

# Summer Read and Learn Program



## TAILS AND TALES



June 16–August 31 • Ages 0–12 years old

**MC** **Montgomery County**  
**PL** **PUBLIC LIBRARIES**



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Montgomery County Public Libraries 2021

## Summer Read and Learn Program

MC PL

**Sign Up Today!**

<https://mcpl.link/summer-read-and-learn>

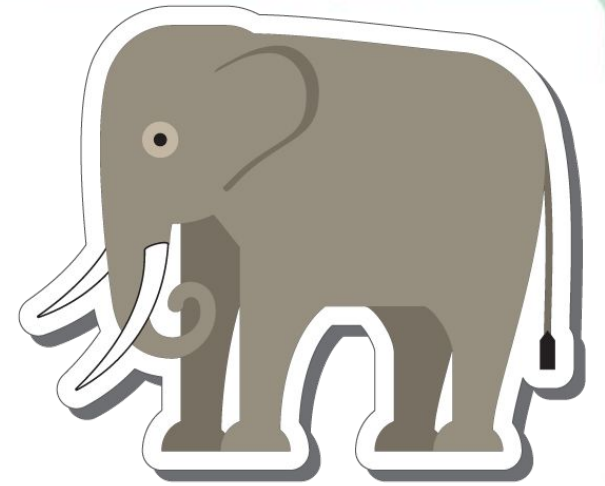








# WHO & WHEN?



- Join: June 16\*—August 16

• \*MCPS last day of school!

- Pick up Prizes: June 16—August 31

**Early Literacy:** Preschooler ages birth-5 years

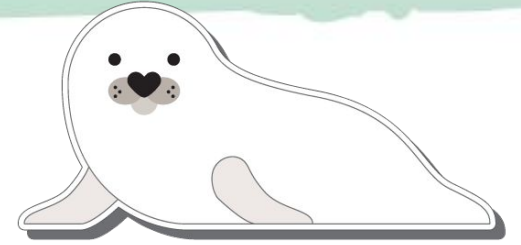
**Kids:** Elementary School ages 6-12 years

**Teens:** *different program* MS & HS ages 13-17 years





# ONLINE SIGN-UP



- MCPL's Summer Reading landing page

<https://montgomerycountymd.gov/library/programs/summer-read-and-learn.html>

- Sign up online
- READsquared link on MCPL website
  - Independently or with staff assistance
  - *parent/guardian required for under age 12*
  - From scratch this year, no carryover from Beanstack
- View interactive gameboard (or print one)
- Track progress (self or with staff help)



# MCPL LANDING PAGE

**MCPL** Montgomery County  
**PL** PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Catalog Search

My Account Books & More Events Services Kids Teens Locations Guides

## Montgomery County Public Libraries 2021 Summer Read and Learn Program

**Summer Read and Learn** June 16 - August 31

MCPL's Summer Read and Learn program offers kids and teens a chance to fill their summer with great books and fun activities. Read books, do fun learning activities, and attend virtual events all summer long. You'll earn badges and prizes and enjoy fun raffles!

Participating is easy:

- Sign up (or log in) online.
- Earn online badges to complete the program.
- (Optional) Print an [Early Literacy](#) or [Elementary School Age](#) game board at home.
- Take our survey when you've finished the program. Your voice counts!

[Sign Up and Log Activity](#)



# MORE MCPL LANDING PAGE

Gameboards in 4  
Languages:  
English, Spanish,  
Chinese, &  
Amharic!



## Early Literacy (0-5)

Complete the recommended activities and/or read books. Each completed activity or book earns you 1 point. Earn online badges and prizes for completing 12 activities/books.



## Children (6-12)

Complete the recommended activities and/or read books. Each completed activity or book earns you 1 point. Earn online badges and prizes for completing 12 activities/books.



## Teens (13-17)

Read for one hour increments, attend virtual library programs, and write book reviews to earn points and be entered into MCPL-wide raffles!



## Gameboards & More

Print an Early Literacy or Elementary School Age game board at home. Also, don't forget to try out our escape room too!

### Early Literacy Game Boards

English

PDF

### Elementary School Age Game Boards

English

PDF



## Summer Reading Booklists

Enjoy these reading lists by grade selected by MCPL librarians for kids of all ages.

Babies

PDF

Toddlers

PDF

Preschool

PDF

Kindergarten

PDF

Grade 1

PDF

# READsquared LANDING PAGE

There's  
also  
an app!



## Early Literacy 2021 Tails & Tales

This program is designed for kids age 0 to 5 to encourage life-long reading habits. Once you've earned enough points you'll receive a completion certificate you can print and share!



## Children's 2021 Tails & Tales

This program is designed for kids age 6 to 12 to encourage life-long reading habits. Once you've earned enough points you'll receive a completion certificate you can print and share!



## Teen 2021 Tails & Tales

This program is designed for teens age 13 to 17 to encourage life-long reading habits. Once you've earned enough points you'll receive a completion certificate you can print and share!

## How it Works:

- Register Online [Here](#) - Parents you can create an account first to easily monitor your children's activity.
- Track Your Reading - Log in [here](#) and track your reading to earn points.
- Keep Reading! - Earn a completion certificate once you've completed the program.

