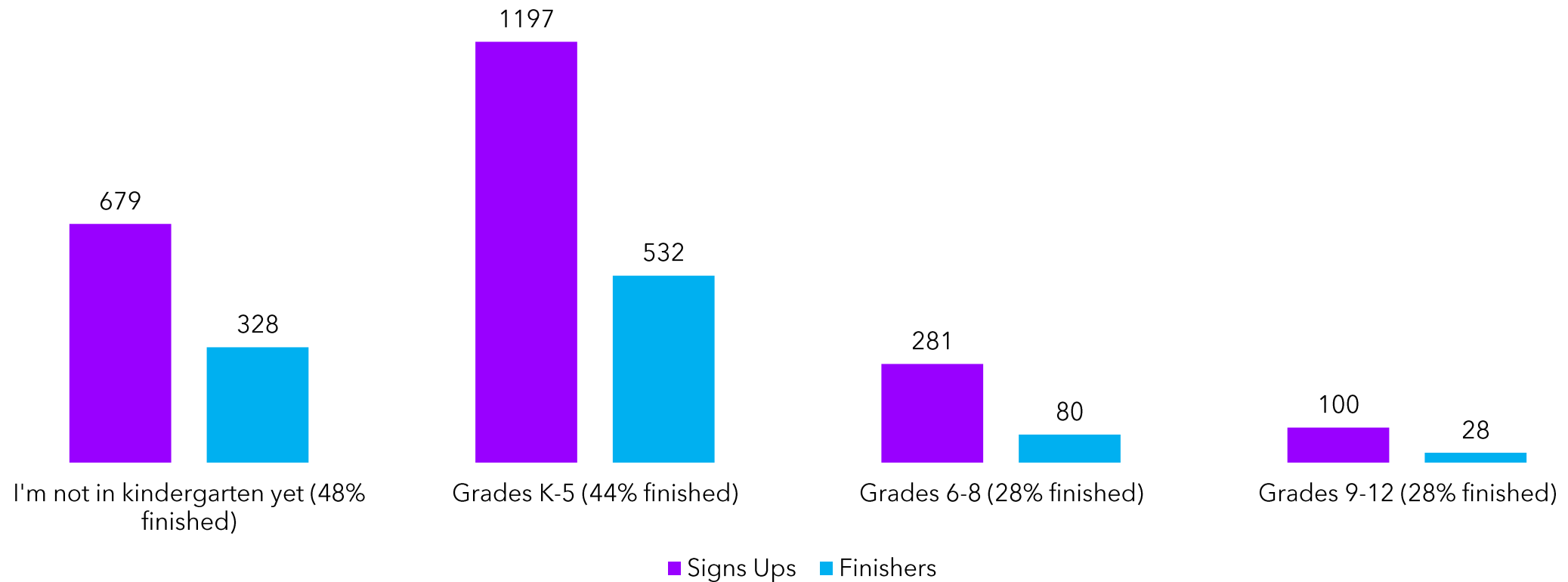
- I'm not in kindergarten yet (30% of signups)
- Grades K-5 (54% of sign ups)
- Grades 6-8 (12% of sign ups)
- Grades 9-12 (4% of sign ups)

