

# Independent Reader Log

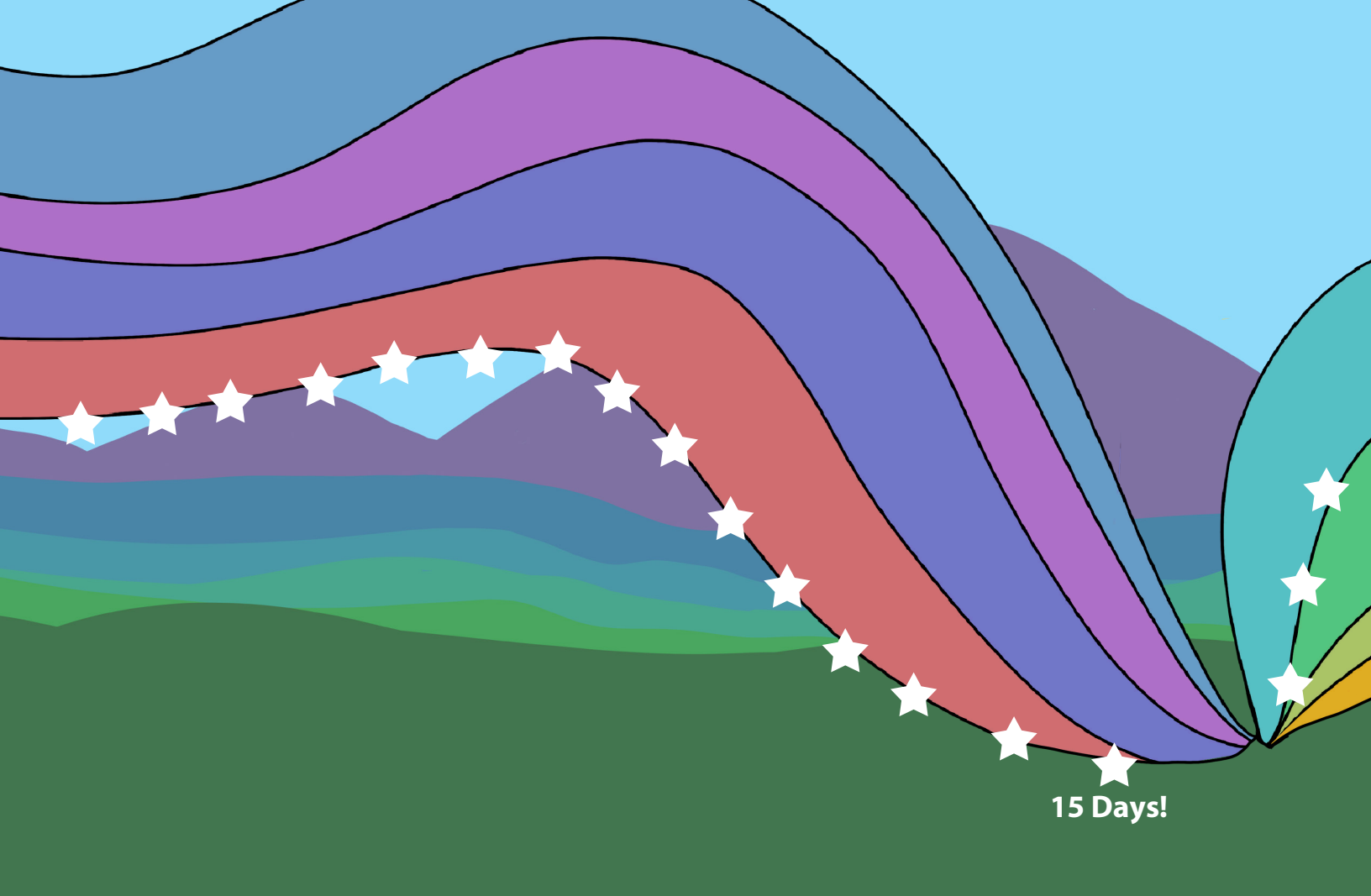
(Ages 9-12)

