

Beanstack for Patrons

Welcome to the Pollard Library's Summer Reading Program!

This year our program is completely online. You can sign up, track your reading time, and participate in special activities all online!

The reading program we use is called Beanstack.

The main thing to understand about Beanstack is that it operates on an Account model. The idea is that a parent creates a Family Account and the children's accounts are attached. One way to think of it is the Family Account is the umbrella under which are the accounts of individual family members - children, teens, and even other parents. One person creates the Family Account. This person is the [Account Creator](#). People in the family added to the account are [Readers](#). This is actually easier for families because with one sign in, families will be able to access everyone's reading logs.

Can a child be an Account Creator? Yes. A child can sign himself up. This will probably be the case for older children in middle and high school who are capable of signing up on their own.

How to Get to Our Online Summer Reading Program

Go to: lowelllibrary.beanstack.org

How to Sign Up

Click [Register an Individual or Family](#).

Q: Have you previously used Beanstack to participate in a reading challenge?

Click No

Q: Who would you like to register?

Click [I am registering myself](#) and fill out the form. *Remember: You are the [Account Creator](#).

Even if you are the adult and not participating in Summer Reading, you need to create the family account if you are adding other children.

Q: Would you like to add another adult?

Click No if you are not.

Click Yes if you are and add the new person's information.

Q: Would you like to add a child?

If you are, click Yes.

Next Screen: Register Your Child for the Pollard Library's Summer Reading Program 2020

Enter your child's information.

Select the Reading Challenges you want your child to participate in.

You will earn a badge just by signing up for a challenge!

Click Next

Q: Would you like to add another child?

Click Yes and add the child's information

or

Click No

Once everyone is signed up you will see a message:
Great! You are all set up!
Click: **Continue** to go to page to log reading and activities.

To Log Hours

Go to: lowelllibrary.beanstack.org

Sign In

On the top left click the **Log Reading and Activities** button.

Select what you want to log.

For reading, click **Minutes**.

A calendar will appear. Click the date you want to log hours for.

Enter time. **Note: You can only log reading hours one day at a time.*

You do not have to enter Title or Author.

Click **Log**. Your time will be recorded.

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To Log Activities

Go to: lowelllibrary.beanstack.org

Sign In

On the top left click the **Log Reading and Activities** button.

For activities, click **Activities**.

Click Badge you want to log for.

Enter the necessary information to complete the badge.

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Mobile App

Use the Beanstack Tracker App

Search "Pollard Library"

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