Summer Reading Finishers



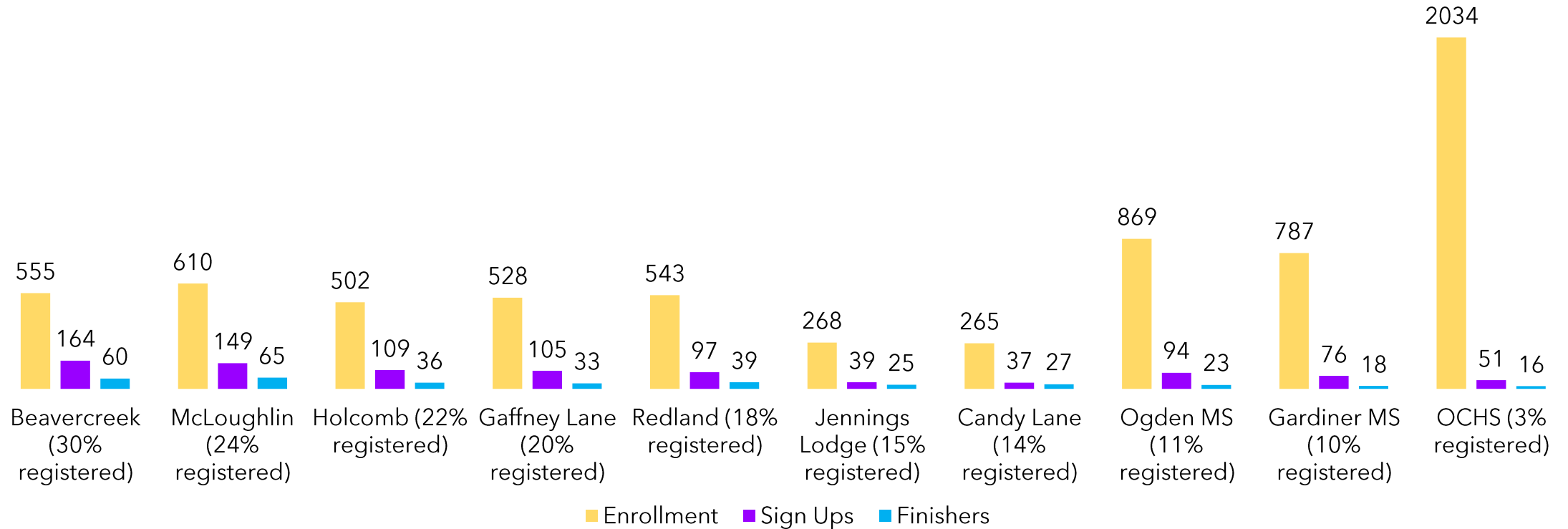
- I'm not in kindergarten yet (34% of finishers)
- Grades K-5 (55% of finishers)
- Grades 6-8 (8% of finishers)
- Grades 9-12 (3% of finishers)

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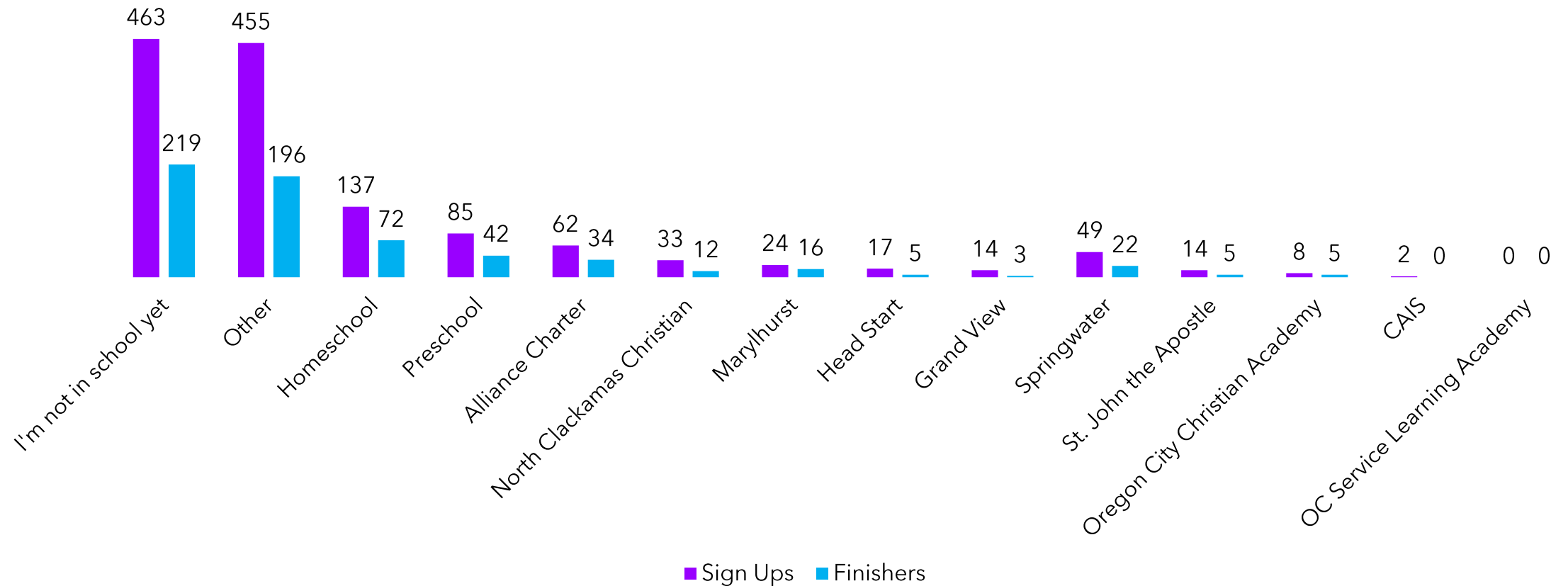
Finishing rates down in all age groups compared to 2018

What Schools Did Our Summer Readers Attend Last Year?



