

READING TIPS

Kids 8 - 12

- Read what you love! Summer is a time to discover new things, explore your world, and have fun.
- If you like a certain type of book, like Mystery or Sci-Fi, you can check our shelves for stickers on the spine to guide you.
- Reading a series but the next book isn't at the library? Place a hold on the next book or two and we will let you know when it's ready for pick up! Need help? Just ask!

Kids 5-8

- Build your skills by reading books that are "just right."
- At TCPL, we mark our Early Reader and Chapter books with a scale: Red = Beginner, Green = Phonics, Yellow = Intermediate, Blue = Advanced, Orange = Beginning Chapter Books.
- Library staff are here to help you find your next favorite book!

Caregivers of Pre-Readers

- After reading a book together, ask your child to retell the story or tell you about their favorite part. Talking about what you read builds comprehension!
- Help your child identify familiar letters. A favorite place to start is with letters in their own name.
- When out and about, ask your child to look out for a specific word on signs. Any time they point it out, celebrate!

Caregivers of Toddlers

- Talk about the cover of the book and what the book might be about. Read the title, author, and illustrator.
- As you read, run your finger under the words. (You don't have to do this for the whole book, just sometimes to build the connection that the symbols are connected to language!)
- Encourage play that involves naming, describing, and communicating.

Caregivers of Babies (pro tip: these are great for all ages!)

- Make reading fun! If either of you are fussy or upset, put the book down and try again later.
- Make reading part of a routine! Read a short book or a few pages before bed, before a meal, or connected to another thing you do daily.
- Narrate what you do as you go through your daily routines. This helps babies connect words with actions and objects.

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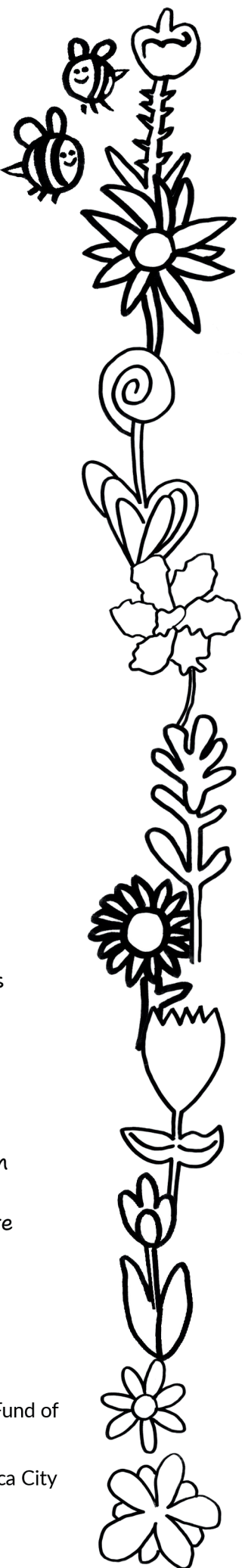
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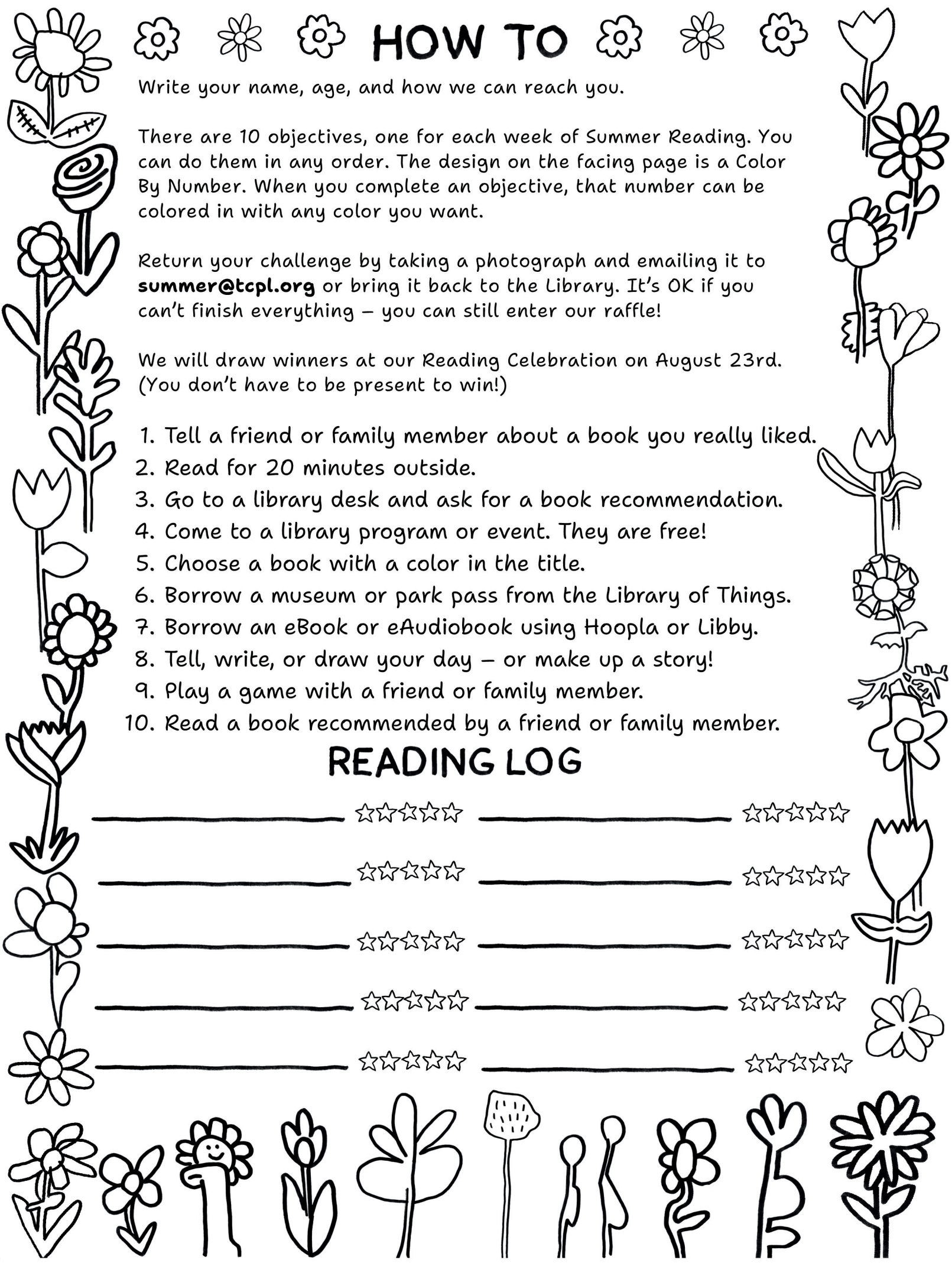
Read what you love all summer long – use this booklet to log and rate books!
Track your reading by coloring in a flower for every day you read 20 minutes or more.
Complete the 10 objectives listed inside this booklet and color our summer chameleon.



