

# SUMMER READING CHALLENGE 2016

ON YOUR MARK, GET SET...  
**READ!**

Get in the game. *Read!*

tacoma public library

Exercise your mind. **Read.**

**SUMMER READING IS FOR EVERYONE!**

Summer Reading Challenge

Join our Summer Reading Challenge! Read, earn digital badges, and attend a variety of free activities between June 11th and August 6th!

Kids Summer Challenge

Teens Summer Challenge

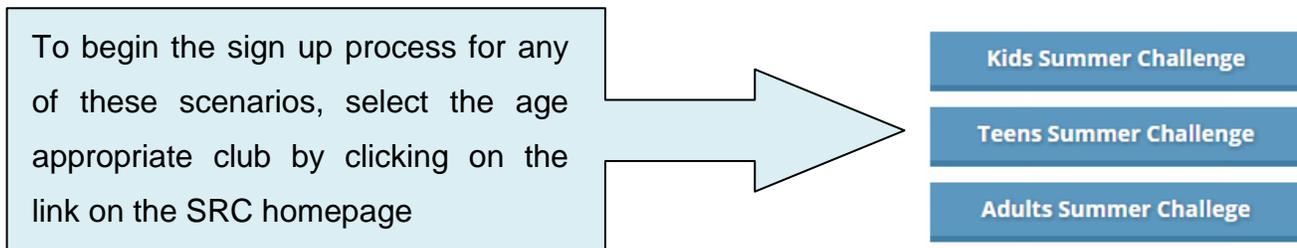
Adults Summer Challenge

[http://www.tacomalibrary.org/browse\\_program/summer-reading-2016/](http://www.tacomalibrary.org/browse_program/summer-reading-2016/)

## JOINING A PROGRAM

There are three scenarios for signing up:

- You have a Tacoma Public Library card that has been registered with our website
- You have a Tacoma Public Library card that has not been registered with our website
- You do not have a Tacoma Public Library card



1. Click on **Join Program** on the home page of the club you've selected.

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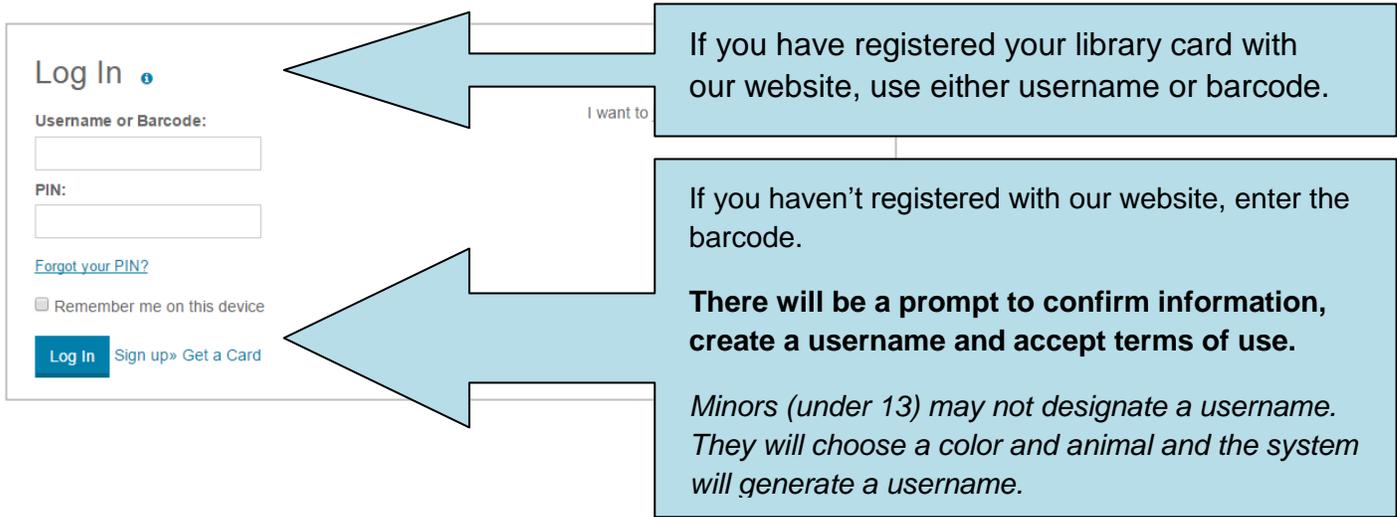
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Program News