All schools except Gaffney Lane Elementary received an outreach visit from library staff

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Events at the Library

Event Overview



Families enjoy the Micah & Me concert in the Library Park

8,320 people attended our 107 events

- 11 school visits (2,880)
- 25 family events (3,751)
- 51 storytimes (1,394)
- 20 tween and teen events (295)

Special Events

Visits to Schools

Elementary school assemblies and secondary school lunch visits



500+ Redland Elementary students pose on the school lawn

May 24: Redland Elementary (548)

May 29: Oregon City High School (6)

June 3: Candy Lane Elementary (216)

June 4: Holcomb Elementary (260)

June 5: Holcomb Elementary (257)

June 5: Jennings Lodge Elementary (251)

June 5: Ogden Middle School (15)

June 6: Beavercreek Elementary (580)

June 11: Gardiner Middle School (19)

June 11: McLoughlin Elementary (688)

Special Events

Touch-A-Truck



Children get up close and personal with a bulldozer

Hands-on exploration of police, fire, and public works vehicles for everyone in the community to enjoy

- 600 people attended
- 120 children and teens signed up for Summer Reading during the event

A Partnership with Oregon City Police Department, Oregon City Public Works, and Clackamas Fire District #1

Weekly Events **Family Concerts**

Live, family-friendly music for everyone in the community to enjoy



A crowd of kids watch Red Yarn perform

June 19: Eric Ode (235)

June 26: Jessa Campbell & The Saplings (183)

July 3: The Alphabeticians (330)

July 10: Chayag Andean Music & Dance (193)

July 17: Symphony Storytime (183)

July 24: Charlie Hope (260)

July 31: Chuck Cheeseman (216)

August 7: Red Yarn (307)

August 14: Micah & Me (223)

Weekly Events **Art Lab**

Process-based art projects for kids age 12 and younger and their families



*A selection of galaxy paintings using oil pastels
and glitter paints on black paper*

June 19: Galaxy Paintings (150)

June 25: Clay Aliens (112)

July 3: Design Your Own Constellation (73)

July 10: Play With a Star (83)

July 17: Planet Landscapes (88)

July 24: Foil Printed Planets (63)

July 31: Eclipse Resist Drawings (126)

August 7: Rocket Ship Sculptures (72)

August 14: Solar System Collages (66)

Weekly Events

Chop It Like It's Hot

Healthy cooking classes for teens who just finished grades 6-12

A Partnership with OSU Extension's Food Hero Program



Two teens measure soy sauce during a cooking class

June 20: Applesauce French Toast (16)

June 26: Carrot Pancakes (16)

July 11: Rigatoni Pasta (12)

July 18: Barley Salad (11)

July 25: Blueberry Muffins (10)

August 1: Turnip Pancakes (9)

August 8: Sesame Noodles (7)

August 15: Pasta, Salad, Smoothies (13)

Weekly Events

Young Teens

Hands-on maker activities for kids age 10-14



A tween shows off the silver flower done by the professional henna artist and her own designs (in black)

June 21: LEGO Intergalactic Imagination (17)

June 27: Explosions, Inc. (19)

July 5: Light-Up Constellation Art (19)

July 12: Needled Felted Space Aliens (24)

July 19: Henna Tattoos (27)

July 26: Food in Space (9)

August 2: Harry Potter Birthday Party (29)

August 9: Galaxy Marble Magnets (18)

August 16: Tie-Dye T-Shirts (22)

Weekly Events **Storytime**

Stories, songs, and movement activities for young children and families



Kids play under a parachute, a favorite storytime activity

Toddler Time for ages 18-36 months (516)

Music & Movement for ages 5 and younger (441)

Baby Signs for ages 2 and younger (278)

Preschool Connection for ages 3-5 (159)

Monthly Events

Teen Movies, LEGO Lab, Read to the Dogs

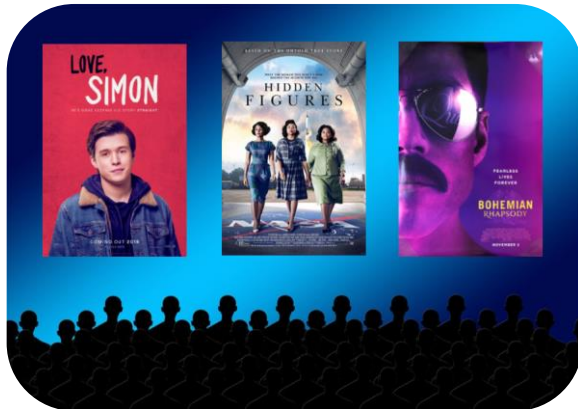
Teen Movies

For teens who just finished grades 6-12

June 18: Love, Simon (8)

