



*Summer Reading 2020*

## *Witches and Wizards and Fairies*

Because the library isn't open, and everyone is mostly stuck at home, we tried to put together a bunch of activities that you can do at home with your family. All of these are meant to just use things you can find around your house - feel free to use substitutions. Be flexible! If there's a writing prompt, and you'd rather draw a picture, go right ahead. Use these ideas as a springboard, and get creative! Some activities may be more appropriate for younger or for older children, so feel free to pick and choose. If you'd like, take a picture of what you made and send it to us at [krose@cwmares.org](mailto:krose@cwmares.org) or post it on the library's Facebook page. We miss you all - and would love to hear from you!

Reading throughout the summer is also important! We will keep track of that online this year. Please go to <https://www.milnelibrary.org/children-s-zone> to log your reading (we are tracking number of minutes). Anyone who logs their reading - or sends us a photo of their creations from these activity packets - will be eligible to receive prizes at the end of the summer.

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## Witches and Wizards and Fairies

### *Make Your Own Magic Wand*

You will need:

- Chopsticks, large craft sticks, a dowel, a pencil, or sticks 8–14” long
- Hot glue gun and glue sticks
- Non-toxic washable paint and paintbrushes
- Paper plates
- Masking tape in many colors
- Stickers
- Markers
- Crepe paper streamers, plastic tablecloths, or tissue paper

If using plastic tablecloths or tissue paper, cut them into 1 x 5” strips.

You can decorate the ends of the sticks with hot glue for texture. After the glue dries, the wands are ready for painting!

### *Witch/Wizard Hats*

You will need:

- Construction paper and scissors
- Moon/star cutouts or stickers
- A pencil
- A ruler
- Scotch tape
- A compass (optional)

Draw (or trace) a semi-circle onto construction paper with a 9–11” radius. Cut out moons and stars, or buy stickers. For brims, cut rings 2–3” wide out of construction paper. After children cut out the semi-circles, show them how to form a cone by bringing the two ends together. Adjust each cone for a proper fit. The cones will need to be a little wider if brims will be added. Staple the seams at the base of the cone and tape the rest of the seam. You can decorate hats with moons and stars as desired, or any other decorations you wish.

Witch/wizard hats tutorial <https://bit.ly/2XXGF5A>

### *Write It: Fractured Tale*

What is your favorite fairy tale or folk tale? Three little pigs? Cinderella? The Gingerbread Man? Pick your favorite and rewrite it as if you were the main character. What would you do differently? Would it still be in the same place, like a castle, or would it be at your house or apartment? Will the ending be the same?

### *Potions Class Activity 1: Hippogriff Toothpaste*

You will need:

- Warm water
- Yeast
- Hydrogen peroxide
- Flask or plastic bottles with a long neck
- Tablespoon
- Food coloring
- Dish soap
- A tray (to catch foam)
- A small cup (for mixing)
- Paper towels and large plastic drop cloths (for spills)
- Rubber gloves (optional)

Set all the supplies on a work table. It can get pretty messy, so protect tables and floors with plastic sheets and have lots of paper towels on hand (or move this activity outside). During the program, place the flask or plastic bottle on a tray before adding the ingredients.

Step 1: Pour ½ cup of hydrogen peroxide into the flask or plastic bottle.

Step 2: Add a squirt of dish soap to the flask or plastic bottle, and swish it around.

Step 3: In a measuring cup, mix 1 tbsp of yeast with 2 tbsps of warm water (clumps are fine).

Step 4: Add the yeast mixture to the flask. The reaction will start right away. If the flask or bottle has a long neck, the foam erupts in a tube shape, just like toothpaste.

Hagrid's toothpaste tutorial <https://bit.ly/2qkdY3b>

### *Potions Class Activity 2: Magic Dancing Beans*

You will need: • Dry beans (not cooked or canned)

- Clear carbonated soda
- A glass jar or cup

Fill a glass jar with the clear carbonated soda. Add a handful of dry beans to the jar of soda. If you wish, you can repeat a magic spell, such as Tarantallegra (“ta-RON-ta-LEG-gra”). Children can wave their wands around the jar as the magic beans dance.

Dancing beans tutorial <https://bit.ly/2TvZQoJ>

### *Fairy and Gnome Gardening*

Assemble your own fairy/ gnome gardens. It's easiest to just use recycled materials or what you can find outside (twigs, leaves, rocks, etc.). Some of the videos below use pre-made houses or figurines, but that is totally optional.

You will need:

- Small pots, cups, glass jars, clear plastic cups
- Dirt, moss, or pea gravel
- Natural materials, such as small stones, twigs, leaves, seashells, flowers, etc.
- Recycled materials, such as plastic bottle caps, straws, leftover craft items, etc.
- Store-bought supplies, such as small toys, figurines, marbles, etc. (optional)

Gather containers and dirt/moss/gravel filler. Fill a small pot, cup, or jar with dirt and/or moss, then design and decorate your garden however you wish. Or if you'd rather, build a fairy house in your yard.

## RESOURCES

Fairy garden and house inspiration: <https://bit.ly/2T1hATY>  
<https://bit.ly/2XVkt2r>

YouTube: How to make a fairy gardens <https://bit.ly/2F8wYKy>  
<https://bit.ly/2Hi6zfi>

*Watch Out for Giants!*

*Make Giant Dice*

You will need:

- Cube-shaped boxes
- Wrapping paper or craft paper
- Clear packing tape
- Markers, or non-toxic washable paint and paintbrushes

The cube-shaped boxes can be anywhere from tissue box size to moving box size.

