



2025 Bikes for Books

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Since 2006, Masonic Lodges across Maine have brought over 15,000 bikes to students who participate. Each year over 1 million books are read in Maine from this program. We are hoping to have your support and encouragement to inspire your children want to read more.

The objectives are threefold:

- increase student reading and comprehension skills
- recognize positive student achievements
- provide an attainable goal, with life enhancing results

It's easy and fun to join this program:

1. Take this notice home to your parent/guardian so they can learn about this program and give you written permission to join the fun.
2. Agree to read the number of books suggested by the Brewer Public Library for your age group, or talk with the Children's Librarian to find a reading plan that works best for you. Reading suggestions:
 - Newborn - Kindergarten 1:** Parents are encouraged to set an amount of time to read with children together each week. Turn in reading log by July 21st
 - Grades 1 – 5:** Students record titles read weekly on Google sheet, and turn it in at the circulation desk before or on July 21st. Each title counts as an entry into a bike drawing
 - Grade 6 - 12** Students record titles read weekly on Google sheet, and turn it in at the circulation desk before or on July 21st. Each title counts as an entry into a prize drawing
3. Read! You have from June 17th to July 21th to complete your reading.
4. Keep track of your reading in your reading log, and return the log to the Brewer Public Library by July 21st.
5. Attend the end of summer reading party on July 24th to see if you are the lucky winner of a free new bicycle and helmet (one bike and helmet will be awarded to a boy and girl in each grade level). About 20 bikes and helmets will be given away to program participants in a random drawing.

6. Continue to read and enjoy riding your bike in a safe and responsible way while wearing your helmet. See attached permission slip and student/teacher reading contract.