

Pre-Reader Summer Adventure!

Tompkins County Public Library
June 26 - August 7, 2021

Ages
0-4

READ
20+
minutes with
your child

SING
Sing to/with
your child
throughout the
day

READ
20+
minutes with
your child

GROW
Do one activity
from the Early
Literacy Activity
sheet

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READ
20+
minutes with
your child

TALK
Go for a walk
with your child
& talk about
what you see.

READ
20+
minutes with
your child

READ
20+
minutes with
your child

GO
to a library
program or view
one online
together

READ
20+
minutes with
your child

GROW
Do one activity
from the Early
Literacy Activity
sheet



Child's Name:

Age:

Parent's Name:

Email/Phone:



Pre-Reader Summer Adventure Instructions



1. Write your names and contact information on the front of this sheet.
2. Complete as many of the challenges as you can.
3. Return this sheet to the Tompkins County Public Library or email a picture of your sheet to cshortle@tcpl.org by August 7th.

Participants who turn their sheets in will receive a FREE BOOK & a chance to win a raffle prize!



**Please take a few minutes to fill out this brief survey
on the 2021 Pre-Reader Summer Learning Program:**

1. I learned new ways to do the following with my child(ren). Circle all that apply.

Read Sing Play Talk Write

Other:

2. I have a better understanding of the value of doing the activity(ies) I learned with my child(ren).

Yes No N/A

Please Explain:

3. I spend more time doing what I learned with my child(ren).

Yes No N/A

Please Explain:

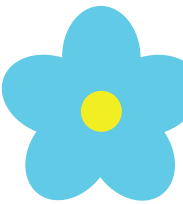
4. As a result of participating in this program, I checked out a book, attended another program, or used another library service or resource?

Yes No N/A

Please Explain:

5. What did you like most about this program?

6. What could the library do to help you more with your child(ren)'s development?



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Summer Adventure Early Literacy Activities Ages 0-4



ANY AGE

- Add books to every room of your house & your car. Storytime can happen anywhere!
- Talk about the pictures in the books you read.
- Mix up storytime with a book you can sing.
- Memorize a short children's book & recite it to your child throughout the days.
- Make up stories and songs about anything and everything (the animals outside, your child's toys, the cars on the street, etc.)!
- Download and listen to an audiobook together with our OverDrive service at tcpl.org.
- Kids who see grownups reading will want to learn to do it too! Read! Need extra motivation? Join our Adult Summer Reading Program!

BABIES

- Narrate what you do as you go through your daily routines. This helps your baby connect words with objects & actions.
- Even if your baby isn't yet talking, you can still engage in conversation by listening to baby's sounds then responding.
- Babies enjoy books with photographs. Check out a book with photos of babies or try making your own book using family photos.
- Children can sign before they can speak. Learn some baby signs!

TODDLERS

- Run your finger under the words as you read them & point out the title & author of each book.
- Prepare your kids for what is coming next in the day by talking about it. This also helps them understand how to tell a story.
- When reading, periodically pause & let your child fill in the next word. Or encourage them to tell you the story!
- Encourage play that involves naming, describing, & communicating.

PRESCHOOLERS

- Ask your child to explain what happens in his/her favorite book & why it is a favorite.
- Help your child identify familiar letters. Show them that these letters spell important words, like their own name.
- When out & about, ask your child to look out for a specific word on signs. Anytime they point it out, celebrate!
- Read a book together & then encourage your child to draw a picture about the story.

