

Catch Lots Of Very Exciting Reading

Registration Deadline: March 15th by 4pm

Report Deadline: June 15th by 4pm to the Extension Office

The CLOVER reading program offers Stark County 4-H youth a chance to earn recognition for learning more about the projects they are taking, improve their reading ability, experience the lifelong skill and joy of reading and help their club by performing reading-related community service activities. The county's top CLOVER point earners in each category will receive a prize!

All Stark County 4-H youth (age 5-18) are eligible to enroll in CLOVER.

Here's how it works:

- The CLOVER registration form is available online at stark.osu.edu. Only one form per club is required. Interested 4-H members sign up at club meetings. The form is then returned to the Extension office by the March 15 enrollment deadline.
- The reading program runs March 15-June 15 annually. Youth earn points by reading age/ability appropriate books, magazine articles and textbook chapters on their project area(s), and their 4-H project book. They can read for personal enjoyment or learn more about their project area. Reading-related community service also earns points.
- Youth then record what they read, along with a brief synopsis in a CLOVER book report form. Completed forms must be turned into the Extension Office by June 15th. (A minimum of 25 points is required to complete the program - each book related to the project area earns 5 points.
- Cloverbuds do not earn points. They participate in the CLOVER program by reading 5 books or having 5 books read to them. (The ability to read is not necessary for participation in the CLOVER program). All participating Cloverbuds will receive a CLOVER award ribbon.
- Awards for all CLOVER participants completing the program will be presented at Extravaganza judging in July.
- Annual Poster Contest: All youth registered in the program are also invited to enter the poster contest. Posters are judged by how well the youth incorporates reading into the Stark County Fair theme. Posters must be turned into the Extension Office by August 15 and will be displayed in the 4-H fair booth building.

