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### **Effingham Public Library to Waive Late Fines for Children Signing Up for Summer Read**

The Effingham Public library has announced that it is implementing a one-time waive of late fines for children who sign up for their Summer Read Program. Sign up for the Summer Read Program began Tuesday, May 1. The Summer Read Program will run from June 1 to July 31<sup>st</sup>.

Catherine Bailey, Programming Outreach Manager explained, "Each year we host a Summer Read Program to keep children reading over the long summer break. Research has shown that children who don't read over the summer end up 2 months behind when they return to school in the fall. However, children who read just six books over the summer score consistently higher in both reading and math. Clearly, it's in all our interest to get children reading over the summer, and we want to make sure that a late fine isn't stopping children from participating."

To be eligible to have their fines waived, children must have an Effingham Public Library Card. Effingham Public Library can only waive fines from Effingham Public Library items. The fine waiver does not apply to lost or damaged books.

Registration is online at [www.effinghamlibrary.org](http://www.effinghamlibrary.org) or visit the library.

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