Reading Partner Volunteers
For students in grades 4-6 during the 2019/2020 school year
Tuesdays, June 9, 16 & 23 or Thursdays, June 11, 18 & 25, 3:00 p.m., 3:20 p.m., 3:40 p.m., 4:00p.m. or 4:20 p.m.
Become a volunteer and help younger students practice reading! For three weeks, younger students are paired with older students over a video conference, moderated by Ms. Heather for a positive reading experience. Children can read favorite books from home or choose from a guided selection of books that will be screen shared by Ms. Heather. Please select the day and time that works best for your child. Partners will meet on the same day and time each week. Each reading session is 15 minutes. All volunteers must be able to commit for the full 3 weeks and attend a mandatory virtual training session on Thursday May 28th at 3:00 p.m. An invitation to the online meeting will be sent to you after your registration is complete. Registration for this program will begin May 18th.

Forest Feast Cooking Club with special guest appearance from cookbook author Erin Gleeson!
For students completing grades 4-6
Monday, June 29, 12:30 p.m.
Let's cook together! Meet cookbook author Erin Gleeson and work alongside Ms. Heather virtually from home. Together we will make fried banana splits and create fizzy fruit drinks! Participants are highly encouraged to check out the book, The Forest Feast, by Erin Gleeson via Hoopla and to try out some of the other recipes in advance so we can share recipe recommendations with one another. An invitation to the online meeting will be sent to you after your registration is complete.

RRPL Green Team
For students completing grades 4-6
Wednesdays, July 1, 8, 15 & 22, 2:00-3:00 or 4:00-5:00 p.m.
Imagine a better world and work towards it by learning ways to create a healthy environment, upcycling t-shirts to reduce pollution, and educating our community. Register, including your email address to receive your supplies and meeting links.

Fantasy Book Club
For students completing grades 4-6
Monday, July 13, 4:00-5:00 p.m.
Join fellow Half Blood Campers in a virtual book discussion of The Lightning Thief and fun Percy Jackson camp activities! An invitation to the online meeting will be sent to you after your registration is complete.

Boredom Busters
No registration required.

Let's Go on a Story Book Walk!
Share something special on your family walks! Pages of a picture book begin on Hampton Road and continue through the Library's Reading Garden. Check back for new books throughout the summer.

Virtual Story Time
Join Ms. Cathleen for a brief story time each week on our YouTube channel! She will read a book, and include a themed-activity and at-home suggestion for you to try yourself.

Guild of the Brick
For ages 3 & up
Saturdays, June 20, July 18 & August 8
What are you building at home with loved ones? We would love to see your creations on our FaceBook page!

Curbside Crafts To Go
For ages 6 & up
Pickup a packet with directions and supplies to make a cool craft. All you need is glue or a glue stick. While supplies last.
Monday, June 22, 2:00-4:00 p.m.
Prince or Princess Crown – Design your own crown and be royalty for the day!
Monday, July 6, 2:00-4:00 p.m.
Dragon – Design a magical dragon that may not breathe fire but can decorate any room!

Smart Art
For students completing grades K-2
Tuesday, June 30, Children’s Department Blog
Show us your creativity with a special Smart Art from home edition. Share with us your artistic talents as we show you how to create a fun art project.

RiverCon @ Home
Saturdays, June 6-27
Celebrate comics and fandom with RRPL’s RiverCon @ Home this summer! Register to receive your RiverCon @ Home kit that will include materials to make your own recycled comic craft, graphic novel book discussion guides for three select titles (adult, children, and teen), a RiverCon magnet, information on our cosplay contest, and more! Kick off the 2020 Summer Reading Program “Imagine Your Story” with us!

Family Fun Finale
Consult the online registration calendar at www.rrpl.org for more information and for scheduled dates and times.

Summer Reading Program
Join us for our online Summer Reading Program, “Imagine Your Story”. To get you started, a bag distribution pickup area will be available near the Library entrance. Please consult the online registration calendar at www.rrpl.org for more information and for scheduled dates and times.

Virtual Magic Show with Rick Smith, Jr.
Tuesday, June 23, 2:00-2:45, 4:00-4:45 or 7:00-7:45 p.m.
Cleveland based magician, Rick Smith Jr. brings breathtaking magic and illusions never seen before! A Guinness World Records holder, Rick Smith Jr.’s skills have been seen on television shows nationwide. Register online, including your email address and you will receive an invitation to join the event.

Virtual Storytelling Event featuring Lyndsay Bonilla
Tuesday, June 30
Local storyteller, Lindsay Bonilla invites you to come along on a journey of the imagination as we step into stories featuring fantastical creatures from around the world! We’ll meet magical dragons in China and a wish-granting fish in Germany. Audience members will become active participants in the stories as they make sound effects and do kinesthetic movements that go along with the story. Get ready to let your imagination run wild as we embark on a fantastical story journey together! This event will be presented on the Library FaceBook page.
Virtual Fantasy Writing Workshop
For ages 10—13
Monday & Tuesday, June 8 & 9, 9:30-11:00 a.m.
Soar through the stars into unknown galaxies or dive at dizzying speeds on the back of a runaway dragon. Scale mountains made of marshmallows. Tick tock, the clock is running backwards. It’s time to write your own fantasy tale! Taught by Kelly Tooman, creative writing teacher and children’s author of The Birthday Triplets. Register online, including your email address and you will receive an invitation to join the event.

