

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## **Libraries Rock! Summer Reading Kick Off**

(Nacogdoches, TX) – The Nacogdoches Public Library is joining other libraries across the country in celebrating reading with the universal theme of *A Universe of Stories*. Festivities for the summer will begin Saturday, June 1st from 12-2 pm. Patrons will get a sneak preview of the programs available throughout the summer for children, teens, and adults. They can also sign up for the summer reading challenge through the library's new online reading system, Beanstack. Patrons can track their reading for a chance to win lots of great prizes at the end of the summer.

"Teachers and librarians will tell you that the summer is an opportunity for parents to help their children maintain their reading levels by encouraging them to read daily. Kids, at all grade levels, who read during the summer are less likely to suffer the effects of "summer slide." This is where students return to school reading at one or more levels below where they left off at the end of the school year. The library also offers many additional enrichment programs, such as, STEAM, escape rooms, jewelry making, and computer classes and we will be out in the community doing even more programs," said Mercedes Franks, Library Director.

To learn more about the various library programs, please visit the library's website at <a href="www.ci.nacogdoches.tx.us/library">www.ci.nacogdoches.tx.us/library</a>. All programs are free. However, some require registration. Registration may be done in person, by telephone at 559-2970, or from the library's website.