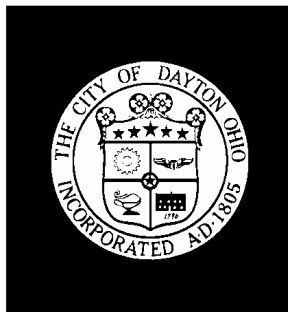


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Mayor McLin Issues Reading Challenge to Students

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Dayton Mayor Rhine McLin continues to challenge Dayton school children to read more books as a way to help improve their literacy skills. As she has done for the past few years, Mayor McLin said students in any public, private, or charter school in the city who reads the prescribed amount of books during the current school year will receive certificates of achievement from the Dayton City Commission.

The Mayor has set the following reading challenges:

- Pre-Kindergarten - 2nd Grade: 75 Books
- 3rd Grade - 5th Grade: 50 books
- 6th Grade - 12th Grade: 25 Books

For the Mayor's Reading Challenge, students may read alone, or for younger students, be read to by an adult or older sibling. The Mayor has issued a similar challenge in previous years as a way to help encourage kids to read. The specific reading guidelines for each age group are attached.

"This is just another way the City of Dayton and the local schools can work together to enhance literacy skills among our young people," she said. "I know schools have placed a lot of emphasis on reading and writing, so I want to offer some additional incentive for students who put forth the effort."

The Mayor requests that teachers who can confirm that a student has read the required number of books since the start of the school year contact the Mayor's Office at 333-3640. The challenge is open throughout the school year; teachers must submit the names of qualified students by June 1, 2008.

For more information, contact the Mayor's Office at 333-3640.

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Mayor McLin's Reading Challenge Guidelines

High academic achieving students are usually students who read voraciously. Students achieve fluency by reading silently or, for younger students, being read to by an adult for a minimum of 30 to 40 minutes at home or in school.

For the Mayor's Reading Challenge, students may read alone or be read to by an adult or older sibling. Students may choose a variety of materials they can read.

The chart below provides the parameters for the Mayor's Reading Challenge.

Grades	# of Books	Book Equivalents
Pre-K - 2	75	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Picture book of 32 pages or more = 1 book• Short chapter books less than 50 pages = 1 book• Magazine* = 1 book• Comic Book* = ½ book
3-5	50	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Age appropriate trade book = 1 book• Chapter Book - up to 100 pages = 1 book• Chapter Book - every 100 pages = 1 book• Magazine* = 1 book• Newspaper - Dayton Daily/USA Today = ½ book• Comic Book* = ½ book
6-12	25	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Age appropriate trade book = 1 book• Chapter Book - up to 150 pages = 1 book• Chapter Book = every 150 pages = 1 book• Magazine* = ½ book• Newspaper - Dayton Daily/USA Today = ½ book

* Teacher Approved

* Trade Book - Non-fiction/picture/poetry age appropriate text