July 16: Hidden Figures (3)

August 13: Bohemian Rhapsody (6)



This summer's featured movies

LEGO Lab

For kids age 12 and younger and their families

June 8: Space Vehicles (58)

July 12: Free Choice (58)

August 10: Staying Cool (44)



"Staying Cool" LEGO creations in the Children's Room display case

Read to the Dogs: Igmu

For kids age 12 and younger and their families

June 15: 6 readers (12)

July 19: 4 readers (8)

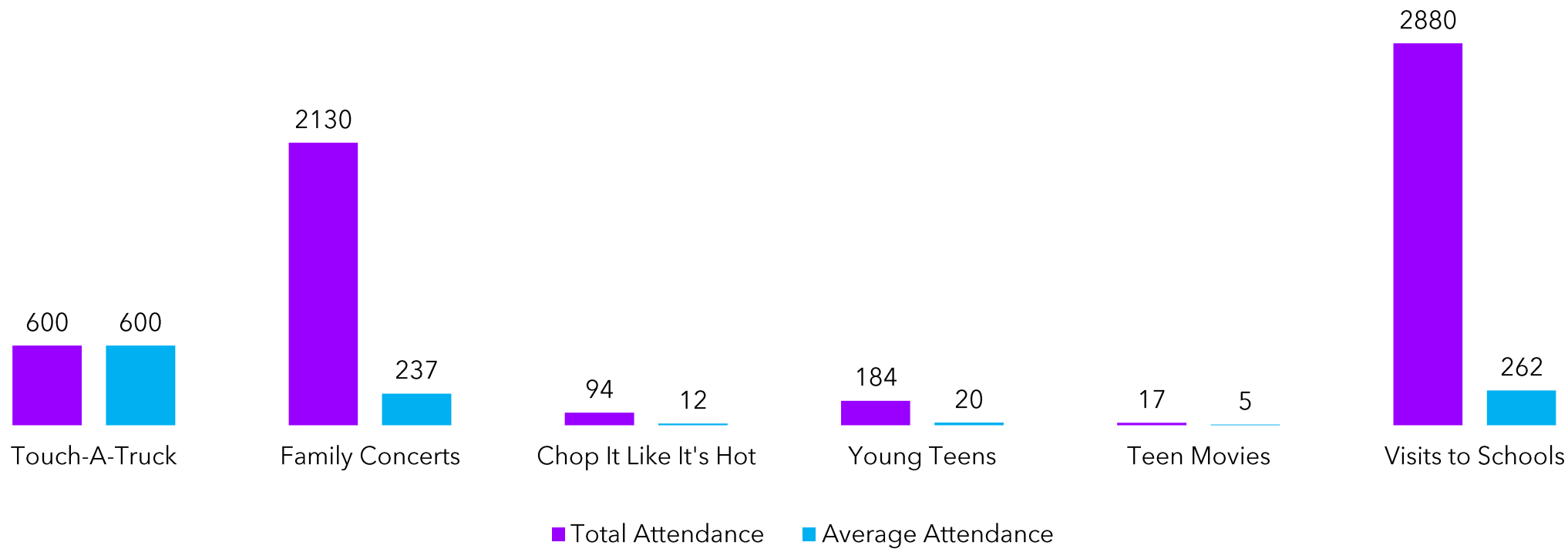
August 17: 4 readers (8)



