

May 21, 2024

Dear Students:

I would like to invite you to become a Mayor's Reading Champion by participating in the 2024 Summer Reading Challenge. The program is sponsored by the Office of the Mayor, the Stratford Library, and in partnership with Stratford Schools. Recognition as a Reading Champion is open to all Stratford students, ages 0-12 years old.

To become a Champion, I ask that you read at least eight books this summer. You are welcome to read books of your choice, however a list of suggested books can be found at the following link:

<https://stratfordlibrary.org/summer-reading-2024/>.

Once you have achieved your goal of reading eight or more books, please ask your parent/guardian to help you register online at <https://www.stratfordct.gov/page/mayors-summer-reading-champion>. You may also register by calling (203) 385-4029 or by sending an email to [kdoyle@townofstratford.com](mailto:kdoyle@townofstratford.com).

All Champions who register by 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 31, 2024, will be honored with a Mayor's Reading Champion certificate of recognition at the Summer Reading Challenge Celebration, where Champions will be treated to ice cream sundaes and other surprises. The celebration is scheduled for Wednesday, August 7th, 2024, at the historic Perry House, 1028 West Broad Street, Stratford, CT. This is a drop-in event; families are welcome to stop by any time between 3:30 to 6:00pm.

In the past, nearly 2,500 students have read over 22,500 books to complete the Reading Challenge. It is my hope that you will join this year's Summer Reading Challenge and become a Mayor's Reading Champion. The Stratford Library staff and I look forward to seeing you on August 7th. Happy reading!

Sincerely,



Laura R. Hoydick