



It was a very good July for the Lied Imperial Public Library's summer reading program. About 50 children from three-year olds to those entering grades 1-6 participated this year, according to Director Beth Falla. Lisa Fortkamp spearheaded the project, which ran all of July. The younger children were read stories, while the older ones checked out books and created crafts. Those in grades 1-6 made picture frames using recycled glass courtesy of the City of Imperial, carved soap, created glass paintings and tried their hands at watercolors. Fortkamp said an art show is planned for Aug. 6 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the library to spotlight the creations. At left, Josie Peterson was one of 14 youth painting vases during the summer reading program last week. Above, younger children at the library's summer reading program pretended to be spiders during the reading of "Willy the Dreamer." (Republican photos)

