



# Summer Reading Partnership

A Story of Cooperation Between Boone  
County Schools and Public Library

# Boone County Public Library Scheben Branch



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“You can never get a cup of tea large enough or a book long enough to suit me.” -- C.S. Lewis

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“Those who don’t believe in magic will never find it.” -- Roald Dahl

# Partnering with Schools

## Partnership opportunities

- Summer Reading Programs
- One Book, One Summer (OBOS)
- AR testing site
- Other Summer Programs



# Summer Afternoon

*Summer Afternoon – summer afternoon:*

To me those have always been the two most beautiful words in the English language. - Henry James




# Boone County - by the numbers

- More youth registered – 9788
- More youth reached goal one – 3433
- More youth reached goal two – 2526
- More youth participation at child care and summer camps – 3,297
- We saw an increase in overall registered number for people birth to adults – 171%  
(from previous year)

# Summer Reading 2015 Completion Results

Programs	Registered			Goal 1 Reached			Full Completion Participation Rate (Reached Goal 1)			Goal 2 Reached			Participation Rate (Reached Goal 2)		
	2013	2014	2015	2013	2014	2015	2013	2014	2015	2013	2014	2015	2013	2014	2015
<b>Youth</b>	<b>5216</b>	<b>4420</b>	<b>9788</b>	<b>2789</b>	<b>1251</b>	<b>3433</b>	<b>53%</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>2151</b>	<b>1880</b>	<b>2526</b>	<b>41%</b>	<b>43%</b>	<b>26%</b>
Pre-K	1362	1200	949	772	324	547	57%	27%	58%	597	517	416	44%	43%	44%
gr. K-5	2589	2263	7257	1327	589	2215	51%	26%	31%	993	905	1564	38%	40%	22%
gr. 6-12	1265	957	1582	690	338	671	55%	35%	42%	561	458	546	44%	48%	35%

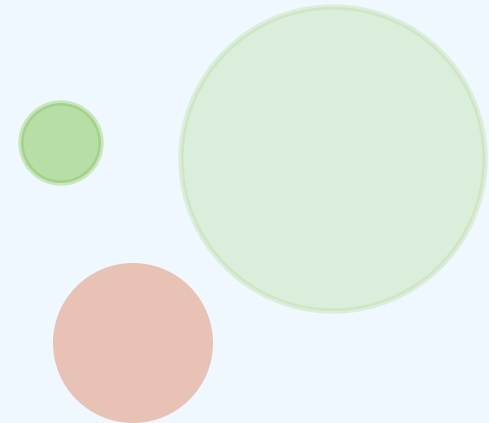


# SR Challenges with Boone County Schools – Why We Partnered

- 14 elementary schools in Boone county
- Each school with their own SR program
- Coordination becomes impossible
- Families overwhelmed and confused

# Meeting With the Principals

- In September 2014, we invited the elementary public school principals to meet with us
- We proposed ONE combined Summer Reading program
- We asked – “What do you want to measure?”
  - Minutes read
  - Pages read
  - Books read





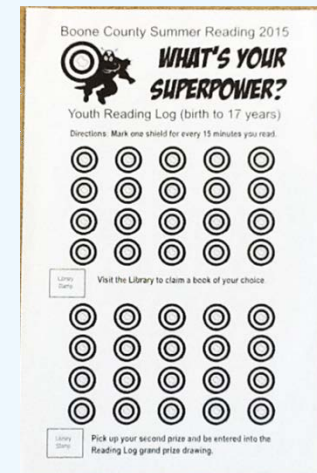
# 2015 Boone County Summer Reading Program

- Summer Reading began MAY 9TH.
  - Read anything you like!
  - Record the time you spend reading
  - 2015 theme: “***What’s Your Superpower?***”
- Ended AUGUST 28 after school began



# New Idea – Register in the schools

- Register students in the school before it lets out for summer
- Assign each school a BCPL rep for each of the 14 public elementary schools



# School Support

- BCPL ran and sent periodic reports of student participation for the schools
- Staff participated in summer check-in events at several schools
- Offered to distribute prizes at schools in the Fall

