

Request for Funds for Children’s Summer Reading Program – 2021

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Description:

Each summer, the Mitchell Public Library presents a Summer Reading Program for children in Mitchell and the surrounding area. In 2021, the theme is “Tails and Tales.” Although we are living in uncertain times, we hope to provide children with a variety of onsite, online, and to-go activities and programs. If all goes well, children will have the opportunity to participate in challenges, earn small prizes, create arts and crafts with to-go kits, and complete reading charts to earn at least two free books. We will also plan for the possibility of small, on-site, socially-distanced programs.

During May-July, we anticipate that we will distribute at least 300-600 Summer Reading Program bags with reading charts, pencils, bookmarks, etc. We will also provide ReadSquared information for families who choose to participate online.

Request for Funds:

We request funding for supplies, decorations, books, and prizes from CSLP (Collaborative Summer Reading Program), Scholastic Literacy Partnership, Oriental Trading Company, and Reader’s Den. We also request additional funds for the possibility of presenters and performers. The following costs are comparable to amounts from previous summers.

CLSP (Collaborative Summer Library Program)

Themed merchandise, including reading charts, stickers, posters, bookmarks, banners, decorations, pencils, reading incentives, finger puppets, tote bags, plastic book bags, t-shirts, and other items. *(See order summary below.)*

*Amount requested: \$556.74
(plus \$60 shipping)*

Scholastic Literacy Partnership

Affordable paperback books to be used for prizes and reading incentives (average cost of \$2.50/book).

Amount requested: \$1,200

Oriental Trading Company

Decorations, craft supplies, small prizes for weekly challenges. Note: Some of these items may also be used for 1000 Books Before Kindergarten incentives.

Amount requested: \$300

Reader’s Den

\$15.00 gift certificates for children who complete all Summer Reading Program challenges I estimate needing 10 certificates, but we may require more.

Amount requested: \$150

Speakers and Performers

At this time, I'm exploring the possibility of socially-distanced programs that would involve speakers and performers. I do not know costs at this point. However, total costs for speakers for previous Summer Reading speakers, etc. ranged from \$250-\$900. At this point, I would like permission to begin scheduling programs. I will require all booking to include a cancellation clause if we believe that Covid presents a danger.

Additional supplies:

To-go craft kits may require additional funding for supplies.

CLSP Order Summary

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| Tails and Tales Children's Large Poster | \$ 0.50 | 15 | \$ 7.50 |
| Tails and Tales Children's Large Spanish Poster | \$ 0.50 | 10 | \$ 5.00 |
| Tails and Tales Small Poster | \$ 0.40 | 15 | \$ 6.00 |
| Tails and Tales Children's Standard Bookmarks | \$ 4.99 | 1 | \$ 4.99 |
| Tails and Tales Children's Spanish Bookmarks | \$ 4.99 | 1 | \$ 4.99 |
| Tails and Tales Children's Uncut Bookmarks | \$ 4.79 | 1 | \$ 4.79 |
| Tails and Tales Magnetic Bookmarks | \$ 6.59 | 2 | \$ 13.18 |
| Tails and Tales Timed Reading Records English/Spanish | \$ 2.49 | 26 | \$ 64.74 |
| Tails and Tales Stickers | \$ 2.85 | 2 | \$ 5.70 |
| Tails and Tales Mini Stickers | \$ 2.85 | 26 | \$ 74.10 |
| Tails and Tales Rubber Stamp | \$ 2.35 | 1 | \$ 2.35 |
| Tails and Tales Early Literacy Large Poster | \$ 0.50 | 15 | \$ 7.50 |
| Tails and Tales Growth Charts | \$ 5.99 | 1 | \$ 5.99 |
| Tails and Tales Small Vinyl Banner | \$ 17.99 | 1 | \$ 17.99 |
| Tails and Tales Stand-up Display | \$ 20.99 | 1 | \$ 20.99 |
| Tails and Tales Mobile | \$ 4.99 | 2 | \$ 9.98 |
| Tails and Tales Bulletin Board Decorator | \$ 3.99 | 1 | \$ 3.99 |
| Tails and Tales Window Clings | \$ 3.00 | 2 | \$ 6.00 |
| Tails and Tales Pencils | \$ 2.79 | 10 | \$ 27.90 |
| Tails and Tales Door Hangers | \$ 3.29 | 2 | \$ 6.58 |
| Tails and Tales Paper Bags | \$ 2.29 | 3 | \$ 6.87 |
| Tails and Tales Temporary Tattoos | \$ 6.29 | 2 | \$ 12.58 |
| Tails and Tales Newspapers | \$ 3.00 | 4 | \$ 12.00 |

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| Tails and Tales Color-your-own Placemats | \$ 5.50 | 1 | \$ 5.50 |
| Tails and Tales Painting Sheets | \$ 3.25 | 3 | \$ 9.75 |
| Tails and Tales Color-your-own Poster | \$ 5.50 | 1 | \$ 5.50 |
| Tails and Tales Jigsaw Puzzle | \$ 4.29 | 1 | \$ 4.29 |
| Tails and Tales Safari Print Glasses | \$ 4.75 | 2 | \$ 9.50 |
| Tails and Tales Spiky Hedgehog | \$ 11.50 | 1 | \$ 11.50 |
| Tails and Tales Alpaca Bendable | \$ 13.20 | 1 | \$ 13.20 |
| Tails and Tales Lanyard | \$ 1.95 | 1 | \$ 1.95 |
| Tails and Tales Animal Finger Puppets | \$ 7.55 | 1 | \$ 7.55 |
| Tails and Tales Farm Animal Ducks | \$ 5.95 | 2 | \$ 11.90 |
| Tails and Tales Animal Print Bracelets | \$ 3.29 | 1 | \$ 3.29 |
| Tails and Tales Drawstring Book Bags | \$ 8.00 | 12 | \$ 96.00 |
| Tails and Tales Browsing Bag | \$ 1.00 | 15 | \$ 15.00 |
| Tails and Tales Apron Royal Blue | \$ 10.85 | 1 | \$ 10.85 |
| Tails and Tales - Tortoise and Hare Design T-shirt Women's L | \$ 7.75 | 1 | \$ 7.75 |
| Tails and Tales - Whale Design T-shirt L | \$ 5.75 | 1 | \$ 5.75 |
| Tails and Tales Slogan Design T-shirt L | \$ 5.75 | 1 | \$ 5.75 |
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| | Total | | \$ 556.74 |
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