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### ***Press Release***

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### **Fresno County Public Library Kicks Off Summer Reading Events for Youth, Adults**

The Fresno County Public Library is pleased to announce its annual summer reading program for all ages, with an animal-inspired theme titled "Paws to Read". All children and teens who read will win a prize. Adults who complete items on an activity checklist will be entered into weekly drawings for 35 gift baskets. All adults, teens, and children who complete the program will be eligible for the grand prize drawing of 14 *Kindle Fire HD* tablets.

Additional summer reading program events occurring from **June 14<sup>th</sup> to August 3<sup>rd</sup>** include:

- *Kickoff event at the Valley Animal Center* (3934 N Hayston Ave. Fresno, CA) from 10 am-1 pm, Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup>. Performers for this event include the E&M Reptile Family, Bubble Show by Wild Child Adventures, Tail Waggin' Tutors, and Clifford the Big Red Dog.
- *Bus Trip to Cat Haven & Sequoia National Park*. Join the Library on a trip to visit Cat Haven and Sequoia National Park on Sunday, August 10<sup>th</sup>, from 9 am to 5:45 pm. Activities for this excursion include visiting rare and endangered cats at the Cat Haven, a visit to Grant Grove, and lunch in the Sequoia National Park.
- *Children's programs* include magicians; puppeteers; singing and dancing; reptile shows; and bubble fun.

- *Craft activities for teens* include pet bandanas; bottle cap magnets; wizard wands; painting frames; and self-portraits.
- Adult activities include author events with Linda Caine (*Out of the Dark*) and Carmen Christina Moreno (*My Father and the Mexican Revolution*); Cajun Zydeco with Evo Bluestein; and a birdhouse key holder craft.

Further details about the summer reading program and a complete schedule of events are available at local branch libraries and online at <http://www.fresnolibrarysrp.org/>. All events are free except the bus trip to Cat Haven & Sequoia National Park, which is \$30 per person.

“The Library’s Summer Reading Program is filled with appealing activities for everyone,” said County Librarian Laurel Prysiazny. “It helps keep students’ minds active and engaged, and promotes family fun and reading for all ages.”

Sponsors include Valley Animal Center, 7-11, Round Table Pizza, In-N-Out, Subway, Educational Employees Credit Union, Island Waterpark, Warnors Theatre, and the Friends of the Fresno County Public Library.

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