# 2015 BC Summer Reading Results

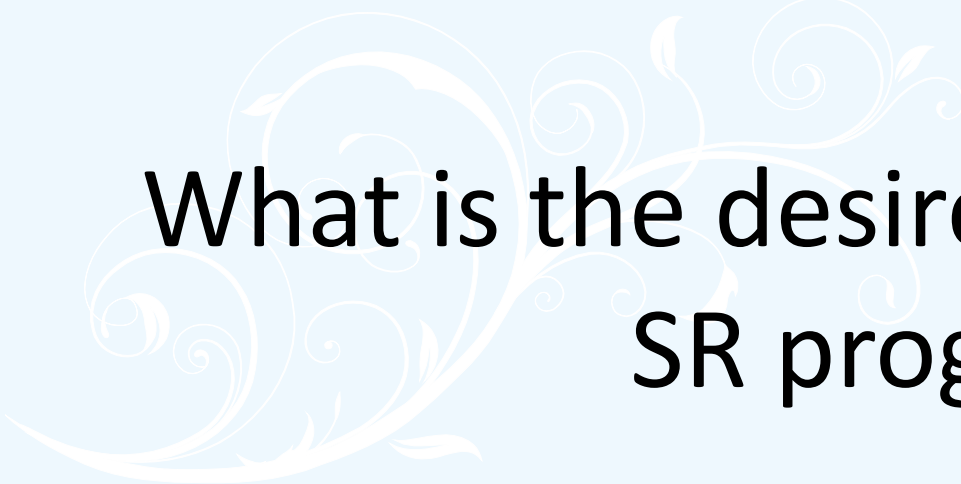
- Schools were ranked based on
  - the number of total minutes read
  - the number of minutes read per enrolled student
  - the number of minutes read per registered student
- The winning school did not register in school, but sent their students to the library
  - They received a travelling trophy from the district

# 2015 BC Summer Reading Results

## 2015 BC Summer Reading Results School Stats Sorted by Number of **Overall** Minutes Read

Schools	Enrolled At School*	Registered for SR	Percent Registered	# Reached Goal 1 (5 hr)	% Registered Reached Goal 1	# Reached Goal 2 (10 hrs)	% Registered Reached Goal 2	Total Min. Read	In Hours
<u>Erpenbeck E</u>	678	681	100%	291	43%	232	34%	229645	3827
Mann E	808	322	40%	226	70%	164	51%	153277	2555
<u>Longbranch E</u>	833	751	90%	201	27%	133	18%	151128	2519
<u>Yealey E</u>	536	449	84%	121	27%	102	23%	113157	1886
<u>Thornwilde E</u>	620	462	75%	151	33%	100	22%	112201	1870
Burlington E	833	848	102%	156	18%	120	14%	109846	1831
Florence E	605	315	52%	165	52%	31	10%	76443	1274
New Haven E	864	328	38%	106	32%	68	21%	67334	1122
<u>Goodridge E</u>	778	688	88%	96	14%	73	11%	59110	985
<u>Northpointe E</u>	470	424	90%	91	21%	73	17%	57954	966
<u>Ockerman E</u>	743	570	77%	94	16%	65	11%	54383	906
Stephens E	658	587	89%	52	9%	37	6%	32532	542
Collins E	797	96	12%	40	42%	34	35%	27114	452
Kelly E	236	236	100%	20	8%	12	5%	11477	191
* This data was provided by the district office									
**Note: All reading totals are self-reported.									

**Erpenbeck got 100% of their students to register at the library and they had the highest average of minutes read per student enrolled at their school.**



# What is the desired outcome of a SR program?

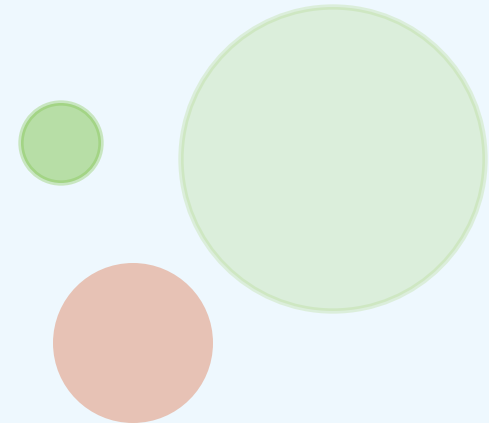
- Our goal is to see NO loss in reading level from the Spring 15 STAR test compared to the Fall 15 STAR test
- We will determine a baseline based on this year's statistics

