



Reading fun for kids, from  
Canada's public libraries  
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## Welcome to TD Summer Reading Club 2026!

### Background

The TD Summer Reading Club (TDSRC) is Canada's biggest, bilingual summer reading program for kids of all ages, interests and abilities.

Co-created and delivered by over 2,200 public libraries across Canada, this national bilingual program is developed by Toronto Public Library in partnership with Library and Archives Canada. Sponsorship is generously provided by TD Bank Group.

Kids (and their caregivers) can participate anytime, anywhere—at local public libraries across Canada as well as at home, online, on the road or wherever their summer takes them. Participants explore recommended reads; track their own reading; connect and share with others across the country; read e-books online; join in activities at libraries; write jokes, stories and book reviews; and more.

All libraries and library systems in Canada are eligible to offer the TDSRC and receive the free print material.

### 2026 theme

Our theme for 2026 is "Dive In!"

*Set sail on an adventure across all kinds of waterways—ponds, lakes, rivers and vast oceans. Dip your toes into the cool, refreshing and precious water, and be on the lookout for a message in a bottle. But beware! You don't want to fall under a siren's enchantment or stumble into the kraken's trap!*

*Imagine daring pirate battles, narwhal "tusking" rituals and the mesmerizing, synchronized dance of a school of fish. Slip on your wetsuit and discover hidden treasures—glimmering pearls, long-lost shipwrecks and secrets of the deep. Venture into the inky depths where bioluminescent fish and jellyfish drift silently. Play hide-and-seek among anemones, swaying seaweed and vibrant coral reefs. Catch a glimpse of playful and curious otters fishing in rivers, swim in crystal-clear lakes surrounded by forests and mountains, and cross marshy wetlands teeming with newts, turtles, geese and other wildlife.*

*As the sun sets on the horizon, casting a golden glow over your sandcastle, take a moment to appreciate the water that sustains all life. Let's protect our blue planet and cherish its wonders!*

### Illustrator

We're excited to announce that Andrew Kolb will be joining us as the 2026 TDSRC artist. Andrew is an illustrator, author and game designer who strives to imbue his work with thoughtful narratives and playful details. His portfolio ranges from picture books featuring Elmo and Batman to collaborations

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with Marvel, the TTC and Funko. Andrew prefers rivers and streams to beaches and oceans, but that's only because he likes looking for frogs. More of his work can be seen at [www.kolbisneat.com](http://www.kolbisneat.com).

### Accessibility

The TDSRC is a fully accessible program. More information about running an accessible Club will be available on our staff site in the coming months.

### Program materials

#### Notebooks

There are two versions of the notebook—one for pre-readers (recommended for children ages 0–5) and their parents or caregivers, and the other for school-age children (recommended for ages 6–12).

The school-age notebook contains activities and a centrefold with challenges to complete, some of which are available online via a QR code. The pre-reader version contains information for parents and caregivers about reading readiness, recommended activities to help develop early literacy skills and a centrefold colouring sheet. Both notebooks are created in an accessible format and contain plenty of space for kids to record items read or listened to, collect stickers, record the number of minutes read, draw pictures and complete fun reading challenges. There will no longer be a separate accessible notebook sent to libraries.

Audio, braille, accessible PDF and OpenDyslexic versions of the notebook will be available for download on the TDSRC website.

The notebooks are bilingual and laid out in a flipped style, with English comprising one half and French the other.

- **Ordering tips for notebooks:** Each child who joins the program receives an age-appropriate notebook at registration. Please order quantities of the pre-reader and school-age notebooks using your previous registration statistics as a guide.

#### Web access sticker

The web access code is printed on a sticker that children can stick onto the inside cover of their notebook. Children enter their unique access code on the TDSRC website to create an online notebook, read e-books and track reading.

This item is bilingual.

- **Ordering tips for web access stickers:** Each child who joins the program receives a web access code sticker at registration. The number of web access code stickers ordered should equal the combined total of pre-reader and school-age notebooks ordered.

### Stickers





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There are 12 stickers on a perforated sheet, including two stickers with the TDSRC logos and website URL—one English and one French. Stickers can be used as reading incentives, one given each time a child reports on an item read. Flexibility is important. For example, if a family is unable to keep returning to the library to collect stickers over the summer, you can distribute the entire sheet of stickers at registration for the parent or caregiver to administer.

- **Ordering tips for stickers:** You can estimate one sheet of stickers per child registered, but you may increase or decrease this based on past experience and how you plan to distribute the stickers.

## Promotional materials

### Top recommended reads

This brochure features recommended reads in English and French as well as information for parents and caregivers, including the importance of summer reading, how to participate, reading tips and how to find us online. This item will be available in both print format and as a printable file online for those who wish to print them off or share them by email or on their site. This item would be ideal to provide to schools for inclusion in year-end report cards, and you may also wish to make quantities available in your libraries as a tool for staff to use when describing the Club to parents and caregivers.

This item is bilingual.

- **Ordering tips for top recommended reads:** If distributing to schools, orders can be based on student enrolment figures. Order quantities for outreach visits and to have on hand at your library as well.

### Postcard

Again this year, kids will be offered a postcard (approximate size 4.25" x 6"). They will be able to write a message in a bottle and send it to or share it with a friend. Kids can also bring the postcard to their local library to register for the Club.

The postcard is offered in English and French.

### Poster

The 11" x 17" promotional posters may be displayed in your library or posted in your community to promote the Club. There is space at the bottom of the poster to add your library's information.

This item is bilingual (English on one side, French on the reverse).

- **Ordering tips for posters:** Each location will be provided with an envelope containing 10 posters. Enter the number of branches you are ordering for.

## Websites

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The [TD Summer Reading Club staff site](#) provides all the necessary information for library staff to deliver the program: the complete recommended reads list, activity ideas, promotional tips and tools, brand components and guidelines and much more. A promotional video will be available online in early April.

The kids' site, which launches in mid-June, allows children to make their own contributions to the Club (by submitting jokes, stories, book reviews, etc.), read e-books and track their reading online. We encourage you to use the site yourself and to encourage its use by kids and their families.

### Key Dates

<b>As of December 1, 2025</b>	Register for TDSRC 2026!
<b>December 1, 2025—January 16, 2026</b>	Order print materials
<b>Week of January 5, 2026</b>	2026 staff website is launched; updates to the staff site will continue into the spring
<b>Mid-April 2026</b>	National distribution of print materials begins
<b>June 8, 2026</b>	Kids' website is launched
<b>June 2026</b>	National "Get Your Summer Read On" events

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