

## 639 kids take part in Summer Reading

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Approximately 215,656 minutes were spent reading this summer by participants in Mauney Memorial Library's Dragons, Dreams and Daring Deeds summer program.

"It was awesome," said Christy Conner, children's librarian. "It was a neat topic, a true gem."

The program attracted 639 participants ages birth to 18. Parents read to the youngest children. The teens alone read 20,945 minutes in the Joust Read program.

Friday morning The Almost Amazing Al performed during the Fairy Tale Ball held at Central United Methodist. Mayor Rick Murphrey, dressed as the king, presented certificates to participants.

Volunteers included Courtney Bolin, Celisa Bolch, Jennifer Vasey, Sam Brice,

Jonathan Brice, Kylee Wideman, Ariana Wingo, Brooke Conner, Kayla Absher, Patrick Ortega, John Gamble, Ker Medero, Stetson Abdi, Erica Carpenter, Linda Carpenter, Joyce Ledford, Elizabeth Bruche, Brenna Burgess, Chelsea Penner, Brandie Penner and Ashley Patel.

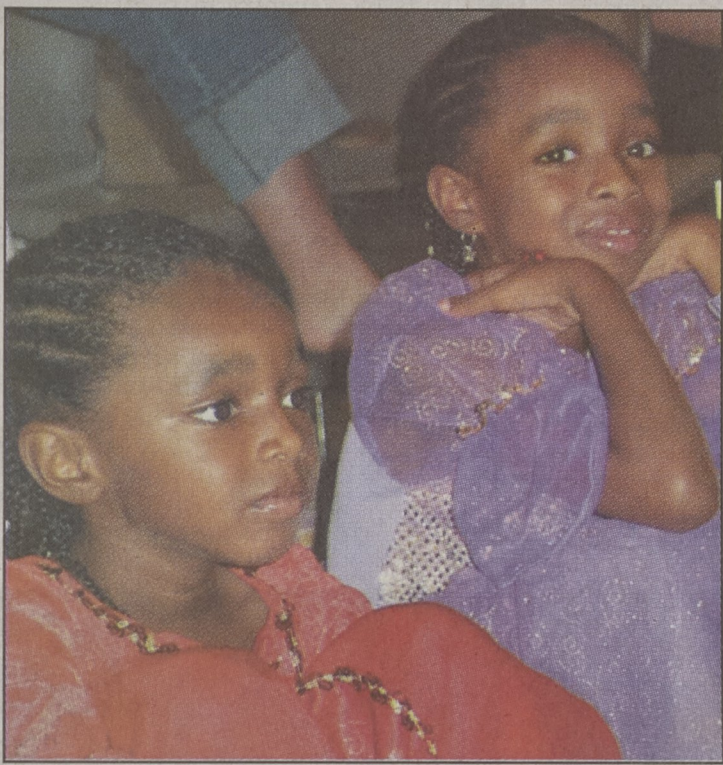
Ryans Steak House, Sagesport, Kate's Skating Ring, Cleveland Cosmetology, Hair Chair, Stylin Salon, Chick-Fil-A, Cleveland Music and the YMCA donated prizes.

Kings Mountain Little Theatre loaned the costume Murphrey wore. Carpet Interiors donated the red carpet participants walked down. Central United Methodist allowed the library to use its facility for several events during this summer's program.

Conner is already working on next year's program, Paws, Claws, Scales and Tales.



Jessica Hall holds her daughter Grace Hall during an event marking the end of Mauney Memorial Library's summer reading program.



Maniya Jarrett, left, and Samaya Jarrett dress as princesses for Mauney Memorial Library's Fairy Ball Friday.



Emma Collins dresses as a fairy during Friday morning's Fairy Ball which marked the end of the Mauney Memorial Library summer reading program.



Jonie Stumbo enjoys the Fairy Ball Friday.

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