# Measurement & Analysis

Measurement: Compare Spring/Fall STAR tests

Analysis of these actions:

- Registering for SR
- Reading 5 hours (goal one)
- Reading 10 hours (goal two)



# One Book, One Summer (OBOS)

- First summer was 2014
- Modeled from “One Book, One Community”
- Feedback from schools was to pick one book for each grade



# OBOS - 2014

- This was the first step towards our partnership
- Some schools provided books for their students
- The library purchased 75 copies of each title

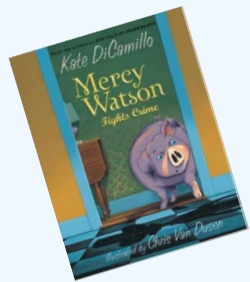
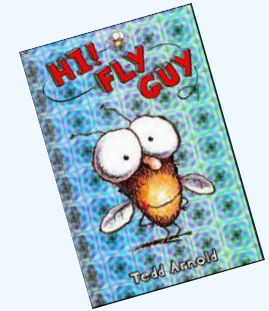
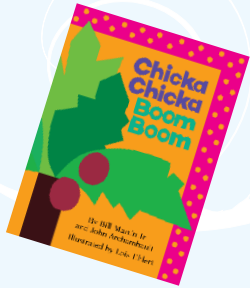
# OBOS - 2015

- What did we do differently?
  - We invited/involved the librarians and PTO parent representatives
  - Monthly meetings with school librarians, parents, & library staff
  - Selection and voting stages

The results were fantastic!

# ONE BOOK ONE SUMMMER

Read the book everyone is reading!



- **Kindergarten:** *Chicka Chicka Boom Boom* by Bill Martin & John Archambault
- **First Grade:** *Hi! Fly Guy* by Tedd Arnold
- **Second Grade:** *Mercy Watson Fights Crime* by Kate DiCamillo
- **Third Grade:** *Stink #1 The Incredible Shrinking Kid* by Megan McDonald
- **Fourth Grade:** *I Survived the Sinking of the Titanic* by Lauren Tarshis
- **Fifth Grade:** *Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library* by Chris Grabenstein

# Another Partnership Opportunity

## AR Testing site

- Summer 2013
  - testing site for June/July
  - technical issues
- Summer 2014
  - tech wise it went smoothly
  - issues with points
- Summer 2015



# OTHER SUMMER LIBRARY PROGRAMS

- Storytime in the park
- Read With a Teen



# Goal of Summer Reading



*“To encourage the reading of high interest materials, promote further learning, and reduce summer slide.”*

*--- Lisa Sensale Yazdian Ph.D.*

# Suggestions/Tips for your library

- Reach out to your schools
- Try One Book One Summer
- Don't be Afraid



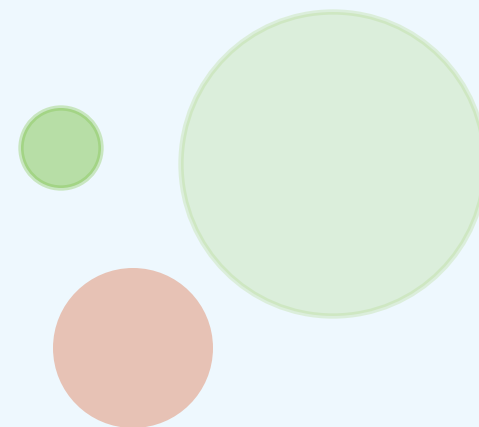
“The secret of change is to focus all of your energy, not on fighting the old, but on building the new.”

# What's Next for BCPL School Partnering?

- Using the joint BC schools/library Outcome results, we will tweak the SR programs.
- Register in schools? Start and end date?
- Adjust and/or change reading goals?
- How to target GAP groups?
- Expand to private/parochial/independent schools?
- Add a preschool title to the OBOS program?



# Questions?



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