



**Summer Starts at EPL 2022 will launch on June 25<sup>th</sup> and end on August 27<sup>th</sup>**

### **What is Summer Starts at EPL?**

Summer Starts at EPL is the Edmonton Public Library's annual summer program that helps to minimize summer learning loss by motivating kids to read, learn and explore, even when they're not in school! Last year, more than 13,000 kids across Edmonton registered for the summer reading challenge and recorded a total of 105,402 hours of reading!

The program includes:

- **A summer reading challenge:** Kids can pick up their registration packets at any EPL location. They'll track their reading minutes with a logsheet, and for every 6 hours that they read, they'll receive one entry into our grand prize draw and a free button.
- **In-branch classes & events:** Summer Starts at EPL is back in the branches with exciting and educational content created by EPL staff and a few special guests! There will be things to build, technology to learn, mysteries to solve and so much more!
- **Online events:** We'll feature a variety of online events with a fantastic array of guest performers. There will be a menagerie of birds and animals, yoga, dancing, magic shows, treasure hunts, improv workshops just to name a few!
- **A weekly contest:** Kids can visit their nearest EPL branch each week to look for this summer's mascot, Ariana Flambé. If they find her, they can enter their name in a weekly draw to win a free book!
- **Prizes!** This year, our prizes include:
  - **A Nintendo Switch Kit**
  - **10 Lego Kits**

### **What is the TD Summer Reading Club?**

- The TD Summer Reading Club is a nationally sponsored campaign that encourages children to read throughout the summer.
- Thousands of libraries across Canada (including EPL) participate.
- Our website will link to the TDSRC page, where kids will find more great activities, eBooks and content to keep them busy all summer long!

Video Link: <https://youtu.be/MyILL-gFFYs>