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Library, Museum, and Parks and Recreation Celebrate Oakland's Young Summer Readers

Oakland, CA – It's fun for the entire family as the Oakland Public Library's 2014 Summer Reading Challenge finishes up with its 10th annual Summer Reading celebration at the Oakland Museum of California on Sunday, August 3, from 12 to 4 p.m. The party will take place in the Museum Gardens, 1000 Oak Street, just two blocks from the Main Library.

The celebration links two fantastic summer events – the library's **Summer Reading Challenge** and the Oakland Museum of California's **Free First Sundays** – for a wonder-filled day of culture, entertainment, learning, and fun. Admission is free!

The celebration offers fun ways to learn and celebrate a love of reading. Entertainment and activities will include a performance by Germar the Magician, caricature art by Rad Sanza, face-painting by folks from Oakland Parks and Recreation, storytime, hands-on arts and crafts, and more. There will be a brief ceremony to honor all Summer Reading Challenge participants who succeed in reading 20 days or more this summer.

The Summer Reading Challenge is a fantastic way to encourage young library patrons to explore the world through reading and activities. This year's theme has been "Paws to Read!" Participants have benefitted not only from the pleasure of reading, but also from a summer's worth of free events.

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