Igmu rests between readers

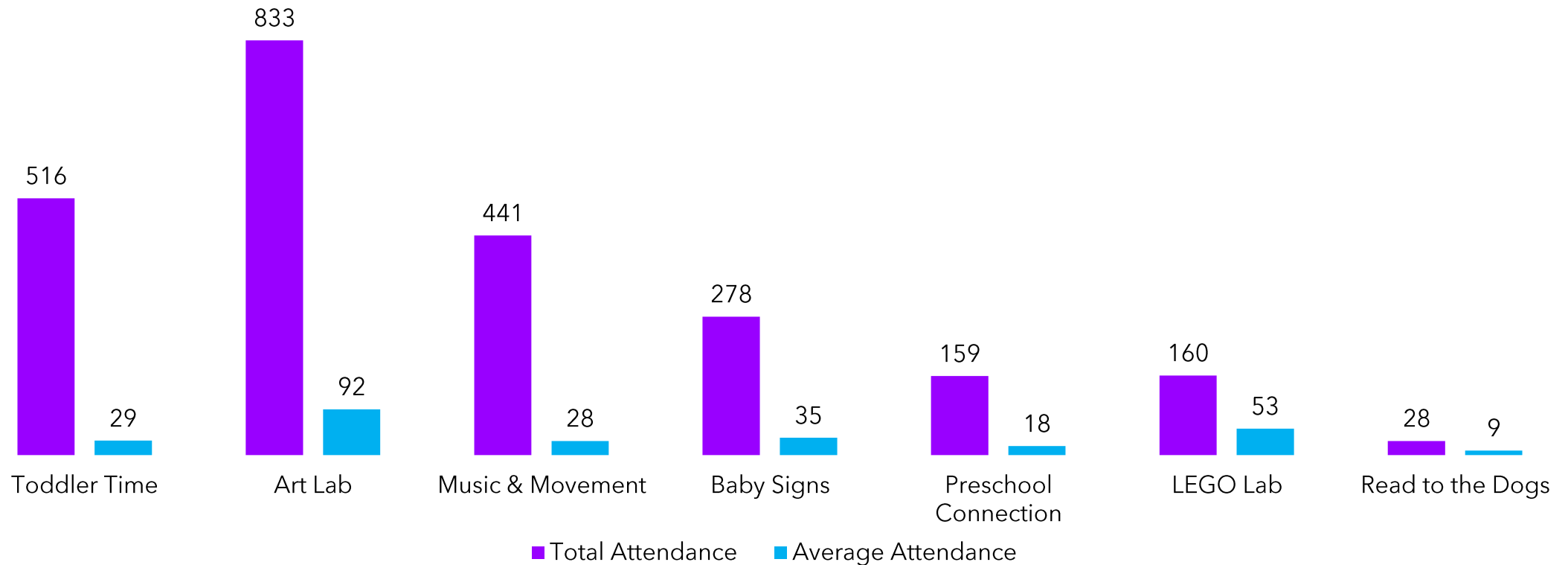
Summer-Only Events

Event Attendance



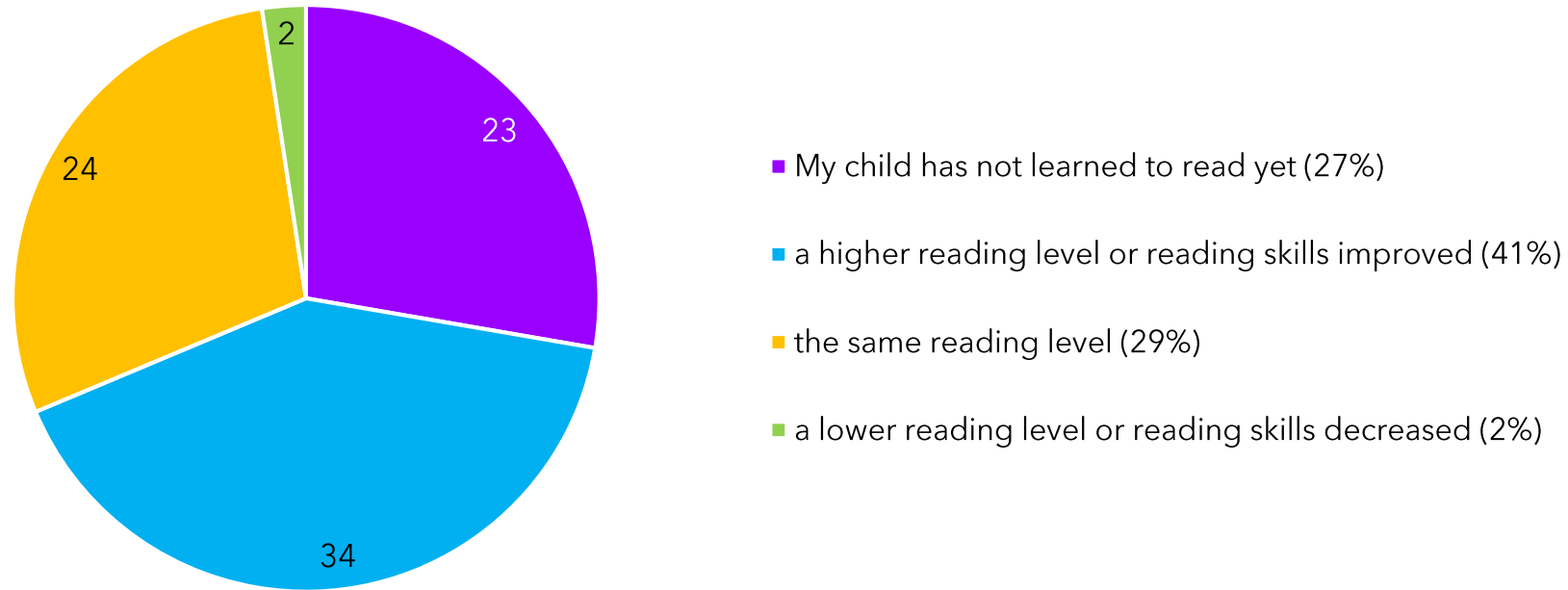
Year-Round Events

Event Attendance



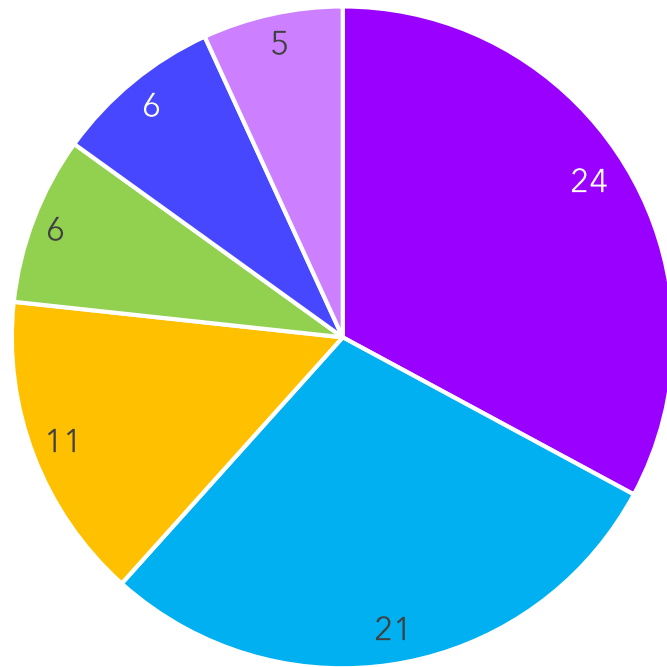
Parent Feedback

Compared to the books they were reading in May, my child is now reading at...



The Summer Reading Program "has totally ignited my son's love of reading."