FREE

SUMMER READING

# Summer OF Stories





# Welcome to Summer Reading!

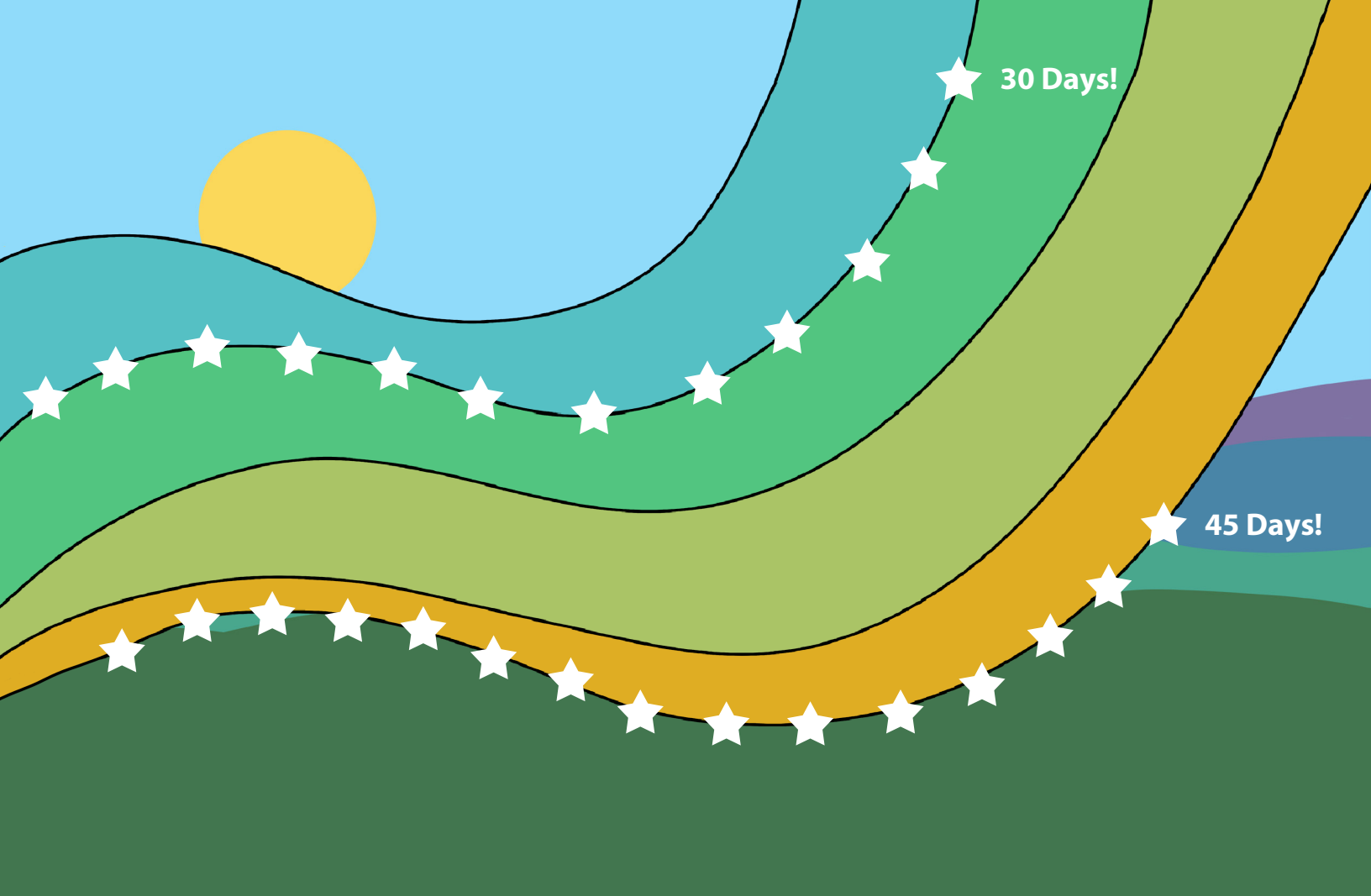
Let's get started.

Color in a star for every day you read or listen to a story. Remember, all reading counts!

- Once you read 15 days, bring your 15-day ticket in for a prize book.\*  
You are an amazing reader! You can stop now, or...
- Keep reading for another 15 days and bring your 30-day ticket in for a prize book.\*
- Keep reading another 15 days and bring your 45-day ticket in for a prize book.\*

*\*All prizes while supplies last.*

Hey grown-ups!  
Reading together at least 20 minutes a day is a great way to help your child gain literacy skills and get ready for the next school year!



# ¡Bienvenidos!

Vamos a empezar.

Colorea una estrella por cada día que leas o escuches un cuento. Recuerda, ¡toda lectura cuenta!

- Una vez que lea 15 días, traiga su boleto de 15 días para un libro de premios.\* ¡Eres un lector increíble! Puedes parar ahora, o...
- Sigue leyendo durante otros 15 días y trae tu boleto de 30 días para un libro de premios.\*
- Sigue leyendo otros 15 días y trae tu boleto de 45 días para obtener un libro de premios.\*

*\*Todos los premios hasta agotar existencias.*

¡Hola adultos!  
Leer juntos al menos 20 minutos al día es una excelente manera de ayudar a su hijo a adquirir habilidades de alfabetización y prepararse para el próximo año escolar!

# Summer Reading Profile



**Draw or write your answers:**

My favorite place to read:

I like to read with:

I like to read to:

My favorite song:

Stories that I like to watch:

A book I would recommend to a friend:

After I finish a story, I like to...

