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Dear Mayor _____:

It's that grand time of year once more where we can take life a little easier; or, if not easier, at least a little less structured. The City of Collinsville is throwing the gauntlet to all the mayors in Tulsa County. As Mayor of Collinsville I am asking each of you to join us in promoting the Tulsa City-County Library Summer Reading Program by encouraging our students to complete the program.

Our enthusiasm for reading can be handed down to our children. Encourage parents to help keep the momentum children have gained while in school by reading with and to their children during the summer. Reading will maintain and improve children's reading skills. *Get caught reading to our children!*

To keep the momentum going I am asking you as mayor of your town to join the summer reading fun. As Mayor of Collinsville I plan to take an active part in our program this year. I hope as mayor of Tulsa, Broken Arrow, Sand Springs, Owasso, Glenpool, Jenks, Bixby, Sperry, and Skiatook that you will do the same. When families see an elected official endorse an issue, they respond to the message.

The children of our communities will soon have the opportunity to continue expanding their knowledge during Tulsa City-County Library's children's and teen summer reading programs. The program begins May 23 and continues through July 30.

This is the fourth year of the Summer Reading Program Mayoral Challenge, which challenges a community to have the highest number of completions. The winning community receives a special plaque to display for the year as well as bragging rights for earning the distinction as a community of active readers. Last year Sand Springs recaptured the plaque... in 2010 Collinsville was the victor.

The 2011 children's program is titled "One World: Many Stories" and the teen program is "You are Here". To complete the program, children must read eight books and visit the library four times, while teens must read six books. Upon completion, children receive a medal of achievement and a coupon book for free entertainment. Teens receive a drawstring insulated book bag along with coupons for free entertainment. Both groups have an opportunity to win prizes such as \$100 gift cards, bicycles, and helmets at the end-of-summer drawing.

The program offers excellent opportunities for families to visit the library and learn together. Free performances are available at different times during the summer at all libraries. From cultural presentations and wild animal visits to live music and storytelling, children of all ages can find subjects to explore at their libraries. In 2010, more than 36,063 children and teens signed up for the summer reading program. More than 19,916 completed the program by reading six or more books.

Let's make it a summer to remember for all our children!

Mayor Stan Sallee
City of Collinsville