

# 'Digging' into reading

## Reading club participants enjoy summer party

Children and teens who took part in the Back Mountain Memorial Library's Summer Reading Program, "Dig Into READING!" enjoyed a final party of themed games, crafts and refreshments on Aug. 15. In addition, each participant "dug" for a book of their choice to take home.

Crafts included finger painting, sidewalk chalk designs, mineral mosaics, using mineral tiles to create beautiful patterns, and gemstone designs, using all sizes and types of beads to create jewelry and other items.

Participants dug for dinosaur eggs like archeologists, using paintbrushes to gently unearth the eggs and find surprises within.

Everybody took a turn "panning for gold" by putting their pan in the sand and trying to scoop up a gold nugget. The children won prizes or books if they found gold.

"Worm races" proved to be the popular game of the day as the participants selected a worm, gave it a name and cheered it on as it crawled to the outside of the circle. Winners earned prizes and books.

All the children, teens and their parents enjoyed dirt pudding complete with gummy worms, sand pudding (for those who could not have chocolate), freeze pops, chips, cheese curls and refreshments.

Pepsi Beverages



Debbie Ulitchney, left, of Shavertown, helps her daughter Stephanie, 7, make a mineral mosaic in the blazing sunshine at the Back Mountain Memorial Library Summer Reading Party.



Boy Scout Paul Smith, left, of Troop 281, Dallas, assists James Eckert, 7, of Dallas, in 'panning for gold.'

Company of Wilkes-Barre donated bottled water, Sam's Club donated freeze pops and paper goods, Roberta Brightaup brought chips and cheese curls, and dirt pudding (complete with worms) was prepared and donated by Lake-Lehman High School senior Kelly Sweeney and her mother,

Ann, Kathy Millington, Anna Cummings, staff member Noreen Gladey and Children's Librarian Janet Bauman.

Danny Burkhardt, Michael Santora, Michael Smith and Paul Smith of Boy Scout of Troop 281 and Nate Roppelt of Troop 146 helped with set up and take down and took

charge of the worm races and panning for gold game and prizes.

Anna Korey, Kathy Millington, Kelly Sweeney and Ann Sweeney served pudding, snacks and refreshments. Louise Roberts, Karen Laskowski, Heather Pitcavage and Karen Chiarucci guided the children making



Ashley Hudak, 6, left, and her sister Ava, 8, both of Shavertown, look through a box of books at the Back Mountain Memorial Library Summer Reading Party. BILL TARUTIS photos | FOR THE DALLAS POST

their crafts. Dallas students Olivia King and Erika and Carolyn Wintersteen registered the participants, helped with set up and take down and also helped with the crafts and games.

Library custodian Joseph Stager directed the set up and take down and Joe Dwinchek, Gerry Korey and Chuck Rawls directed the parking.

Summer readers who could not attend are welcome to visit the library to select a book and take home their bookworm.

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