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For Go! Magazine In spite of a cool and rainy spring, summer is on the way.

And, with summer comes the best part of a public library's year — the Summer Reading Program! This year, the libraries have a special treat for everyone in our communities.

This year's national theme — "Read Beyond the Beaten Path!" — combines adventure, the great outdoors, reading and fun for all. Libraries in Morrow and Umatilla counties have expanded on this theme and invite all their residents to go on a Library Road Trip.

People of all ages, families and friends are encouraged to explore the libraries in Morrow and Umatilla counties this summer. From June 1 through July 31, grab a friend and travel from Milton-Freewater to Heppner, from Ione to Ukiah and all the libraries in between.

And remember, with your free library card, you can check out books and other library materials no matter which library you are visiting.

The libraries have a fun way to let you see where you have been with a "brag tag" from each library. They are customized with each library's name and fun graphics. The brag tag can be hung on a provided chain or attached to your backpack.

Here's how the program works: Go into your home library to get a "check-out" card to log

your visits. There is also an app to load on your phone or device. Each person who signs up receives the check-out card log, a starter brag tag, a map of library locations and information about the program.

When you visit another library, you'll get your card stamped and a special brag tag from that library to add to your collection. Visit as many libraries as you can and turn in your stamped card by July 31 to be entered to win a gift basket from your library.

The gift baskets are full of fun and exciting gift certificates, books and entry tickets for even more adventures.

Many local businesses and attractions have been generous in providing tickets to their events. Check with your library for a list of gift basket contents to be won.

Everyone is encouraged to get out and visit all of the libraries in Morrow and Umatilla counties. Library staff members are ready to welcome all visitors with their smiles, date stamps and brag tags. Have a wonderful adventure this summer!

For more information, find the Morrow County libraries' information at www.otld.org and www.ionelibrary.com, and the Umatilla County libraries' contact information at www.ucslid.org.

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Erin McCusker/Contributed Graphic Libraries in Umatilla and Morrow counties invite people on a Library Road Trip.

Visit libraries and get your card stamped from June 1-July 31, 2022, for a chance to win a gift basket.



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