Things to do

## 2. Tacoma Public Library cardholders should log in.



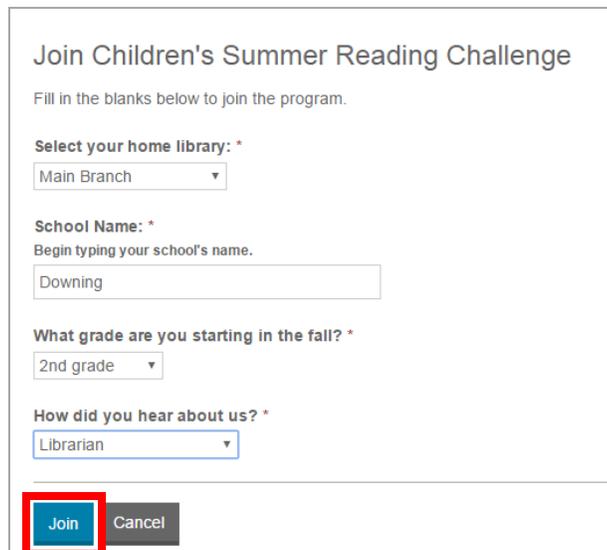
The screenshot shows a login form with the following elements: a "Log In" header, a "Username or Barcode:" field, a "PIN:" field, a "Forgot your PIN?" link, a "Remember me on this device" checkbox, and "Log In", "Sign up", and "Get a Card" buttons. Two callout boxes with arrows point to the form:

- Top Callout:** "If you have registered your library card with our website, use either username or barcode." (Points to the Username or Barcode field)
- Bottom Callout:** "If you haven't registered with our website, enter the barcode." (Points to the PIN field), "**There will be a prompt to confirm information, create a username and accept terms of use.**" (Points to the Sign up button), and "*Minors (under 13) may not designate a username. They will choose a color and animal and the system will generate a username.*" (Points to the Sign up button)

3. Enter demographic information.

4. Click Join to save the registration.

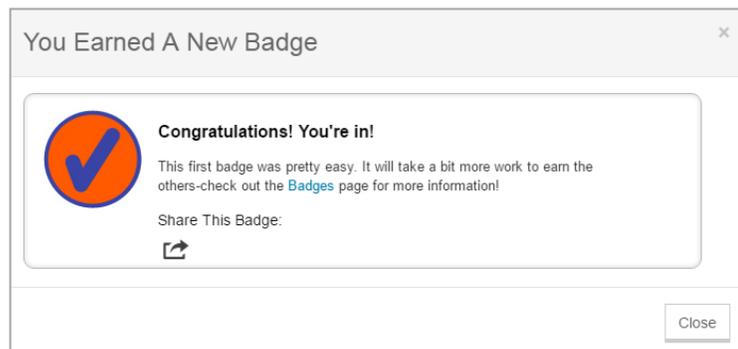
You will receive confirmation that you've joined the program and will receive you first badge.



The form is titled "Join Children's Summer Reading Challenge" and includes the instruction "Fill in the blanks below to join the program." The fields are:

- Select your home library: \*** (Dropdown menu with "Main Branch" selected)
- School Name: \*** (Text input field with "Downing" entered)
- What grade are you starting in the fall? \*** (Dropdown menu with "2nd grade" selected)
- How did you hear about us? \*** (Dropdown menu with "Librarian" selected)

At the bottom, there are "Join" and "Cancel" buttons. The "Join" button is highlighted with a red box.



People who do not have a Tacoma Public Library card can still join the Summer Reading Challenge.

After selecting the age appropriate club from the SRC homepage and clicking **Join Program**, use the registration option opposite Log In, clicking on the words **without a card**.

1. Enter the required fields and click **Next**.
2. There will be a prompt to create a username and enter a four digit PIN. *Minors under 13 cannot create a username. They must choose a color and animal and the system will generate a username for them.*
3. After reading the Terms of Use, click the check box and click **Register**.

