

Read Beyond the Beaten Path combines camp, adventure, and skill development.

Summer camp activities can encompass many different experiences:

» Outdoors: hiking, campfires, stories, s'mores, and more

Animal identification

- Arts and crafts
- » Music
- Talent shows
- Earning badges
- Letters from camp

STEM programs and activities are very easy to work into this theme at the library because of its nature and outdoor aspects. There is also space camp, math camp, band camp, and coding camp, to name a few.

Books like Spy Camp by Stewart Gibbs, Be Prepared by Vera Brosgol, or Rick Riordan's The Trials of Apollo, Book One lend themselves to great theme-based stories and activities.





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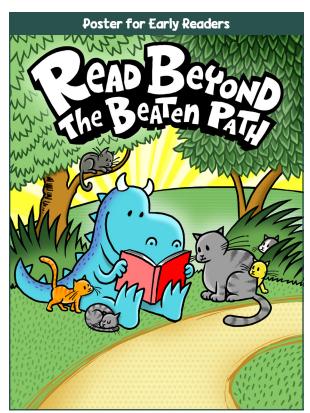
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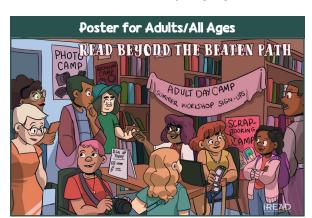




When **Dav Pilkey** was a kid, he was diagnosed with ADHD and dyslexia. He was so disruptive in class that his teachers made him sit out in the hallway every day. Luckily, Dav loved to draw and make up stories, so he spent his time in the hallway creating his own original comic books—the very first adventures of Dog Man and Captain Underpants.



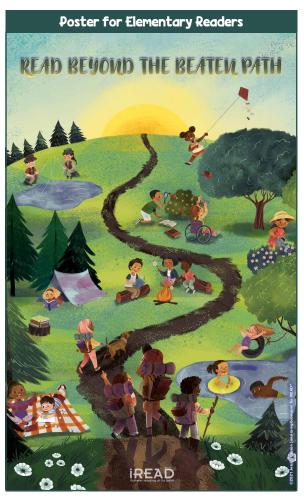
Since then, Dav has written and illustrated a number of bestselling and award-winning children's books, including the Caldecott Honor book *The Paperboy*. His Captain Underpants series and Dog Man graphic novels have sold millions of copies worldwide and have been translated into many languages.





Steenz is a St. Louis-based cartoonist, editor, and professor. She's the cartoonist on the syndicated comic strip 'Heart Of The City', and the co-creator of Dwayne McDuffie Award-winning graphic novel *Archival Quality*. She participates in and creates community building comics-related programming. Steenz currently teaches cartooning at

Webster University. She lives with her husband and two cats, and watches a lot of esoteric social documentaries.

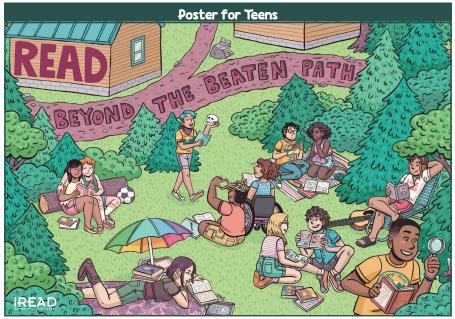




Jessica Gibson is a freelance illustrator born from the riverfront area of Detroit, Michigan. A love of animals, nature, and picture books has always inspired her to draw whimsical, expressive characters and led to a career in illustration.

Jessica has produced illustrations for a number of publishers and brands, including picture books, editorial spot pieces, packaging design, and surface patterns. She says, "Whatever project I work on, I make sure the final outcomes have a real sense of fun!"

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