

READY for the Grade 2020 – Hamden Report



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Hamden Public Library reported they were grateful to have received the Ready for the Grade grant. The summer of 2020 would have been their kick off summer for the program. Due to the restrictions of the pandemic, they were offered the option to begin their program in the summer of 2021.


Hamden Library took summer 2020 as an opportunity to reach out to eligible families. They developed a flyer in English and Spanish and they provided it to families as part of the outreach and support materials they distributed. They had the opportunity to be at Church Street School twice a week for four weeks. This school was one of the locations for meal distribution and is one of the targeted schools to work with in the future.

Each week a staff member and a teen volunteer set up a table at the school to hand out bags to each family that visited. Each bag contained a different leveled reader book, goodies such as pencils, stickers and erasers as well as information about the Ready of the Grade program. Each time they were at the school they had an average of 30 families visit including some that were repeat families. Library staff talked to the children and parents to explain the READY for the Grade program and clarified that the books provided in the giveaway bags were provided by the NewAlliance Foundation and part of the grant that was received. Staff reported that most families were responsive and by the end of the summer Hamden had a list of 32 email addresses (and a few additional names without email addresses). Staff also reported that the modified outreach game them a good start in promoting the program for next summer.





READY for the Grade
Summer Reading Program



Coming to the Hamden Public Library
Summer 2021!

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

All Hamden Public School children entering the 1st, 2nd, or 3rd grade in September 2021 who are below grade level in reading.

WHAT IS THE PROGRAM?

READY for the Grade is designed to bring your child's reading level up over the summer. The program combines small group tutoring and special family night events. Groups will meet twice and week for two hour group tutoring. Family events will be held to encourage family involvement.

WHEN AND WHERE WILL THE PROGRAM BE OFFERED?

READY for the Grade will begin in June 2021. The program will be held at Brundage Community Branch Library, 91 Circular Avenue, Hamden.

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