













**METCALFE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
2026 SUMMER READING / LEARNING CHALLENGE
“UNEARTH A STORY”**

*****TEENS*****

PROGRAM RULES:

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- Children of all ages, including teens, are eligible to participate.
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- Books you have at home or check out from the library **MUST** be on your reading level.
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- Children not yet able to read may participate by having an adult read to them.
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- For every 9 achievement challenges completed, you will receive 1 ticket into our grand prize drawings.
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- Grand prizes will be divided into age appropriate groups.
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- Children will get to select what prize they want to enter their ticket(s) into within their appropriate age group. You may select different prizes with each ticket earned.
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- Each age appropriate prize will be awarded to a different child.
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- Due to limited prizes, only 2 prizes per household will be given away.
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- All achievement challenges must be turned in by 4:30 PM on Tuesday, July 28.
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Metcalfe County
Public Library
Celebrate Curiosity

TEEN SUMMER READING

ESCAPE ROOM

YOUR MISSION:


Solve clues. Crack puzzles. Escape before time runs out.

 Thursday, July 23

 3:00 - 4:30 PM

 Ages 12-18

REGISTER TO SAVE YOUR SPOT!

 270-432-4981

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UPCOMING EVENTS

UNEARTH A STORY™

JULY
13

Maker Monday

MCPL @ 10:00 or 3:00 – pick your time, registration required.

JULY
15

Animal Tales

Bowling Park Gym @ 10:00

JULY
22

Dinky Gowen Magic Show

Bowling Park Gym @ 10:00

JULY
24

Feel Good Friday

MCPL @ 10:00. Get moving with music, dancing, games, and more!

JULY
25

Family Movie Matinee - Elio

MCPL @ 11:00

JULY
29

Mr. Bond and the Science Guys & Finale

Bowling Park Gym @ 10:00

AUGUST
5 & 12

Cooking with Wally Cat

Location TBD, @ 10:00. In partnership with Metcalfe Extension Office. A fun, hands on program learning basic kitchen skills and sampling what we prepared.



TEEN


ADVISE Meet PLAN FUN

Advisory Council

Now in a **NEW** session-based format with Fall and Spring sessions. Work with other teens to plan fun children's library programs and brainstorm ideas for new teen programs. Meetings will be scheduled based on participant availability. Apply today!!!

There will be pizza!

Contact Lauren for more information!

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Metcalfe County Public Library

Teen Advisory Council (TAC) Application:

Want to make a difference in your library and community? MCPL is introducing a new session-based format for TAC, meeting in two sessions each year—Fall (September through November) and Spring (March through May)—with one meeting held each month. Meetings will take place over pizza and focus on planning and designing one new children’s library program during each session, while also brainstorming new programs just for teens. Teens will work together to share ideas, plan activities, and help create fun, engaging programs for younger kids at Metcalfe County Public Library. Interested teens are invited to apply below.

WHAT WILL I GET OUT OF IT?

- Hands-on experience planning and creating real library programs
- A chance to help brainstorm and shape new teen programs
- Opportunities to build leadership, teamwork, and communication skills
- Volunteer hours for school, scholarships, and resumes

HOW MUCH TIME COMMITMENT IS REQUIRED?

- TAC will meet in two sessions this school year:
 - Fall Session: September – November (three meetings)
 - Spring Session: March – May (three meetings)
- Meeting dates and times will be scheduled based on participant availability.

Please fill out the application below and return to the desk at MCPL by Friday, August 7.

Name: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Do you receive text? ____ Yes ____ No

Email: _____

School: _____ Grade: _____

Please check which TAC session(s) you’d like to join:

Fall Session Spring Session Both Sessions

Days Available (check all that apply):

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

Check the two time slots that are most convenient for you:

After School:

3:00 PM – 4:00 PM

3:30 PM – 4:30 PM

Evening:

4:00 PM – 5:00 PM

4:30 PM – 5:30 PM

How would you most like to participate in Teen Advisory Council?

- Sharing ideas during meetings
- Helping plan or create activities
- Assisting with events or projects
- A mix of all the above

The Teen Advisory Council plans and designs children's programs during the Fall and Spring sessions. Would you be willing to volunteer during these programs when they take place?

- Yes
- No

THANK YOU!!! We will be in touch soon with details regarding the date and time of the first Teen Advisory Council meeting.

If you have any questions, please contact Lauren at **270-432-4981** or by email at **lauren.harper@metcalfelibrary.org**.

Parental Consent for Photography

Please check **one** option below:

YES, I give permission for my child to be photographed during Teen Advisory Council activities. I understand these photos may be used by the library for promotional purposes, including social media, the library website, newsletters, and printed materials.