Children’s Summer Programs

Virtual Baby & Me Story Time
For babies and toddlers and their caregivers
Mondays, June 1 – July 27
Missing Baby & Me at the Library? Register to receive a weekly video from Mrs. Fisher with fun songs, stories, and rhymes for you and your baby to enjoy at home.

Kindergarten, Here I Come @ Home
For ages 3-6
Thursdays, June 4—July 30
We’re taking the best parts of Kindergarten, Here I Come and sending it directly to you! Register to receive weekly emails from Ms. Amanda with stories, songs, rhymes, and activities designed to strengthen key skills for school success. Help your preschooler transition to Kindergarten from home!

Connecting for Kids (in lieu of Adapted Story Time)
For children with special needs and their families.
Connecting for Kids provides education and support to families with concerns about their child. We serve all families, including those children with and without formal diagnoses. CFK offers educational programs, support groups, a Parent Match Program and numerous resources. https://connectingforkids.org

Unicorn Magic
Family event
Friday, June 12, 10:00-11:00 a.m.
Join us for a live ZOOM experience to explore the magical world of unicorns through books, songs, games and crafts. Participants will be able to pick up a packet prior to the program with materials to use during the program. Register online, including your email address and you will receive an invitation to join the event.

Dog Man Afternoon
Family event
Thursday, July 16, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
Join us for a live ZOOM experience to celebrate all things Dog Man by Dav Pilkey. Participants will be able to pick up a packet prior to the program with supplies and materials to use during the program. Register online, including your email address and you will receive an invitation to join the event.

Drive-in Movie
For ages 3-5
Tuesday, June 9
Bring the fun of a drive-in theater into your living room. Register for your car-making kit! After this fun family craft project, settle in with one of the Library’s streaming services or your favorite feature film.

Movin’ with Books and Music at Home
For ages 4-6
Monday, June 29
Register to receive an online video program of movement, music and books with Miss Donna to enjoy at home. Participants will be able to pick up a packet prior to the program with directions and supplies to make their own magical rainbow streamer. Register online, including your email address and you will receive an invitation to join the event.

Stuffed Animal Sleepover @ Home: Royal Academy
For ages 5-8 and their stuffed animal friends
Wednesdays, June 10 or July 1, 6:15 p.m.
Put on your favorite pajamas and bring your most adventurous stuffed animal friend for an enchanted digital story time! Get your toy ready for royal life with an enchanting story and craft before you tuck them for the night! Participants can pick up their royal sleepover kit at the library and join us for a live virtual story time.

Crafting with the Curator, Jr.
For students completing grades K-5
Saturday, June 20, consult the online registration calendar for scheduled time.
Sign-up to pick up a kit to make your own ceramic piece of art! Our Cowan Curator will provide instructions and supplies to make your own air dry tile along with a brochure on the history of the Cowan Pottery Studio’s tile production.

Virtual Reading Partners
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Virtual Summer Programs

Solar Snacks
For students completing grades 1-3
Saturday, June 27, 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. or 1:00-2:00 p.m.
Have you ever used the sun to make a meal? During our virtual meeting, we will construct our solar ovens. Then you can harness the sun to create a yummy snack. Register online, including your email address and you will receive your supplies and a link to join the event.

Minecraft: Home Edition
For students completing grades 2-6
Mondays, June 22 or July 27, 3:30-5:30 p.m., or Thursdays, July 2 or July 16, 3:30-5:30 p.m.
Join us from home and play minigames on the Library's Minecraft Realm server! Minecraft Java Edition required. Register online, including your email address and a librarian will contact you to get your child added to the Realms server.

 Tween Summer Programs & Book Clubs

Writing Workshop with author Shelley Pearsall
For students completing grades 4-6
Thursday, May 21, 1:00–4:00 p.m.
Are you an aspiring author? Are you looking for some inspiration and direction on how to create characters for a story? Join Ms. Heather on Skype for a guided instruction video by author, Shelley Pearsall, on how to create your next star story character. Attendees will have the opportunity to publish their written stories on the Children’s Department Blog. An invitation to the online meeting will be sent to you after your registration is complete. Registration is open for this program.

River Readers Virtual Book Club
For students completing grades 4-6
Wednesday, May 27, 4:00-5:00 p.m.
We will meet online to discuss the fractured fairytale book, The School for Good and Evil, by Somani Chaiwnani which is available in both ebook and audiobook format on Hoopla. An invitation to the online meeting will be sent to you after your registration is complete.

Middle School Book Club
For students completing grades 6-8
Wednesday June 3, 3:30–4:30 p.m.
We will meet online to discuss the dystopian fiction tale, Orphan Island, by Laurel Snyder which is available in both ebook and audiobook format on Hoopla. An invitation to the online meeting will be sent to you after your registration is complete.