

Columbia Public Schools Names Summer Reading Challenge Winners

Overall, Columbia Public School students read more than 22,568 books and logged over 5159 hours of reading on myON during the summer.

Columbia Public Schools is pleased to announce the results of the summer reading challenge, *On Your Mark, Get Set, Read!*

Joseph Lester, who is entering first grade this fall at Shepard Boulevard Elementary, has been named the CPS Grand Champion Super Reader, after finishing 159 books and logging more than 32.2 hours reading on the myON digital literacy platform. Linca Scarlett, from Parkade Elementary, came in second place finishing 80 books with 32.14 hours of reading. Her sister, Layla Scarlett, also from Parkade, is the third place winner with 185 books and 30.72 hours.

Winners will receive a Kindle Fire and HuHot gift certificates. The tablets were provided by the Veterans United Foundation, through partnership with the Columbia Reads program and Boonslick Kiwanis Club.

Joseph Lester will receive his prizes during a presentation at Shepard Elementary School on September 9, 2016.

Students throughout the district are reading and learning with myON, an online personalized collection of more than 5700 high-quality digital books that can be accessed anytime and anywhere, in and out of school time, all year long. Through their own accounts, they can access books for independent reading that match their interests, grade and reading level, and monitor their reading activity right from their own dashboards.

Continued engagement in reading over the summer is especially important to help avoid the summer slide, which can rob students of academic gains they made the previous year.

During the last year (9/2015-9/2016), students enrolled in Columbia Public Schools have finished 210,330 books and logged more than 46,359 hours reading on myON.

Underscoring the district's commitment to literacy, CPS also provides access to myON at no cost for families with children from birth through age 5 through their signature Columbia READS Program. This initiative is made possible through the coordinated efforts of many local agencies including the Heart of Missouri United Way, the Columbia Public Library, and the Columbia Housing Authority.

For more information, please visit <http://about.myon.com/columbia-reads>

About myON

myON, a business unit of Capstone, has created a personalized digital literacy environment that transforms learning. myON expands the classroom for teachers and students by providing unlimited access to the largest collection of more than 5,700 enhanced digital books with multimedia supports, real-time assessments, and an expanding Literacy Toolkit that enhances the literacy connection. myON empowers students and teachers with real-time, actionable data—number and type of books opened and read, time spent reading,

results of regular benchmark assessments, and more—based on embedded Lexile® assessments that measure student reading and writing growth. With myON, every student experiences the benefits of personalized literacy instruction to propel them to new and unlimited learning opportunities. To learn more, visit myON.com.