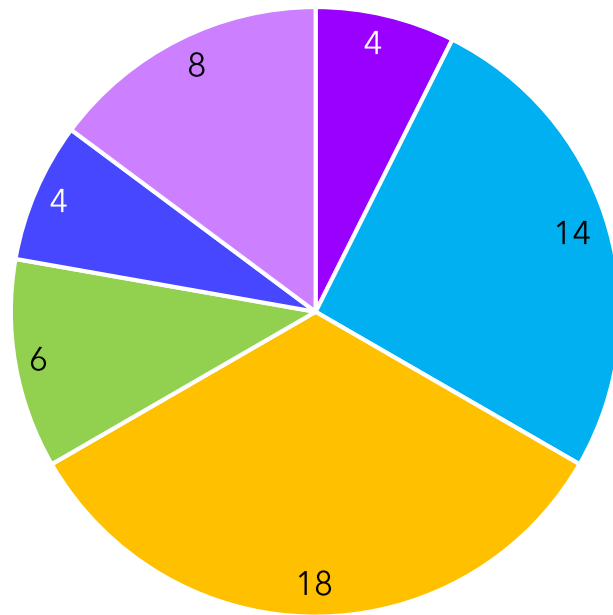
What was your favorite thing about Summer Reading this year?



- We loved the prizes (33%)
- My kids being motivated to read (29%)
- Sharing books with my kids (15%)
- Attending family concerts (8%)
- Easy tracking and participation (8%)
- Other (7%)

"My daughter loves turning in her completed reading log. She feels so accomplished."

