



Summer Reading 2020

Once Upon a Time

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@cwmars.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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Mythological Creature Name Generator

STEP 1: PICK YOUR BIRTH MONTH

January: Fiery
February: Scaly
March: Poisonous
April: Magical
May: Fearsome
June: Cunning
July: Curious
August: Ferocious
September: Formidable
October: Vicious
November: Tireless
December: Majestic

STEP 2: PICK YOUR BIRTHDATE

1: Werewolf
2: Pegasus
3: Griffin
4: Chimera
5: Kelpie
6: Manticore
7: Hippogriff
8: Centaur
9: Imp
10: Cerberus
11: Unicorn
12: Fairy
13: Pixie
14: Sea Serpent
15: Dragon

16: Mermaid
17: Undine
18: Crocotta
19: Rougarou
20: Siren
21: Basilisk
22: Banshee
23: Amaroq
24: Valkyrie
25: Orthrus
26: Sphinx
27: Nemean Lion
28: Cyclops
29: Yeti
30: Wendigo
31: Ghoul

Write your own fairy tale!

Write "Once Upon A Time" at the top of a page and "Happily Ever After" at the bottom - and then fill in the rest!

Imagine a Dragon

Everyone knows what a dragon looks like, or do they? Imagine your own dragon and draw it. It can be any color. It can have two legs or four. It can have wings, breathe fire, be enormous, or not! It's your dragon. (Feel free to build a dragon, rather than drawing - whatever you'd like!)

Fairy Tale Bookmark

Choose a favorite fairy tale and make a bookmark inspired by the story.

Flat Stanley Craft

Have you ever read the Flat Stanley books? Stanley gets squashed flat (like a piece of paper) and goes on to have all kinds of adventures - including traveling by being mailed in an envelope. Since lockdown and social distancing mean that we might not be doing as much traveling this summer as usual, why not make your own flat version of yourself and then mail yourself to visit friends and family?

Take a piece of paper and draw a self-portrait. Then get your parents to help you mail "yourself" to someone you miss and can't see right now.

Book Cover Craft

Use items from around the house to re-create a book cover. Send us your picture if you want to share with us!

Rapunzel (Creative Play - Craft/Build/Drama)

Find a version of the story of Rapunzel to read. There's a simple one here:

<https://www.dltk-teach.com/rhymes/rapunzle/story.htm>

Then find ways to make crafts or build something, or act out the story. Here are some possible ideas:

- make a paper crown with streamers or ribbon for hair
- build a tower out of blocks or LEGO
- make puppets - these could be finger puppets, or hand puppets, or you could just use stuffed animals
- act the story out (acting yourself or with your puppets)

(Of course, you can do this with any story, not just Rapunzel.)

Personal Time Capsule

(This activity is probably best for older kids.)

What you need:

- Containers with lids (metal coffee cans with lids, large plastic coffee cans with screw-on lids, plastic containers (Rubbermaid, etc.) with lids, an empty oatmeal container, an empty shoebox, an empty cereal box without the bag.)
- Glue or duct tape
- Markers
- Various personal items (see below)

In this activity, you can capture and preserve current parts of your life for the future. The capsules don't need to be buried, but store them in a safe place until the time comes to open them. Decorate the time capsules (if you want to). Paint the outside, or use permanent markers (it depends on what the container is made of). Tape or glue a piece of paper with the date/year of when the time capsule should be opened. Ten years is recommended so you can see how you have changed growing into adulthood. Fill your time capsule. There is a list of suggested items below. Sealing your time capsule can be done in a variety of ways, but using duct tape (clear tape won't stay sticky long enough) or gluing the lids closed will work. If the capsule is a Rubbermaid-type box, just snapping the lid closed should be enough. However, it is very tempting to open a time capsule that isn't sealed! Open in ten years!

Possible items to place in time capsule

- Letter to your future self—describe yourself, your hopes for the future, and any predictions you might have for your life.
- Photos of friends, family, pets, house, school, car—whatever is important to you at this time.
- Newspaper articles showing current events or trends. Both local and world news.
- Letters—ask your parents to write a letter to you, talking about the current day or about what they hope for the future. Friends can also contribute letters. These should be sealed unread and placed in the time capsule.
- Filled journals or paper calendars.
- Price tags of items/store receipts (to see how prices change).
- Items that are important to you—toys or trinkets.

Suggestion: Label these items because you might not remember why it was important to your younger self.

- Movie ticket stubs.
- Lists!

Here are some suggestions for lists you could include:

- Favorite songs
 - Favorite outfits
 - Favorite things in your room
 - Favorite friends
 - Favorite foods
 - Favorite books
 - Favorite movies
 - "Things you hope to do before you die" (also known as, your bucket list)
- ** Do not put anything in that will rot or leak (favorite candy bar for example).

