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Mayor, Common Council to honor city's top “Super Readers”

A “Super Reader” from each Milwaukee Public Library branch to be honored by Mayor Tom Barrett, Common Council President Murphy and Council members at Tuesday, July 21 meeting

Thirteen City of Milwaukee “Super Readers” will be honored Tuesday at an 8:15 a.m. reception in the office of Mayor Tom Barrett followed by a presentation of commendations by the Milwaukee Common Council during its 9 a.m. meeting in the third floor Council Chamber at City Hall, 200 E. Wells St.

Each of the 13 Milwaukee Public Library branches randomly selected a child from a list of those who have already completed the summer reading program’s three levels, meaning they have read at least 20 hours since school let out for the break. The Super Reader Summer Reading Program encourages children to read or be read to every day during the summer and track reading progress in a reading folder to earn reading incentives such as free food and free admission to many area attractions. The Milwaukee Public Library recommends that children read or be read to at least 15 minutes a day to avoid summer learning loss.

“Last year nearly 21,000 children participated,” said Mayor Tom Barrett. “We want more. It’s free, it’s easy and it’s really important. I encourage parents, grandparents, caregivers and teachers to bring the children in their lives to a Milwaukee Public Library to sign-up and to give them the support and encouragement they need to read 15 minutes a day.”

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Super Readers/ADD ONE

The “Super Readers” receiving accolades at City Hall on July 21 are:

<u>MPL branch</u>	<u>Child</u>	<u>Age</u>
Atkinson	Elijah Moore	5
Bay View	Mollie Zacharias	9
Capitol	Nyla Cummings	8
Center Street	Warren Falcher	11
Central	Bayley Riemer	6
East	Lucy Groser	6
Forest Home	Genesis Nazareth Torres	10
Martin Luther King	Shavonta Easterly	9
Mill Road	London Boyd	10
Tippecanoe	Ignacio Cutterback	8
Villard Square	Kephely Igoni	11
Washington Park	Keyandre Thompson	11
Zablocki	Braden Shambarger	7

“The Milwaukee Public Library is one of our community’s greatest assets and I commend these young readers and their families for taking advantage of all the library has to offer,” said Common Council President Michael J. Murphy. “Taking time to read over the summer is one of the best things kids can do to do well when they start school again in the fall.”

The library’s annual Super Reader summer reading program kicked off May 18 and will run through August 29. In addition to the Super Reader program for school-aged children, there is a teen program called “Put Your Face in a Book.”

“There’s still plenty of time to sign up for the program, track your reading and earn rewards,” said Milwaukee Public Library Director Paula Kiely. “It’s free. It’s fun, and you don’t even need a library card to participate, although our library staff would sure like to help every child get one.”

To sign up, visit any of the Milwaukee Public Library’s 13 locations. Additional information is available at <http://www.mpl.org/summerreading/>.

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