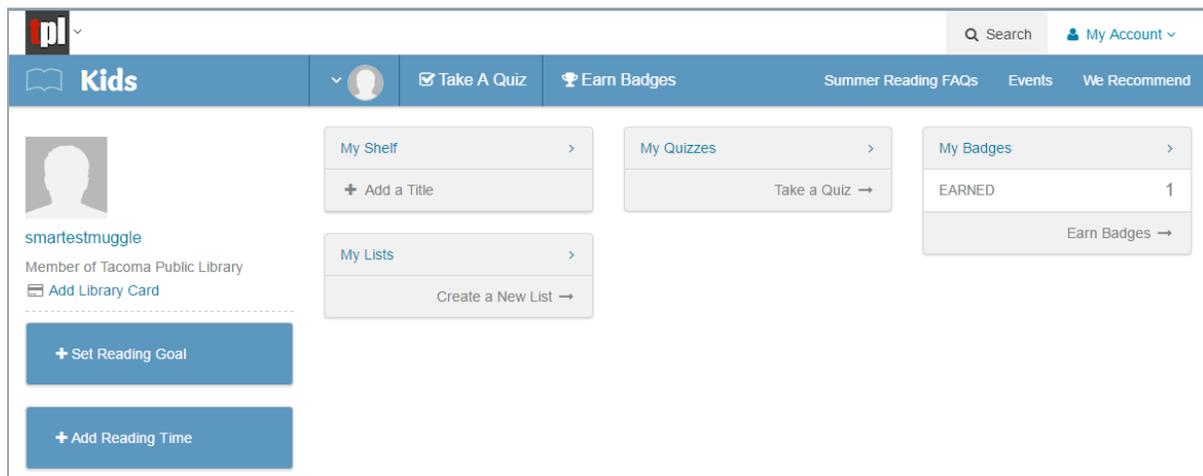
**NOTE:** If the username you chose is already in use, you must choose another. The system will suggest an alternate choice.

4. Like Tacoma Library cardholders, you will be asked to enter some demographic information (see page 2) before clicking the **Join** button. You will receive your first badge for registering.
5. Bibliocommons will send you an email to confirm your email address. Click on the link to confirm. However, you will be able to log in and use the site without confirming the email address.

**NOTE: All non-cardholder registrants, regardless of age, will not be able to enter free text, which will affect adding comments, tags, quotes, list annotations, etc.**

## DASHBOARD

At the top of your Summer Reading Challenge account is the dashboard.

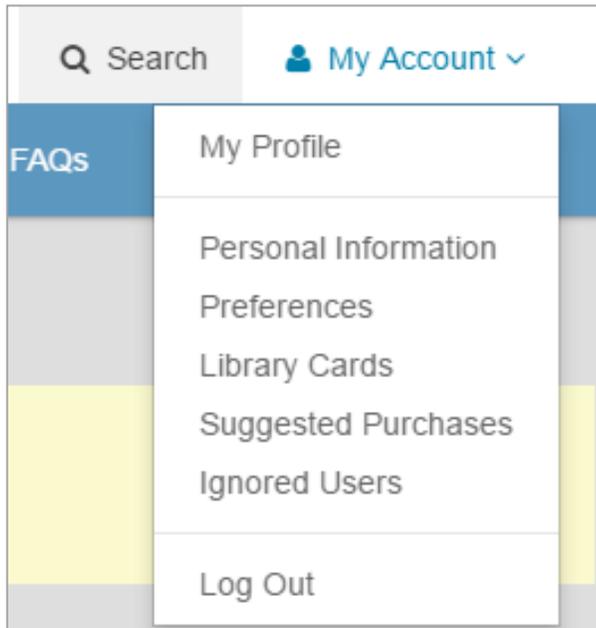


Here you can:

- **Add a Title** to My Shelf (which by default is public. Click the *change to private* link to edit the visibility)
- **My Lists** allows users to create lists of titles. *Users under 13 will have a drop down menu of list names (eg: Best Movies Ever) to choose from since they cannot enter free text without parental consent*
- **My Quizzes** will display quizzes taken, and offer the option to take or create a quiz. *Users under 13 cannot create quizzes without parental consent*
- **My Badges** will display the number of badges earned. Click on My Badges to claim a badge code
- **Set Reading Goal**—this refers to the number of books read. You can edit this to create a personal reading goal. Tacoma Library will not use this for the 2016 clubs
- **Add Reading Time**—Tacoma Library has set a specific timed goal for reading time based on age. This will automatically award a badge when patrons reach the timed goal

