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Summer Reading Club 2011 kicked off June 4 at the Burleson Public Library, but registration continues through July 15. There is a little extra incentive to sign up now and buckle down on the reading. Each Summer Reading Club participant is eligible for a complimentary ticket to the Sunday, July 10, baseball game featuring the 2010 American League Baseball Champion Texas Rangers vs. the Oakland Athletics. The 2:05 p.m. game at Rangers Ballpark is also Blue Bell \$1 Ice Cream Sunday, Texas Dairy Queen Nelson Cruz Bat Day.

Rangers' second baseman Ian Kinsler hosts the Kinsler's Kids Reading Club. Burleson is one of more than 20 Metroplex libraries that participate. Each Kinsler's Kids Reading Club participant receives a bookmark compliments of Kinsler (while supplies last), and, one lucky youngster from each library will be selected to meet Kinsler during pre-game on July 10. That youngster will also receive an autographed Summer Reading Club poster. All reading club participants will parade around the baseball field during pre-game ceremonies.

Burleson's Summer Reading Club has three age groups: birth to 2 years old, 3-11 years old, and 12-18 years old. The babies have a special activities log with things that parents can do with them, such as read a book, dance with your baby, and read a poem. Once all of those activities are completed, parents can bring the log in for a special prize. There is no certificate for the babies.

For every five hours read by older participants, a small prize will be awarded. Certificates will be awarded after 20 reading hours are logged. Reading logs must be turned in by 6 p.m. on July 15. But, if you want to participate in the Texas Rangers activities, game tickets must be ordered by July 8.

Burleson's Summer Reading Club sponsors include Applebee's, Arby's, Cici's Pizza, Cotton Patch Café, Dairy Queen, Firehouse Subs, Golden Corral, Ringling Bros., Barnum and Bailey Circus and Whataburger.

For more information, call the Burleson Public Library at 817-426-9210 or stop by 248 S.W. Johnson Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Friday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; and Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.