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## Education and Office of the Governor Inviting Summer Reading Challenge Participants to Fun Day

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The Office of the Governor, in conjunction with the Virgin Islands Department of Education have invited St. Croix students who participated in the 11th Annual Governor's Summer Reading Challenge, June 6 to September 20, to attend a day of fun from 2-5 p.m. on Saturday, December 7 at the Agriculture Fair Grounds in Estate Upper Love.

The invitation-only event will celebrate students' achievement of reading five or more books during the summer months. Students turn in book tracking sheets to their teachers at the end of the three-month Challenge and receive an invitation to the annual celebration, said the Dept. of Education.

The fun day will include a variety of activities, including face painting, moko jumbies, a planting workshop, arts and crafts, games, music, food, and more. In addition, the school with the most readers will receive special recognition. Local agencies and non-profits will also be present.

The St. Thomas-St. John fun day will be held on December 22 at Lockhart Elementary School.

The Governor's Summer Reading Challenge invites students in grades K-6 attending public and private schools to read five or more books during the summer months. While the activity takes place in states across the U.S., in the Virgin Islands, students receive up to two grade-level books that are written and illustrated by Virgin Islands or Caribbean authors and illustrators.

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