## MY ACCOUNT

You can edit your user settings from **My Account**, located in the top right-hand corner of the screen. *Any changes made here will also update your main Tacoma Public Library (Bibliocommons) account settings.*



- **My Profile**—users 13 and older can add information about themselves and their areas of interest as well as add a customized rating scale. You can view your shelves, lists and badges from here.
- **Personal Information**—change your username, email or PIN
- **Preferences**—allows you to edit preferences like home library and hold pickup location. *This option isn't available to non-cardholders*
- **Library cards**—link a non-cardholder SRC account to a new library card
- **Suggested purchases**—suggest the Library purchase an item that isn't in our catalog. Limit of 5 suggestions a month
- **Ignored Users**—just as you can follow other users, you can choose to block accounts you do not want to see

### Adult and Teen accounts will have two additional options:

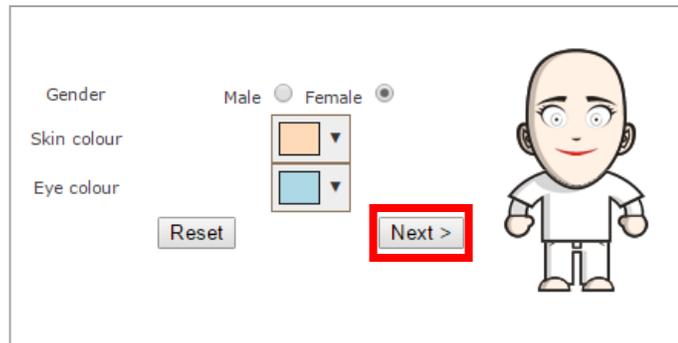
- **Avatar**—create or edit an avatar (custom image) for their SRC account
- **Child Permissions**—parents can grant their minor children 13 and under the permission to enter free text (in accordance with the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act) which will allow them to write reviews, tag and comment as well as create quizzes

## AVATARS (Optional)

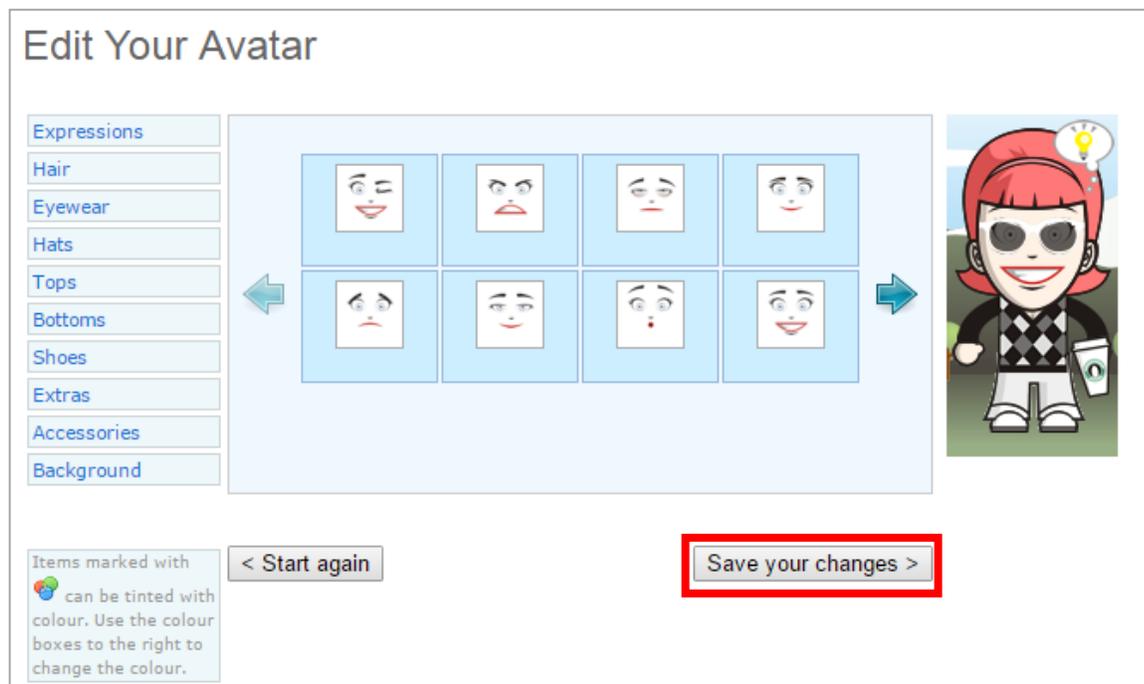
Avatars allow patrons to customize their Summer Sites experience. The avatar can be accessed either through **My Account > Avatar** or on the **Things to Do** sidebar on the program site home page.

