



## County of Fresno

FRESNO COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Date: April 16, 2026  
To: Paul Nerland, County Administrative Officer  
From: Sally Gomez, County Librarian *Sally Gomez*  
Subject: Authorization to Participate in Summer at Your Library

In accordance with Administrative Policy 81– Department Celebrations and Recognitions, the Fresno County Public Library (FCPL) is requesting authorization to participate in the annual *Summer at Your Library* (SAYL) initiative from June 15, 2026 through August 2, 2026 (with promotion beginning Wednesday, April 22, 2026).

SAYL is conducted annually to promote literacy, learning, and community engagement through a series of programs, performances, and a reading challenge designed for families to read together during the warm summer months. Participation is completely voluntary and open to the public.

The 2026 theme, **“Go Wild for Reading,”** will highlight animals and wildlife, in keeping with FCPL’s ongoing partnership with the Fresno Chaffee Zoo. This theme would be incorporated across a variety of library services including promotional material giveaways, in-library displays, curated book lists, crafts, social media/website content, and other educational activities designed to attract community interest and participation by all age groups throughout the program’s duration.

All activities will be appropriate to the workplace and non-disruptive to normal library operations.

Approval of this request will allow FCPL to continue offering this well-established and highly anticipated seasonal program.

Please let me know if additional information is needed; and your consideration is greatly appreciated.

APPROVED  DENIED  
*Paul Nerland*

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County Administrative Officer

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**Celebration date(s):**

06/15/26-08/02/26, promotion to begin in the month of April

**Celebration theme:**

Summer at Your Library: Go Wild for Reading

**Has the Department undertaken this celebration in the past?**

Yes  No

**If yes, please explain:** Fresno County Public Library has celebrated Summer at Your Library for many years

**Number of staff expected to participate:**

35

**Estimated cost:**

90,000

**What will the celebration entail?**

Summer at Your Library consists of a series of programs and performances as well as a reading challenge that take place throughout all branches of Fresno County Public Library. The budget for Summer at Your library is spent on performers, craft supplies site location when needed, giveaways books for the summer reading challenge, and prize bags for the summer reading challenge. The theme for Summer at Your Library 2026 will be Go Wild for Reading.

**What is the public purpose of the Celebration?**

Summer at Your Library combines educational performers, crafts, activities, and a reading challenge to encourage families to read and learn together during the summer. The budget for Summer at Your Library goes primarily to performers, craft supplies, and giveaway books.

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