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**OCONEE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY ANNOUNCES
2017 SUMMER READING PROGRAM**

“Build a Better World” is the theme of Oconee County Public Library’s 2017 All Ages Summer Reading Program. Patrons are invited to try something new this summer: at home, in the community, and throughout the country. Read a new book, try a new craft, meet new people, and learn about new places.

We have a program for every age. This year we’ve streamlined the process so the requirements are the same for kids, teens, and adults. All you have to do is read and do activities to earn points. Once you earn 500 points, return your log to the library and receive a prize and a ticket to our End of Summer Reading Bash to be held at South Cove County Park. It’s super easy!

This year's prizes include reading medals, subscription boxes, book of the month clubs, gift cards, and much more. Our schedule of summer events include a falconry program, theatre group, book clubs, crafts, bullet journaling, movie nights, STEM programs, Teen Taco Tuesdays, family events, and more!

As a reward to our community for participating in summer reading, our library will hold an amnesty week for overdue materials if our community achieves 200,000 summer reading points! This means people can return library materials they’ve had out for months or years without penalty or having to pay late fees.

We are also asking our patrons to help “build a better world” here in our community by donating items for Grace’s Closet. Throughout the summer, all OCPL branches will have boxes to drop-off donated goods. A list of items accepted for donation will be available at the libraries or visit www.gracescloset.org

The libraries will also serve as free lunch sites for the School District of Oconee County. Any child under the age of 18 can get a free lunch during the summer at one of our libraries.

Registration begins on May 22nd. Visit any OCPL branch or Bookmobile and ask to sign up. You do not have to have a library card, but we encourage you to get one and that will earn you your first points towards your summer reading goal! For more information, call the library at 638-4133 or visit our website at www.oconeelibrary.org

All programs are free of charge.