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RE: May at the Library 2016

Spring is here, and at the Eagle Public Library that means one thing -- the Library's Summer Reading Program is fast approaching. It's a great opportunity to help your school age children maintain or improve their current reading levels and avoid the "summer slide", the decline of reading skills that occurs during the summer months. This summer, your elementary school aged children can contract with the Library to read an agreed upon number of books. If they meet their reading contract, they'll be invited to a special program in early August to recognize their accomplishment with prizes and treats. Registration for this fun and easy way to keep reading throughout the Summer begins this month. For middle school and high school readers, there's a separate program in which participants are entered into drawings for prizes – the more someone reads, the greater their chance of winning. In addition to the reading program, there are many special programs during the Summer, including elementary school aged themed programs such as Masterpiece for Kids, storytellers, sled dogs, jellyfish in a jar, and tie-dye fun. For teens, there's Instagram art, henna tattoos, board games, and more.

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Programming highlights for May include:

- **Zen Garden**, May 14, 2:00 pm, Adults. It's a different kind of garden, but it's a lot of fun. Become the master of your own Zen garden.
- **Make Your Own Waffle Cookie**, May 17, 6:00 pm, Teens. Waffles aren't just for breakfast anymore. Learn to use a waffle iron to make fabulous cookies.
- **Broken Crayon Art**, May 28, 2:00 pm, Elementary School Age. Create colorful masterpieces with old crayons and a hair dryer. Watch as the colored wax creates instant artwork.

These are just a few of the events occurring at your Eagle Public Library during May. For a complete listing, see the Library's calendar and eaglepubliclibrary.org.