**I want to read or watch stories this summer about:**

Animals      Magic      Dragons      Hedgehogs      Drawing/making art      Cooking

Jokes      Spaceships      Mysteries      Parties      Friendship      History

Mythologies      Video games

Write your own: \_\_\_\_\_

Write your own: \_\_\_\_\_



# Hedgehog Rescue



Meet Suzanne D. from Puyallup, Washington, a long-time hedgehog caregiver who also helps to rescue hedgehogs that are in trouble.

## **Why do hedgehogs need to be rescued?**

People find they are not able to take care of them, mostly because they don't know enough about hedgehogs and how to provide for what they need. It can also be very hard to find adequate veterinarian care for hedgehogs. Not all veterinarians will take a hedgehog as a patient.

## **When you get a hedgehog that has just been rescued, what do you need to do?**

First, I set up a cage and make them feel at home. Next, I get them checked out by a vet! I learn what I need to do to make them healthy.

## **What are some important things to know about having a hedgehog as a pet?**

With hedgehogs and other exotic pets, they take a lot of adult assistance. Like any pet, they need to be taken care of every day. You must clean their cage and wheel every day. They need food and water every day. They take a while to get comfortable with you. In the mornings and evenings, you need to socialize with them to get them used to you and comfortable with you. Hedgehogs do not seek you out for companionship, you have to come to them on their own terms. If there is a health problem you need to deal with it, follow the steps given by their doctor. They are nocturnal. This means they are busy during the night while you are asleep. You can never say, "I'm too busy," or "I don't care," or "I'm not interested anymore."

## **What do hedgehogs eat?**

In the wild, they are insectivores. They eat bugs. As a pet, many like to eat mealworms. I feed my hedgehogs high quality cat food kibble. Some like fruit and vegetables, but not all.

## **What is your favorite thing about hedgehogs?**

They are so individual in behavior and have unique personalities. And they're cute, too!

## **How can I help animals that need rescuing?**

I always recommend you look on the internet for a group that works with the animal you are interested in. There are special groups for hedgehogs, rabbits, all sorts of animals. This is a great way to learn about a specific animal.



## COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

# Summer Reading Artist Angela Larsen

Get to know the illustrator who created this year's look.



### What did you like to do when you were a kid?

When I was a kid, I spent a lot of my time outside. I was fortunate to live near a lot of trees and even a pond and I would wander around in the woods a lot. I also loved to make stuff. I did a lot of beading, sewing and crafts. I also loved to be with my pets. At one point we had 11 pets! I have always been an animal lover. And of course reading. I loved to escape into different worlds through books.

### What were you thinking about when you created the pictures for Summer Reading?

We had talked about the concept of storytelling and how it was beyond books. I thought about how we are the creators of our own stories and that moments, like having fun in summer, can become stories we tell over and over. I also thought about how things like music, audiobooks, singing, are all very much part of storytelling even though we often think it has to be written down or told orally. To me, summer has an element of freedom and I wanted to convey that in the movements and play of the people.

### How did you become an artist?

I always loved art, and from about middle school on; it was my focus. That and writing. When I went to college, after a few classes, I decided to major in art. I really found my place when I was making art and pursued teaching art. Once I had taught for a while, I started to get back into my personal practice. A lot of things helped me become an artist but the biggest thing was getting to know myself better and not doubting myself. Art is for everyone!

### What are your favorite colors to paint with?

I love bright colors! Most of my work is very bold. I have always really loved primary colors together.

### When is your favorite time of day to create?

I am a morning person so I find it's best if I can get up and draw pretty early. I like the quiet of the morning and my brain feels fresh.



# My Summer Books

Do you like to list the books you read?  
Use this page to track your reading.



## What I read this Summer.

| Title | Author/ Illustrator | Rating |
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**You can access free online resources with your Library card this summer!**  
**Check out some of these digital choices available through the Pierce County Library System:**



TumbleBook Library is a collection of animated picture books, read-alongs, e-books and digital graphic novels and includes books in English, Spanish and French.



Discover and read more than 2,000 picture books in 60+ languages.



Check out e-books, magazines and downloadable audiobooks for children, teen and adults with the Libby app.



Enjoy free, unlimited access to comics, graphic novels and manga for all ages.

# Congratulations! You're done!

Don't forget to bring your final ticket and survey in by Aug. 31 to get your final prize!\*

*\*All prizes while supplies last!*



## Take the Survey.

We want to hear from you about your Summer Reading experience! Complete the survey at [mypcls.org/SRP-survey](https://mypcls.org/SRP-survey).

**Responda la encuesta.** ¡Queremos saber de ti sobre tu experiencia de lectura de verano! Complete la encuesta en [mypcls.org/SRP-survey](https://mypcls.org/SRP-survey).

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