



# IMAGINE YOUR STORY



## 2020 Summer Reading Program Information

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### ***Dear Parents and Readers,***

Welcome to the 2020 Summer Reading Program “Imagine Your Story”! Due to COVID-19 there have been some changes to our program. As usual, there is an independent reading portion of the program and special events that relate to the program theme. However, all the special events will be virtual or done at home. The library has also purchased software to allow you to sign up and track your reading and participation without having to come to the library. Participants of all ages are encouraged to register for the summer program at **[dyersvillelibrary.readsquared.com](http://dyersvillelibrary.readsquared.com)**. You may also download the app for this program. If you do not have web access you may register by phone on or after June 1 and we will provide you with a paper log. You may also make an appointment to register in person at the library once the library is open to the public. Reading may be tracked via the READSquared webpage, app, or by paper. Events may be viewed on the library’s Facebook page or via links found on our website at [www.dyersville.lib.ia.us](http://www.dyersville.lib.ia.us). The reading program will run June 1 through July 25.

Due to COVID-19, summer lunches will not be served in the Hoffman Community Room. For more information on summer meals, visit Western Dubuque Community School District’s Facebook Page.

### **Summer Reading Rules**

The Summer Reading Program is open to children who have completed fifth grade and under—including infants, toddlers and preschoolers.

Kids age 3+ will need to register at **[dyersvillelibrary.readsquared.com](http://dyersvillelibrary.readsquared.com)**, by using the READSquared app, via phone, or in person by appointment. Kids will receive a book bag, bookmark, and a ball chain or keychain with a brag tag at registration. If registering online or by phone, items may be picked up by appointment or curbside service. Kids will earn points by reading. They will track their reading using minutes, which will earn the points needed to collect bead and brag tags. Children earn points by viewing library events on Facebook or the Internet. Viewing events may also earn badges, which can be accumulated for grand prize entries. Event viewing can be reported on READSquared or on the paper log. Sixty points earns a bead, 240 points earns a brag tag, and 1200 points earns a book, ice cream coupon, and entry into the grand prize drawing. **We request that kids pick up beads and brag tags at a minimum of 240 point increments (i.e. 240, 480, 720, etc.).** Grand prizes are a tablet, a 6 month Book-of-the-Month club, and a 3 month subscription to Kiwi Crate. Other prizes may be added. Kids may continue to read and view events to earn points for beads, brag tags, and entries into the grand prize drawing, but only one book and ice cream coupon will be given per child. Ten badges earned on READSquared will earn an entry into the grand prize drawing.

Parents of children under 3 may register on READSquared to do the Pre-K program, or they may register in person and pick up a paper activity sheet at the library. Both options promote reading readiness. The online program or paper sheets must be completed in full to earn a book, an entry in the grand prize drawing, and a goody bag. Families may do more than one sheet and earn a grand prize entry for each sheet, but will receive only one book and goody bag.

All ages must report reading/viewing by using READSquared, calling the library, or turning in their paper log. Kids may watch available Facebook events and report reading for points to earn beads and brag tags until August 15. **For the grand prize drawing, activity sheets and reading time logs must be completed by 5 pm on July 25th.** Grand Prize winners will be notified and posted on our Facebook page on July 27th.



# EVENT DETAILS

**June 1-July 25: Music, Science, and Magic Galore!** Choose from 13 different programs that you can view at home or on the road! They include 6 programs from Absolute Science- foam, bubbles, lasers, and levitators will entertain and educate. Steve 'n TV will present programs on optical illusions, the human body, and a fun robot dance party. There are also 4 magic shows to watch. Viewing these programs earns points for the Children's Summer Reading Program. The links for viewing will be on the Library's website. Funded by the Friends of the JKPL.

**Activities for Kids Over 8: June 1-July 25.** All through the months of June and July the library will be offering on-line activities and take-home crafts for older kids.\* Please check our website and Facebook page for details.

**Wednesdays, June 3, 10, 17, and 24: Facebook Story Times @ 10:30 am.** Story times will be posted to the library's Facebook page at 10:30 am on Wednesdays in June. All story times will stay posted until June 30th. The different weekly themes are **Picnics, Camping, Dragons, and Zoos**. Each week will have an accompanying activity packet available for 1-3 year olds and 4-7 year olds. Activity packets may be picked up at the library after 11:30 am on Wednesday.\* Crafts will be demonstrated and posted on the library's Facebook page on Wednesday afternoon. These videos will stay on our feed indefinitely. Viewing Story Times earn points for the Summer Reading Program, activities do not.

**June 15-30: Dyersville Walking Trail Scavenger Hunt.** Walk the Dyersville trail system and find the locations pictured on the June Scavenger Hunt sheet! Find at least half the locations to earn points for the Summer Reading Program. The Scavenger Hunt Sheet may be printed off of our website or picked up at the Library. Completed lists must be recorded on READsquared or turned in at the Library by June 30 to earn points.

