LET'S GET READING AT THE VERONA POOL!!

The Summer Outdoor Reading Program is ready for its fourth 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 next to the Reading Shed, in the corner opposite the playground. Look for the brightly colored reading carts.

The goal of this program is to make reading fun! Our reading room, with a 500+ book collection, including audio-books and books from the summer reading lists, is run outdoors to make it more accessible and inviting. The program works as follows:

- The Summer Outdoor Reading Room at the Pool will be open Monday-Friday from 1-4, June 24th through July 26th. The first 25 kids to sign up on June 24th will get a free book.
- The Reading Room is run by two full-time staff: VHS alum, recent Rutgers University graduate and aspiring author, Luke Fess, and VHS rising sophomore, Emma Francullo. Volunteer, Maddi Britch, also a rising sophomore at Verona High School, will be helping as well.
- Youth in grades Pre-K through 8 sign up beginning on June 24th, and set a goal to read a certain number of books or minutes by July 26th.
- Readers can borrow from our book collection while they are at the pool. All books are to remain at the pool and be returned to the book cart at the end of the day. Upon request, we will assure that the selected book is available—with bookmark intact—the following day.
- Each day (or whenever they are at the pool), readers log the number of minutes they have read (they may read their own books as well—all reading does not need to occur at the pool).
- Based the number of minutes of read, readers will receive gift certificates from the Towne Scoop, Game Stop, Watchung Booksellers, or the Verona Pool Snack Bar. For example, a child in grades 5 – 8 will receive a prize after every 250 minutes of reading, children in grades 3-4 will receive a prize after every 200 minutes, and children in grades Pre-K through 2 will receive a prize after every 10 books, or 200 minutes.
- The focus this summer will be on reading, vocabulary and creative writing. Look for the word of the day, the creative writing prompt of the day and more …

Hope to see all of you on June 24th! If you have any questions please contact Daphne Smith at smith.pd@att.net or Norma Francullo at nfrancullo@verizon.net.