

Can one Summer Reading Program Support Multiple Goals?

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Q: My library's summer reading program is going online for the first time ever. I have been designated as the person who sets up the Evanced Summer Reader. My question is: is it possible to have separate goals for separate age groups?

For instance, preschoolers must read "x" amount of pages while 3rd graders must read "y" amount. I cannot figure out how to set this up.

A: It is possible to have both a "patron" goal and a "program" goal in the same program. However, there is only one of each in a single program.

What many libraries do is setup up multiple programs with an age restriction on each. So for example, you could have a kids program (ages 0-6), a youth program (ages 7-12), a teen program (ages 13-17) and an adult program (ages 18-up). You can have as many programs as you like.

To help make this easier to setup, there is a "copy" function in the program setup. So you can configure one program with the basic settings for your programs then copy it several times and change only the portions that are different (like patron goal).

A side-affect of setting up many programs is that it may cause some confusion with all the tabs. So to help eliminate this problem go to 'Program Settings' and change the display mode from "Tabs" to either "Links" or "Droplist". Now create a link for each specific program on your library's web page using the program ID found in the program configuration (for example, <http://xx.evanced.info/library/sr/homepage.asp?programID=4>). [This way you can direct each age group to a specific program and they will only see the tab for their program.](#)

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