Parents and caregivers of babies and pre-readers: Read to your child and complete activities together! Exploring the world is a crucial building block of early literacy.

At the end of the summer, share your progress with us and be entered into our raffle to win prizes!





HOW TO

Write your name, age, and how we can reach you.

There are 10 objectives, one for each week of Summer Reading. You can do them in any order. The design on the facing page is a Color By Number. When you complete an objective, that number can be colored in with any color you want.

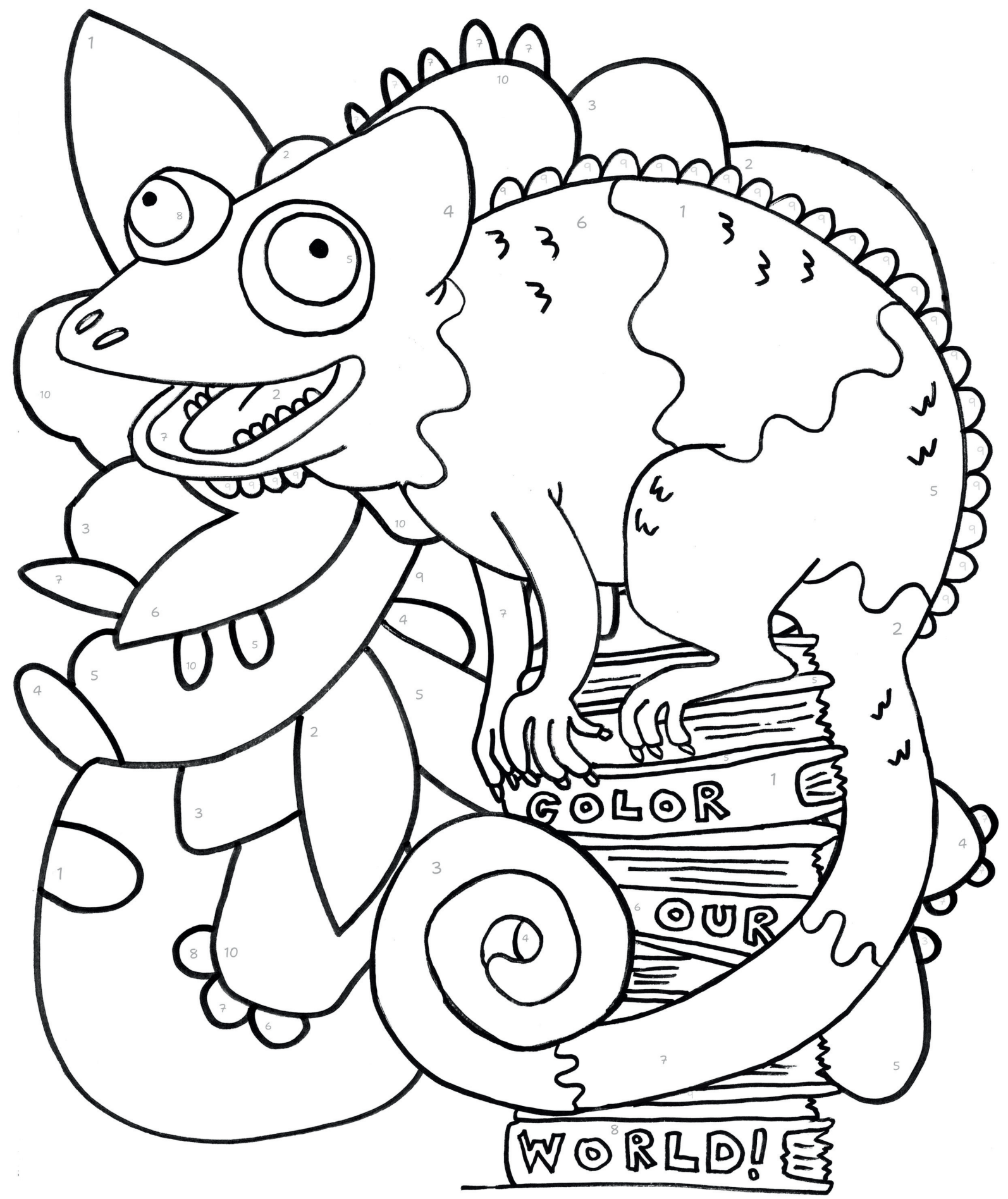
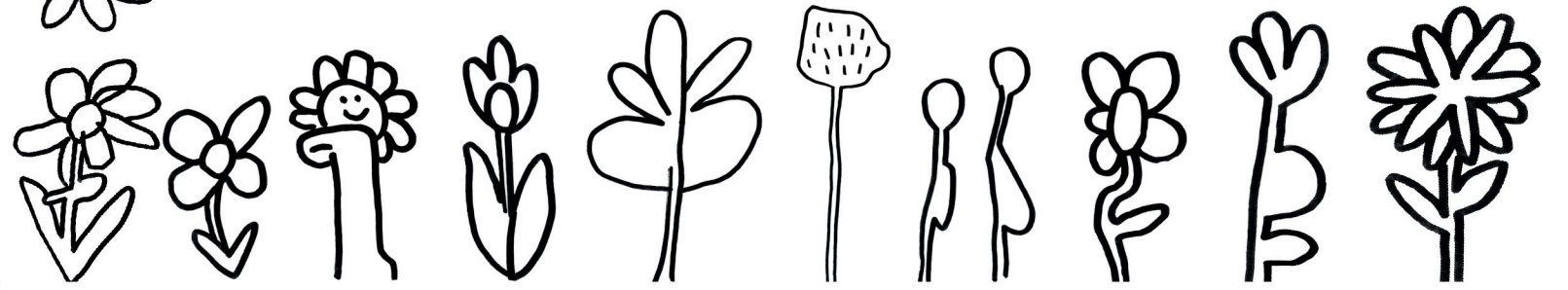
Return your challenge by taking a photograph and emailing it to summer@tcpl.org or bring it back to the Library. It's OK if you can't finish everything – you can still enter our raffle!

We will draw winners at our Reading Celebration on August 23rd. (You don't have to be present to win!)

1. Tell a friend or family member about a book you really liked.
2. Read for 20 minutes outside.
3. Go to a library desk and ask for a book recommendation.
4. Come to a library program or event. They are free!
5. Choose a book with a color in the title.
6. Borrow a museum or park pass from the Library of Things.
7. Borrow an eBook or eAudiobook using Hoopla or Libby.
8. Tell, write, or draw your day – or make up a story!
9. Play a game with a friend or family member.
10. Read a book recommended by a friend or family member.

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