

LET'S GET READING AT THE VERONA POOL!!

The Summer Outdoor Reading Program is ready for its sixth summer at the Verona Pool. The program is sponsored by C.H.I.L.D., Inc. a Verona not-for-profit organization and run through the Verona Recreation Department. The reading room is located by the Reading Shed in the corner opposite the playground.(to the right when you enter).

The goal of this program is to make reading fun and accessible! Our reading program, with 500+ book collection and audio-books on bright color rolling carts, is run outdoors to make it more accessible. Be sure to stop by this summer. The program works as follows:

- The Summer Outdoor Reading Room will be open Monday-Friday from 1 4 p.m. at the Verona Pool, June 30th through July 31st.
- One full-time staff —Brad Smith a VHS graduating senior who is headed to the University of Maine to study engineering in the fall as well as student volunteers, will assist your children with their reading selections.
- Youth in grades Pre-K through 8 sign up beginning on June 29th and make a goal to read a certain number of books or minutes by the end of the Reading Room season.
- Readers can borrow from our book collection while they are at the pool but cannot take out the book. All books are to remain at the pool and returned to the book cart at the end of the day. However, we will assure that the selected book is available—with bookmark intact—the following day.
- Each day—or whenever they are at the pool, the readers log the number of minutes they have read (they may read from their own collection as well—all reading does not need to occur at the pool). Staff may "quiz" readers on what they have read.
- The focus this summer will be on science. Look for the word of the day, the question of the day and weekly hands-on activities.
- We have expanded our collection of books for parents and older siblings.

Hope to see all of you on June 30th! If you have any questions please contact Daphne Smith at <u>smith.pd@att.net</u> or Norma Francullo at <u>childverona@gmail.com</u>