**Thursday, June 18: Masks from around the World @ 1:00 pm.** Masks have been used throughout human history for many reasons. We will explore masks from different cultures and learn why they were used. Viewing this Facebook program earns points for the Children's Summer Reading Program. There will be take-home crafts and activities\* for all ages. Funded by the Friends of the JKPL.

**Saturday, June 20: Virtual Pint-Size Polkas.** Join Uncle Mike, six-time Polka Hall of Fame Inductee, as he has everyone clapping, singing, and dancing to favorite songs. This high-energy musical, magical, comedic, and educational program will delight all ages. Visit the library website for the link to this event. The program will be available for viewing for 2 weeks after posting. Viewing this program earns points for the Children's Summer Reading Program. Funded by the Friends of the JKPL.

**June 22-July 2: Seek and Find in the Library Window.** Gaze into the library window and find a display that will challenge your powers of observation! This will be the first of three Seek and Find Windows this summer. Print off a list of items to find from our website, or pick a list up from the Library. Participation in this program earns points for the Children's Summer Reading Program. Completed lists must be recorded on READsquared or turned in at the Library by 8:00 pm on July 2.

**Tuesday, June 23: Knight Training @ 10:00 am.** What were knights? Who could be a knight? How did they train? Viewing this program on Facebook earns points for the Children's Summer Reading Program. There will be take-home crafts and activities\* for all ages. Funded by the Friends of the JKPL.

**July 1-15: Dyersville Fairytale Scavenger Hunt.** Dyersville has been invaded by fairy tale characters, and it's your job to find them! Print a "wanted" list off of our website, or pick one up from the library. Then search local businesses' front windows to find the characters. You must find at least half the characters to earn points for the Summer Reading Program. Completed lists must be recorded on READsquared or turned in at the Library in by 8:00 pm on July 15 to earn points.

**Wednesdays, July 1, 8, 15, & 22: Book Talks and Storytelling @ 10:30 am.** Due to copyright issues, we will not be doing virtual story times in July. Instead, we will be doing old-fashioned storytelling, along with some book talks (commercials for books.) These programs will be posted on Facebook and will earn Summer Reading Points.

**Thursday, July 2: Your Home Is Your Castle @ 10:00 am.** What would it be like to live in a real castle? How do they compare with your house now? Find out in this fun Facebook program with Miss Kim! There will be take-home crafts and activities\* for all ages. Viewing this program earns points for the Children's Summer Reading Program. Funded by the Friends of the JKPL.

**July 3-13: Seek and Find in the Library Window.** Gaze into the library window and find a display that will challenge your powers of observation! This will be the second Seek and Find Window this summer. Print off a list of items to find from our website, or pick up a list up from the library. Participating in this program earns points for the Children's Summer Reading Program. Completed lists must be recorded on READsquared or turned in at the Library by 8:00 pm on July 13.

**Tuesday, July 7: Walking the Labyrinth @ 10:00 am.** We will learn the myth of Daedalus and the Labyrinth. Labyrinths are ancient, but are now being used to help kids find a sense of calm. Viewing this Facebook program will earn points in the Children's Summer Reading Program. There will be a take home activity\*. Funded by the Friends of the JKPL.

**Saturday, July 11: Virtual Animal Chat with the Blank Park Zoo @ 10:00 am.** The Blank Park Zoo will be getting us up close to animals we don't get to see in their live programs. The animals we meet will have been chosen by a Facebook poll taken in May, but could be seals/sea lions, rhinos, giraffes, lions, or tigers. Visit the library website for the link to this event. The program will be available for viewing thru July 25. Viewing this program will earn points in the Children's Summer Reading Program. Funded by the Friends of the JKPL.

**July 14-25: Seek and Find in the Library Window.** Gaze into the library window and find a display that will challenge your powers of observation! This will be the last of three Seek and Find Windows this summer. Print off a list of items to find from our website, or pick a list up from the library. Participating in this program earns points for the Children's Summer Reading Program. Completed lists must be recorded on READsquared or turned in at the Library by 5:00 pm on July 25.

**Thursday, July 16: Join the Marvel-verse @ 1:00 pm.** How does Spider-Man stick to walls? How do superheroes defy gravity? Learn the science behind your favorite superheroes' amazing feats. There will be take-home crafts and activities\* for all ages. Viewing this Facebook program will earn points in the Children's Summer Reading Program. Funded by the Friends of the JKPL.

**Tuesday, July 21: Here There Be Dragons @ 10 am.** Dragon lore exists on every populated continent. We will explore dragon legends from around the world. Viewing this Facebook program earns Summer Reading Points. There will be take-home crafts and activities\* for all ages. Funded by the Friends of the JKPL.

**\*Take-home crafts and activities will be available while supplies last.**