### Create a New Avatar

1. Choose basic features.

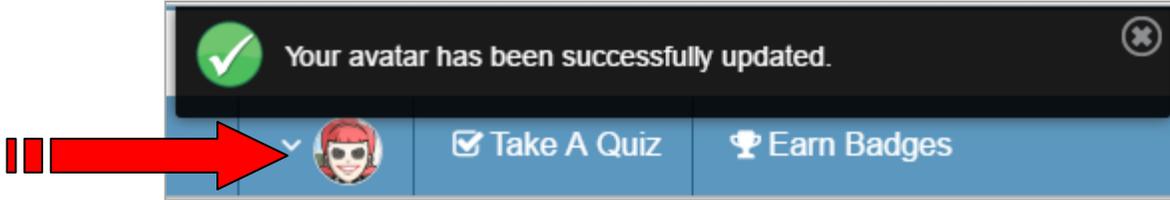


2. Start customizing by clicking on the options. Some customizations will allow you to select a color by using the colors at the bottom. Hover over options to see a description.



3. Remember to click Save Your Changes when you're finished.

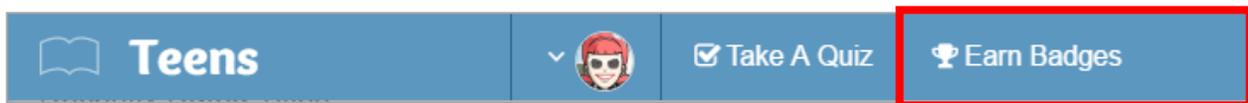
4. Look for a success message at the top of the page. Your custom avatar has replaced the empty one.



5. You can always edit your existing avatar to change the look. Click **My Account > Avatar** and under **Edit Your Avatar**, click **Next** to access the options.

## BADGES

Most badges are awarded automatically as you read and participate in optional activities such as commenting, tagging and rating titles. Click Earn Badges at the top of the screen to view what badges are available to earn.



Click on a badge to learn how to earn it.



### Quote

#### How to Earn it

To add a quotation, click on Add Details on the title's page or your Shelf, followed by Quotations, and then Add Quotations. Add any quotation you like from the title. Save your work to earn the badge. Add quotations to other titles on your shelf to level up this badge.

If you are in the United States, you must be 13 or older to leave a comment. At some libraries, users under 13 can add free-text content with a parent's permission. Users who register without a barcode cannot add quotations.

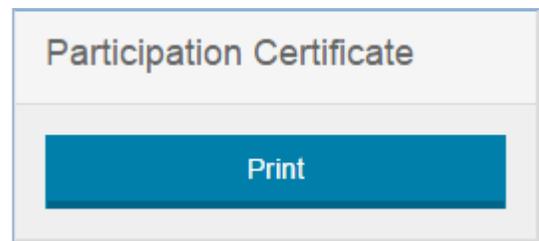
## CERTIFICATES (Optional)

You can print out a certificate with your achievements from the sidebar menu on the landing page.

1. Click the program name in the navigation bar.



2. Scroll down to Participation Certificate and click Print to generate.



3. Change the print orientation to landscape before printing.



## QUIZZES (Optional)

- Quizzes created by a staff account are marked with the library staff avatar
- Quizzes cannot be edited once they are published but can be saved as a draft while they're being created
- Quizzes cannot be deleted once they are created