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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY COOPERATIVE TO CELEBRATE SUMMER READING WITH THE TAMPA BAY RAYS

Tampa, FL – Summer is here and the Hillsborough County Public Library Cooperative is inviting students to “Read Your Way to the Ballpark”.

The Hillsborough County Public Library Cooperative has teamed up with the Tampa Bay Rays to create a lineup of free summer reading fun. The goal is to encourage students to read more this summer and to visit the library regularly before they return to school in August.

By reading books this summer, Hillsborough and Pinellas County elementary school students in grades 3-5 can circle the bases – first, second, third and home – and collect prizes as they go. Make it all the way around to home and the ultimate reward is two tickets to see the red-hot Rays in action at Tropicana Field in August.

Kids can pick up their game cards and prizes at any Hillsborough County Public Libraries. Summer is baseball season, and it also can be a great time to be in the library reading books and stories that interest you. Children can ask their parents or guardians to sign their card every time they read for one hour. When children read enough hours to get on a base, they may bring the game card to their local library. The librarian will sign the card and children will receive a reading reward.

This program is cosponsored by *The St. Petersburg Times* and Tampa Bay Rays. For more information about our summer reading programs and other **FREE** programs @ your library®, please call (813) 273-3652 or visit hcplc.org.

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