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Deschutes Public Library Newsletter

For you non-fiction fans my summer reading recommendation is any book by Malcolm Gladwell. Gladwell has a knack for looking at ideas from alternate points of view that will make you question your assumptions. In his most recent book, *Outliers: The Story of Success*, Gladwell takes a look at assumptions about reading scores for grade

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school children. He finds that children of all income levels learn at almost the same pace throughout the school year. Yet by sixth grade there are vast differences in reading levels. What happened?

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At the library we encourage summer reading because it is fun! But it is nice to know that having fun also helps academically. Deschutes Public Library is here to help you and your children hone your reading skills. Join us as we celebrate the joy of reading with our summer reading programs and events!

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