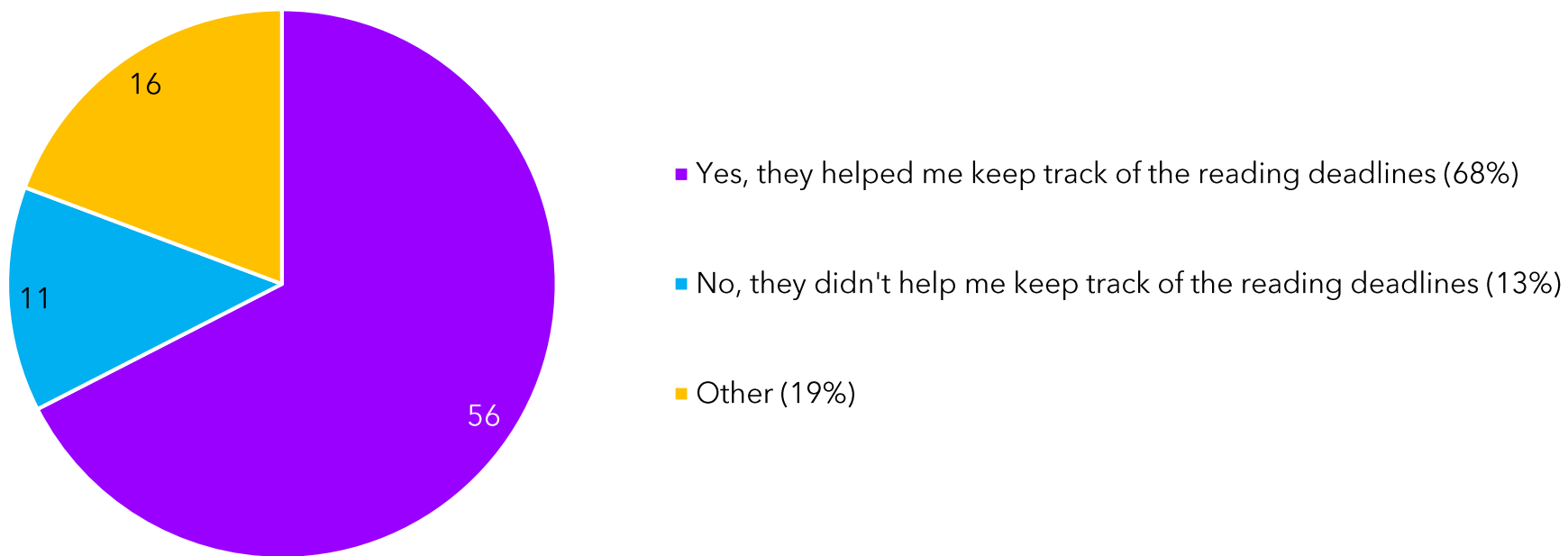
What could we do differently next year to make Summer Reading even better?



- We want different or more events (7%)
- Nothing! We like the program as it is (26%)
- We'd like a different selection of prizes (33%)
- We'd like a different structure to the program (11%)
- We'd like an online tracking option (7%)
- Other (15%)

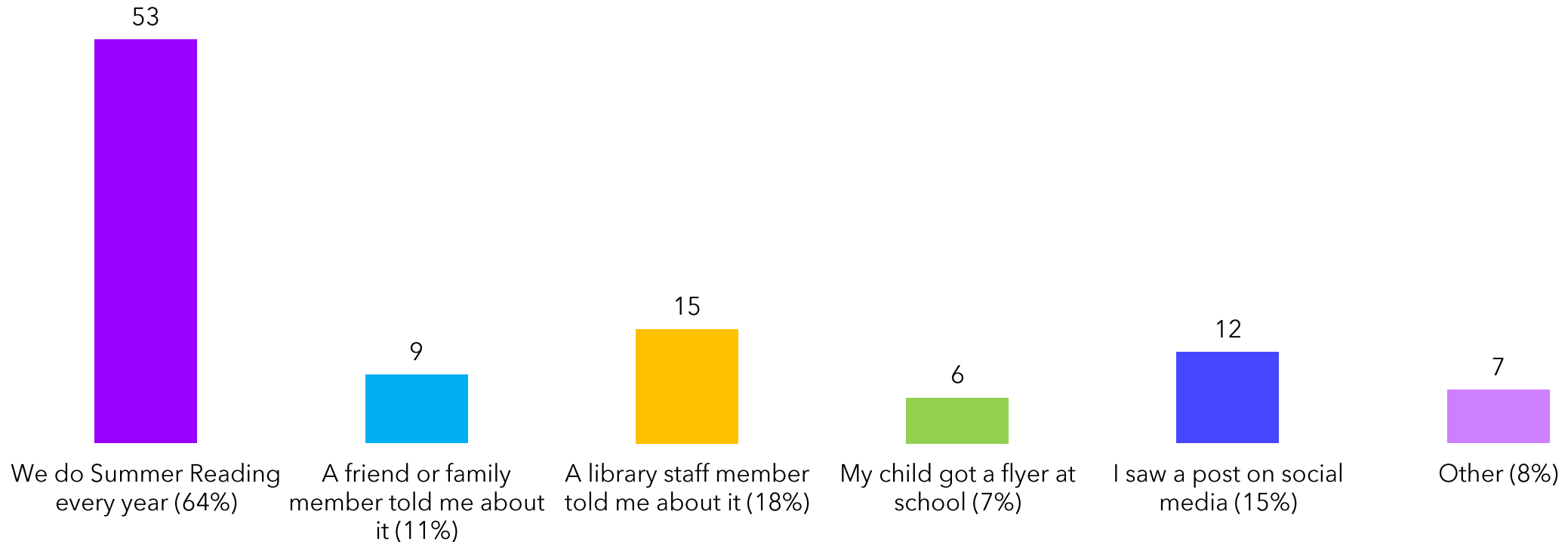
"More local, Oregon City prizes."