NO, I do **not** give permission for my child to be photographed during Teen Advisory Council activities. I understand that my child may still participate in Teen Advisory Council activities even if I do not grant photo permission.

Child's Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Name (print): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____



Summer Feeding

THIS SUMMER, FOOD WILL BE PROVIDED FOR CHILDREN THROUGH 18 YEARS OF AGE FOLLOWING EACH PROGRAM ON JULY 15, 22, AND 29. THIS SERVICE WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE METCALFE COUNTY FOOD SERVICE SUMMER FEEDING PROGRAM. LUNCHESES CAN BE EATEN IN THE PARK OR TAKEN HOME WITH YOU.



UNEARTH A STORY™

**WIN
\$529
TOWARD
EDUCATION**

**YOUR CHILD'S READING CAN LEAD TO BIG
DISCOVERIES—AND BIG OPPORTUNITIES.**

Participate in the summer reading program and enter for a chance to **win a \$529** contribution to a KY Saves 529 account.

Discover what's possible when you save for their future with KY Saves 529. From K-12 to trade schools or college, your savings can be used tax-free for tuition, books, computers, and more.*

Scan the QR code to enter or visit,
kysaves.com/unearth

Each winner's local library also receives a \$500 prize.



The contest runs from May 10, 2026, to August 15, 2026.

*Earnings on non-qualified withdrawals are subject to federal income tax and may be subject to a 10% federal penalty tax, as well as state and local income taxes. The availability of tax or other benefits may be contingent on meeting other requirements.

For more information about the Kentucky Educational Savings Plan Trust (KY Saves 529), call 855-840-4855 or visit kysaves.com to obtain a Program Description, which includes investment objectives, risks, charges, expenses, and other important information. Read and consider it carefully before investing.

Before you invest, consider whether you or the beneficiary's home state offers any state tax or other state benefits such as financial aid, scholarship funds, and protection from creditors that are only available for investments in that state's qualified tuition program.

KY Saves 529 is administered by the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority. Ascensus College Savings Recordkeeping Services, LLC, is the Program Manager. The Program Manager and its affiliates have overall responsibility for the program's day-to-day operations, including investment advisory services, recordkeeping, and administrative services. No state tax dollars are used in promoting and marketing KY Saves 529.

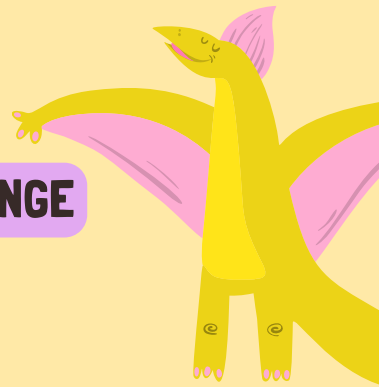
Investment returns will vary depending upon the performance of the Investment Options you choose. Depending on market conditions, you could lose all or a portion of your money by investing in KY Saves 529. Account Owners assume all investment risks as well as responsibility for any federal and state tax consequences.




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-  On the attached page, write individual achievements on each dinosaur egg.
-  Once your challenge sheet is full, return it to the library for a ticket to enter into the grand prize drawings.
-  You may complete as many challenges as you wish.



What counts as an achievement?

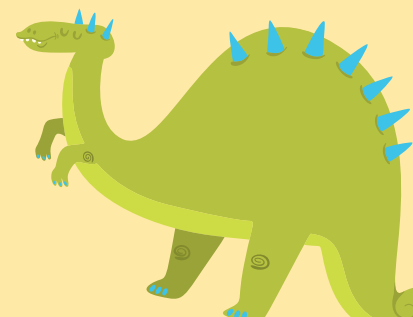
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|  Every 20 minutes I read (book or eBook.) |  Every time I use a MCPL database |
|  Every 20 minutes I listen to an audiobook |  Looking through / reading a whole magazine or newspaper |
|  Every library event I attend |  Every time I check out 5 books |
|  Reading a book recommended by a librarian |  Reading a book by a KY author |

Other achievements include:

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|  Going on a nature walk |  Going fishing |
|  Going swimming |  Make a "fossil craft" (clay, playdough, etc.) |
|  Watching a book-to-movie adaptation |  Starting a new collection (shells, rocks, or anything) |
|  Playing a board game |  Learning a dinosaur fact |



Have an idea for an achievement that's not listed? Ask a MCPL employee about your idea and it might be approved!



Name:

Age:

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TEEN SUMMER READING 2026

ACHIEVEMENT CHALLENGE SHEET

Write each achievement on your dinosaur egg. When you finish a challenge sheet, you'll earn a ticket for the grand prize drawing. You can complete as many challenge sheets as you want—the more you do, the more chances you have to win!