To make the dice, tape the boxes closed and wrap them in solid color paper.

Then draw dots on the sides (6 is opposite 1, 3 is opposite 4, and 2 is opposite 5). You can roll the giant dice and add up the numbers rolled. For older children, explain the laws of probability and how earlier outcomes do not influence later outcomes. Or you can play a game with your dice - maybe giant Yahtzee?

TIP: While bigger dice increase the fun, make sure to leave lots of room!

*Giant Footsteps*

You will need:

- Cardboard
- Glue
- A utility knife or scissors

Cut sets of large, foot-shaped pieces out of cardboard or sheets of foam. During the program, children attach straps to the giant feet, then stomp around like giants.

### *Giant Towers*

You will need:

- Lightweight boxes or blocks of uniform size and shape
- Masking tape (optional)
- Place masking tape Xs on the floor to indicate the foundations (optional).

How high can you build a tower?

### *Giant Jokes and Facts*

#### Mythological Giants

- Greek Mythology has the Titans, who were the parents of the gods (like Zeus).
- English Folklore has Gogmagog, who was thrown off a cliff during a wrestling match.
- Irish folklore has the Fomorians, often portrayed as monstrous sea creatures.
- The Bible has Goliath, who was 9' tall.

#### Giant Jokes

What do you get when a giant walks through your vegetable garden? Squash!

What do you get when you cross a giant and a skunk? A big stink!

#### Facts about Giant Things

- Tallest man: ~8 feet 11 inches
- Tallest woman: ~8 feet 2 inches
- Tallest mammal: Giraffe, 18 feet
- Largest mammal: Blue whale, 115 feet
- Largest land mammal: African bush elephant, 13 feet
- Tallest bird: Ostrich, 9 feet
- Largest fish: Whale shark, ~43 feet
- Largest invertebrate: Giant squid, 60 feet
- Largest reptile: Saltwater crocodile, ~16 feet
- Longest lizard: Salvadori monitor, ~16 feet
- Largest insect: Goliath beetle, ~4.3 inches
- Largest butterfly: Queen Alexandra's birdwing, ~11 inches
- Largest spider: Goliath bird-eating spider, ~10 inches
- Tallest tree: Redwood, 300 feet; trunks over 10 feet in diameter

Try using a measuring tape to see how long some of these things are, or marking some of these lengths on a floor with masking tape, or on a sidewalk with chalk.

### *Make Your Own Unicorn Horn*

You will need:

- Colored construction paper
- Ribbons, glitter, rhinestones, buttons, etc.
- Glue
- String

Cut out paper for the unicorn horns (see link below for template). Tape the construction paper cone together and decorate as desired. Punch holes on opposite sides of the horn, and add string or elastic to tie around the head.

Tutorial with template: <https://www.funwithmama.com/unicorn-horn-craft/>  
<https://www.wikihow.com/Make-a-Unicorn-Horn>

### *Rainbow in a Bottle*

You will need:

- Jars and bottles (plastic or glass, one for each child)
- Clear container (jar or bottle)
- Graduated measuring cup with lip
- Spoon
- Food coloring (red, blue, green)
- Blue dish soap
- Cooking oil or olive oil
- Rubbing alcohol
- Light corn syrup

Remove any labels from the clear containers. Place all materials on a work table.

Steps (do each pour VERY SLOWLY to avoid mixing):

1. Pour 1/2 cup of corn syrup into measuring cup. Add 1 drop of red food coloring and 1 drop of blue food coloring. Mix with spoon. Pour into container.
2. Pour 1/2 cup of blue dish soap into measuring cup. Pour the blue dish soap down the side of the container.
3. Pour 1/2 cup of water into measuring cup. Add 2 drops of green food coloring and mix with spoon. Pour the green water down the side of the container.
4. Pour 1/2 cup of yellow oil into measuring cup (you can add yellow food coloring if your oil isn't yellow enough). Pour it down the side of the container.
5. Pour 1/2 cup of rubbing alcohol into measuring cup. Add 2 drops of red food coloring and mix with spoon. Pour the mixture down the side of the container.

The jar should have a rainbow of different colored layers.

See video here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PCC0K7Zvcxs>

### *Write It | The Dragon's Den*

Imagine you are trapped in a dragon's den. Write about how you got there. Did the dragon take you there? Did you find it by accident while on a hike? Or where you looking for it? Then write about what you'll do. Do you befriend the dragon? What happens in the cave? Do you get out alive? Do you decide to stay? Write your story!

### *Cook it | Dragon Deviled Eggs recipe*

#### Ingredients:

- 8 eggs
- food coloring (any color you want your eggs to be)
- ¼ cup mayonnaise
- 2 tsp yellow mustard
- 2 tsp tabasco
- 3 slices of bacon, cooked and chopped
- 1 jalapeño pepper, minced
- salt, to taste
- paprika

Instructions: In a large pan, boil some water. Add eggs and cook for nine minutes. Put the eggs in an ice bath to let them cool down. Crack the eggs, without peeling them. Put each egg in a Ziploc bag and add food coloring. Massage the bag until eggs are coated with food coloring. Rest for half an hour. Rinse to remove excess of food coloring. Peel. Cut the eggs in half and scoop the yolk into a bowl. Mix the yolk with mayonnaise, mustard, tabasco, jalapeño, bacon, and salt. Scoop the mixture into the empty egg whites. Sprinkle with paprika and serve. Enjoy!

