Dear Parents,

The Lake County Public Library Foundation encourages your child to make reading a part of their life, both in and out of school. All your child needs to do is seek sponsors, then read as many books as possible within the six weeks of the READ-a-THON. Upon completion of the sixth week, your child should begin collecting pledges to put into their envelope. Please return the envelope with the child’s information on it to your local branch library. Once all the money has been counted, participating schools will receive one-third of the total monies raised by their students.

Encourage your child to read. It is the one gift that will last a lifetime.

Sincerely,
Lake County Public Library
Foundation Board

Lake County Public Library Foundation is an independent, not-for-profit organization, formed by people who are concerned about the quality of library service in this community. The Foundation promotes fundraising drives like the READ-a-THON to be the primary sponsor for Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library in our library district. The money raised is invested, and only the interest is spent to benefit the library. Thus, money raised today will keep giving for years to come.

READ-a-THON Rules
1. The READ-a-THON is open to all children from preschoolers through eighth grade.
2. Participants must read at their own reading level. Books may be borrowed from the school or public library. Books read for other reading programs may be counted for the READ-a-THON, but books read for school assignments or prior to January 9, 2023, may not be counted.
3. Books read to children in first grade or below may be counted.
4. In order to be eligible for prizes, all Sponsor/Booklist Record envelopes and monies collected MUST be paid to your local branch library no later than March 6, 2023.
5. The school and child raising the most money overall will be notified.
6. A service fee will be charged on returned checks.
7. Please make checks payable to: LCPL Foundation

Trophies will be distributed to the schools in May. Some branch librarians may distribute trophies at an in house ceremony.

READ-a-THON Prizes*

For Turning in: You will Receive:
$1 to $19.99 An Award Ribbon
$20 to $39.99 10” Trophy
$40 to $69.99 12” Trophy
$70 to $99.99 15” Trophy
$100 and over 20” Trophy

Each branch library will recognize the top eight students who raise the most money in their community schools.

1st place - $50 gift card
2nd place - $25 gift card
3rd through 8th place - $10 gift certificate

*To be eligible for prizes, participants must abide by READ-a-THON Rules as stated.

Winner’s Checklist
- **Register**: Return permission slip as soon as possible to the school office, school librarian, or local branch library.
- **Sponsor Hunt**: Start getting sponsors. Ask parents, friends or neighbors to pledge 5, 10, 25 cents or more per book. Ex: If a sponsor pledges 10 cents per book and a child reads ten books, the sponsor should pay $1.
- **Start Reading**: Don’t read books that are too easy. Write the names of the books read on the Book List Record envelope. Parents should initial next to each book completed.
- **Pledge Collection**: Take the Sponsor/Booklist Record back to your sponsors, show them the total number of books read, and collect their pledges. Take the Sponsor/Booklist Record envelope back to your school office, school librarian, or local branch library. Make checks payable to LCPL Foundation.

March 6, 2023
Due date for sponsor/booklist envelopes & donations. Make sure to put ALL of your contact information on your envelope.

READ-a-THON Permission Slip

Return this permission slip, signed by your parent/guardian, to your school office, school librarian, or local branch library.

Child’s Name ___________________________ Phone ___________________________
Address ___________________________ City ___________ Zip ____________________
School ___________________________

I have read the READ-a-THON rules and hereby give permission to my child to participate in this program.

Parent’s Signature ___________________________