

# BOULDER PUBLIC LIBRARY 2022 SUMMER OF DISCOVERY

## Pre-Readers Activities

### Play

- Play “I Spy” together on walks around your neighborhood.
- Play dress up together and act out a story with your costumes.
- Perform your own storytime together with stuffed animals as your audience.
- Make a paper bag puppet, use silly voices, and create a new character together.

### Talk

- Listen to Dial-A-Story—303-441-3102.
- Ask questions while reading together, such as “What do you think will happen next?” or “How do you think they are feeling?”.
- Change the beginning sound of words and practice rhyming together.
- Clap out the letters of the alphabet together, then clap out the letters in your names.

### Read

- Read a book together about a place you have never been.
- Point out signs on walks or drives and read the words together.
- Read a book together featuring kids from around the world.
- Watch a virtual storytime together on YouTube. Talk about which books or rhymes were your favorite when you are done.

### Sing

- Sing songs together with accompanying actions (e.g. “Head, Shoulders, Knees, and Toes”) and do the actions together.
- Point out objects in your home or outside and make up a song about them together.
- Use shaker eggs or rhythm sticks when you sing songs together.
- Find picture books with songs and read and sing them together.

### Write

- Practice fingerplays together like “The Itsy Bitsy Spider” to help get small hands ready to write.
- Practice making letters together out of playdough.
- Draw a story together.
- Practice tracing the alphabet together while you say the names of the letters.

## Readers Activities

### Read

- Read a book about a place you want to visit.
- Read a book written by an author from another country.
- Read the same book as a friend or family member, talk about it together when you're done.
- Read a book that takes place in the future or the past.
- Write an alternate ending to your favorite book.

### Engage & Connect

- Take a tour of a museum you'd like to visit.
- Attend a program. Visit our [calendar](#) for a list of programs.
- Try a new recipe from another country and cook with your family.
- Learn to say "hi," "please," and "thank you" in a new language.
- Try something new!!

## Teens Activities

### Read

- Read a book that someone you like or admire recommended to you.
- Read an [#OwnVoices Book](#). #OwnVoices books are about diverse characters that have been written by authors from that same diverse group.

### Create

- Create a TikTok and post it; use hashtag #boulderlibrarysummer.
- Create a collage, write a poem, or record a song.
- Create a picnic with homemade food.

### Engage & Connect

- Connect with others by attending a [library program](#)!
- Perform a random act of kindness then connect with a friend or family member about it. Maybe it will inspire them!
- Engage with a librarian and "ask for a book by an author you'd never heard of."-Mo Willems.
- Engage in a new hobby like knitting, baking, or something else! Share your creations using the hashtag #boulderlibrarysummer.
- Connect with nature by going outside for a walk or hike.

## Listen & Watch

- Listen to a diverse artist or group that you have never heard before.
- Watch a film by a BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and People of Color) director.

## Adults Activities

### Read

- Read an #OwnVoices book: #OwnVoices is a book genre, term and hashtag that refers to an author from a marginalized or under-represented group writing about their own experiences/from their own perspective. Get started with our [#OwnVoices book list](#).
- Participate in Your Next Great Read on the library's Instagram or Facebook Thursdays from 1 - 3 p.m. Get great reading recommendations from library staff! Or [submit a request](#) through our online form anytime.

### Engage & Connect

- Engage with us by [attending a library program](#).
- Connect with us on social media. Follow us, like, share, or comment. You can find us on Instagram, Facebook, Twitter and YouTube.
- Connect with a friend you haven't reached out to in a while.
- Connect with Nature! Take a walk or hike on one of Boulder's many trails.

## Listen & Watch

- Listen to a new podcast.
- Watch a film by a BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and People of Color) director