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Lompoc Library's Summer Reading Program Participation More Than Doubled This Year

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LOMPOC, CA, Aug. 9, 2017 – The Lompoc Public Library System is pleased to report that more than twice as many people participated in programs and events held as part of this year's Summer Reading Program as last year.

Total attendance for programs and events held for the Summer Reading Program themed "Reading by Design" that ran **June 9** through **Aug. 4** was 3,563. That attendance number marks a 116 percent increase over last year's total of 1,650. There were 62 programs and events held for Reading by Design, including classes, parties, shows, and craft days at the Lompoc and Village libraries, as well as the Charlotte's Web Mobile Children's Library.

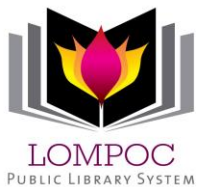
In addition, a total of 12,500 books were read as part of the Summer Reading Program that was available to kids through adults of all ages. The total number of books read this summer is 47 percent more than last year's total of 8,495.

Total reading signups for Reading by Design was 1,935 this summer, up 6 percent from last year's 1,822 signups.

Lompoc Library System Director Sarah Bleyl said the program continues to become more successful each year thanks to the community's support.

"Our Summer Reading Program is a fun way to come together as a community in support of literacy," Bleyl said. "The Summer Reading Program is about books, and so much more. It's about exploring different ways to enjoy learning this summer, no matter your age. We'd like to give a big 'thank you' to our local businesses that supported the Summer Reading Program by donating prizes, and to the Friends of the Lompoc Library for its continuing support."

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