Were the e-mail reminders helpful?



Summer Reading would be even better with "more e-mail check ins."

How did you learn about Summer Reading this year? (Select all that apply.)



A deep space photograph showing the Milky Way galaxy stretching across the frame. The galaxy's core is visible on the left, glowing with a mix of purple, blue, and white light. The surrounding space is filled with countless stars of varying brightness. The text 'Favorite Moments' is overlaid in the lower half of the image.

Favorite Moments

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A cat riding a burrito rocket through space

Throughout the summer, library staff members working at the Children's Desk wrote down their "best of" moments recording great comments and conversations overheard in the library.

A few of the highlights...

Favorite Moments

BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

- A preschooler came in and asked for an Avengers book. When he looked at the book, he said "this will be my favorite."
- A kid very proudly said he liked all of my top picks for books similar to Dog Man (Chicken Squad, Bad Guys, Kung Pow Chicken, and Binky the Space Cat) and then read the entire Binky graphic novel before they even left.
- While helping a teen refill a bingo card after she forgot the original at home, I asked her what book a library staff member had recommended to her. She pulled Sabrina's recommendation, The Wicked Deep by Shea Ernshaw, out of her backpack. When I asked if she'd liked it, she said, "I read it five times."

Favorite Moments

PRIZES

- 3 siblings turned in their pink summer reading forms. The mom said that they took "My Father's Dragon" as one of the free books. She read it to the kids and everyone loved it!
- An older patron was excited she could get a pencil, eraser, and pencil sharpener over the course of the summer so she'd be ready to go once school started.
- After I told her the contents of the Finisher Packet with a Kid Finisher, her eyes widened and she said, "Thank you *SO* much!!!"

Favorite Moments

READING AT HOME

- A dad brought in his young Wiggle Worm to meet up with another little friend who was in the process of selecting his free book. I asked if he'd like to sign up and he looked uncertain--but before I could start to explain the program, another parent jumped in and started regaling him with the awesomeness of SRP and how beneficial it had been for her little one and how he should definitely sign up. He signed up.
- A family came in to turn in their first reading logs today and one of the kids (a wiggle worm) had loved her log so much (she had decorated it with stickers and markers) that she cut it up and used it in an art project!
- A mom and two kids came in at 6:55 last night to turn in their first reading log. They'd just finished filling in the last star and the kids begged to go to the library right then to get their prize. They rushed down here to make it before we closed and, in his excitement, one of the kids had completely forgotten his shoes at home.

Favorite Moments

THE LIBRARY

- Had a family walk up to me. Mom said that her daughter wanted to say something to me. The daughter gave me a thumbs up and said that she gave our library an A+ because it had so many books and fun things.
- A grandma who's been bringing her granddaughters to Art Lab and the Young Teen programs told me that her family & friends have been asking her what she does with her granddaughters when the kids go over to her house. Everyone is surprised that they go to the library so much, but according to grandma, "it's the only thing they want to do."
- This happened Thursday near the self-check machines as a family was leaving. The youngest, a little guy not much more than two, said, "Mama--Mama--this is awesome!"



Conclusion

Changes for Summer Reading 2020



More outreach to Head Start

(only 17 children signed up this year)



Continue Family Concerts

with sponsorships from local businesses



Increase capacity for Young Teen programs to 30 youth per week



Include the "why" of our SRP offerings in monthly parent newsletter (in print and via e-mail)



Plan for a 25% increase in sign ups next year (750 Wiggle Worms, 1,500 Kids, 500 Teens)



Plan for a 50% completion rate and investigate why the completion rate dropped from 2018-19