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Van Buren Branch Hosts Summer Reading Finale

NEWARK, N.J. – The Van Buren Branch of the Newark Public Library wrapped up its “Universe of Stories” summer reading program with an award celebration and performance by ScienceTellers on August 14, 2019. The 2019 Summer Reading Program was generously funded by **Panasonic Corporation of North America**.

The performance was out of this world! ScienceTellers presented science experiments to bring a story to life. And what a story it was! During a meteor show, something mysterious falls from the sky toward Earth. Two curious kids head into the forest to investigate. What they find are aliens, and they must rescue them back to their spaceship before it is too late.

In addition to the finale party, children who participated in the summer reading program also were honored with a certificate for their achievements. To participate in the summer reading program, children recorded the number of minutes they read in a log book, with 1000 minutes being the ultimate goal.

Next year’s Summer Reading program for all of The Newark Public Library locations will start in June 2020. The Van Buren Branch is located at 140 Van Buren Street, Newark, and its hours are 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday, Friday; 1:00-8:00 p.m. Wednesday; and 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Saturday. To learn more about upcoming library programs, please visit the Van Buren Library, call 973.733.7750, or go to www.npl.org.

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