



Meet Esgar, a calm, positive, and mature-for-his-age 7th grader. He is responsible for taking care of his little brother, Joey, when their mother is at work, and they both come to the library regularly to check out books to read together, work on their homework, and participate in programming. Last semester, Esgar proudly showed us the fruits of his hard work - improved grades and praise from his teacher. This summer, Esgar's enthusiasm for the library has continued in programming and in collecting books to share with his younger brother, Joey. They are huge fans of the Judy Moody series by Megan McDonald, and they check out two copies of the same book to read together. Esgar reads on his own, and when Joey needs help with a word, he asks his big brother Esgar for help.

This summer, they've read 20-25 books together, and their favorite was *Judy Moody and the NOT Bummer Summer*. They got into these books after hearing about the movie and wanted to dive more into the text. Esgar's favorite program was the Zumba program because he says: "I got to dance. I was a little shy, but I got to dance." Joey's favorite was our cape making program, and both boys still have their capes at home.

Together, they had a fun and engaging summer, and they wanted to say "thank you to everyone at the Byers Branch for helping them." We at Byers are looking forward to another positive year together!