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**BH PUBLIC LIBRARY SUMMER READING CLUB KICK-OFF PARTY MAY 31**  
**Program Offers Reading Clubs, Minecraft Mondays, Terrific Tuesday Performances, Storytime and More**

*Beverly Hills, Calif.* – The Beverly Hills Public Library will host a Summer Reading Club Kick-off Party on Sunday, May 31 at 6:30 p.m. at Beverly Hills Civic Center Plaza on Rexford Drive. The Kick-Off party celebrates the launch of a robust lineup of great reading, events and activities being offered this summer through the Summer Reading Club which begins May 27 and runs through August 9. A six-piece New Orleans jazz band, Jazzy Ash and the Leaping Lizards Show, is the feature entertainment that is sure to delight all ages. The event is free and open to the public.

The Summer Reading Club theme for 2015 is “Read to the Rhythm” which will incorporate musical events and activities into the program’s offerings. “The Summer Reading Club is a very popular program,” says Nancy Hunt-Coffey, Assistant Director of Community Services for the City of Beverly Hills, “and we are very proud to see the community engage in our programs and utilize the many resources that the Library offers.”

Summer Reading Club encourages reading throughout the summer by providing an incentive when participants reach a reading goal. Children, tweens, and teens are given a logbook to keep track of time spent reading and then are rewarded with free books and gift certificates. Grown-ups who tell us about one book that they’ve read or listened to are entered in a summer-long drawing for great prizes.

Other events and activities offered through the Summer Reading Club include:

- Minecraft Mondays on July 20 and August 3 at 4 p.m. in the Library Auditorium
- Terrific Tuesdays Performances at 4 p.m. at the Civic Center Plaza
  - Magician Amazing Dave – June 16
  - Juggler David Cousin – June 23
  - Musical Duo “The BeatBuds” – July 7
  - Dance Party with Cynthia Harper – July 14
- Summer Storytime for babies and toddlers
- Teens and Tweens Events and Activities at 4 p.m. in the Library Auditorium
  - Paper Airplane Competition – June 10 and 11
  - LED Jewelry Workshop - July 8 and 9
  - Karaoke & Dance Party – July 29 and 30

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- Grown-up and Adult Activities
  - Jim J's Juke Box – July 15 at 7 p.m. in the Library Auditorium
  - Gina B. Nahai in Conversation with Judith Palarz – July 21 at 2 p.m. in the Library Auditorium
  - Friends of Library Book Discussions in Library Meeting Room
    - JULY - The Invention of Wings by Sue Monk Kidd
      - Tuesday, July 14, 10:15 a.m.
      - Wednesday, July 15, 10:15 a.m.
      - Thursday, July 16, 1:00 p.m.
    - AUGUST - The Luminous Heart of Jonah S. by Gina B. Nahai
      - Tuesday, August 18, 10:15 a.m.
      - Wednesday, August 19, 10:15 a.m.
      - Thursday, August 20, 1:00 p.m.

All these programs are free and registration is available online and in-person at the library. For more information about these programs and more, visit [www.bhpl.org](http://www.bhpl.org) or call the Beverly Hills Public Library at 310-288-2220.



*Photo caption: Hundreds of people attended last year's Beverly Hills Public Library Kick-Off Party and based on the popularity of the event, crowds are expected to be even greater this year so come early. 2015 Summer Reading Club Kick-Off Party begins at 6:30 p.m. at Beverly Hills Civic Center Plaza on Rexford Drive.*

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