## GET THE READsquared APP

Easily log your activity using the READsquared app.  
The app is free for both Android and iOS mobile devices.

Download the READsquared App



## Login

Username:

Password:

Login

Don't have an account? [Register now](#)  
Did you forget your password? [Get it by email](#)

## Book Reviews

### Search All Book Reviews

The Hunger Games  
by Suzanne Collins  
[View in Library Catalog](#)



★★★★★

very exciting! I couldn't wait to see who died and who Katniss chose at the end.

# HOW IT WORKS— KIDS & EARLY LIT

- **Complete Missions**

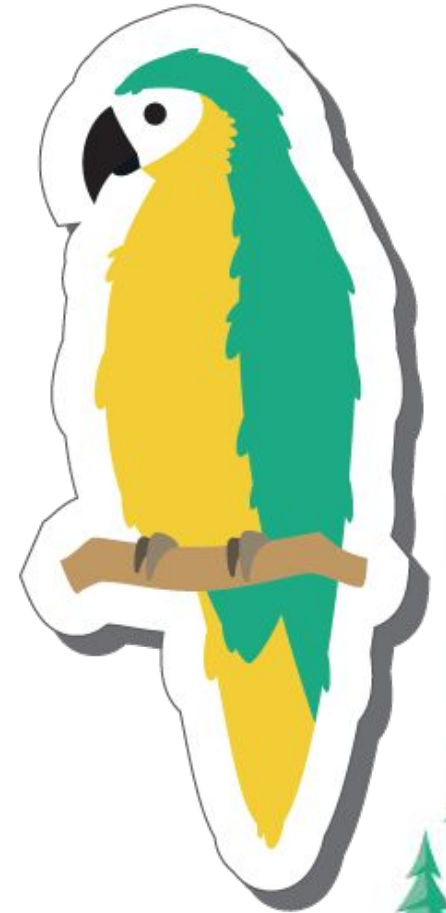
- There are 12 activities on the gameboard
- Any 3 activities = 1 Mission completed
- “Read a book” can be substituted for any activity

- **Track online in READsquared**

- completed books and activities
- earn a prize for each Mission
- unlock extra games and activities

- **New Missions** open on certain dates

- Makes the program last throughout the summer
- Helps prevent “summer slide”





# Elementary Gameboard

## Certificate of Completion



Congratulations!

*Tuppence Teazel*  
has completed the  
2021 Read and Learn Program

Adult Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

### Books Read

The Chalk Giraffe \_\_\_\_\_

Wild Backyard \_\_\_\_\_

Rainbow Bird \_\_\_\_\_

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Children's Gameboard  
(6–12 years old)

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MC Montgomery County  
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[www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library)



# Elementary Gameboard

## Start Your Adventure between June 16–August 16, 2021\*

**1** Go to:  
[www.mcpl.link/read-squared](http://www.mcpl.link/read-squared)

**2B** Click "Register" then choose  
"Myself + Other Readers." Enter  
adult's information for Primary  
Account, then add Child(ren).

**2A** Already registered?  
Just sign in.

**3** Select Tails & Tales.

\*If you do not have internet, call your local library to sign up and ask for a paper gameboard.

Make a map of your  
neighborhood and  
the pets who live  
there or read a book

Learn a new poem  
or rhyme by heart  
or read a book

## Montgomery County Public Libraries 2021 Summer Read and Learn Program

**Log Activities online to earn Prizes and  
unlock games and other fun stuff.**

**Mission 1** opens June 16. Complete 3  
Activities\* to earn a Prize and an e-badge.

**Mission 2** opens July 1. Complete 3 Activities\*  
to earn an FOLMC Bookstore Voucher,  
another Prize, and an e-badge.

**Mission 3** opens July 16. Complete 3 Activities\*  
to earn another Prize and an e-badge.

**Mission 4** opens August 1. Complete 3  
Activities\* to earn a Free Book and an e-badge.

All Prizes are while supplies last; Prize pick-up  
ends August 31, 2021

If you do not have internet, call your local  
library to log your activities

\* Complete additional activities along the way  
to unlock extra features!

Use items from your recycling  
bin to craft a unique animal  
or read a book

Create an animal mask,  
puppet or costume and put  
on a show or read a book

Learn about an animal  
you don't know much  
about or read a book

Learn American Sign  
Language for three favorite  
animals or read a book

Take a walk and count all  
the different animals you  
see or read a book

Complete the MCPL  
Virtual Escape Room  
or read a book

Download an  
audiobook or ebook  
or read a book

Draw an animal with the  
perfect tail—what does it do?  
or read a book

Put five items from  
your home in a sack  
and use them to tell a  
story or read a book

Attend a virtual library  
program or read a book

# COMPLETE MISSIONS!

- Mission 1: Complete 3 activities = **Scout**



- Get a PRIZE

- Mission 2: Complete 3 more activities = **Explorer**



- Get a PRIZE

- Get a Friends of the Library Bookstore VOUCHER

- Mission 3: Complete 3 more activities = **Adventurer**



- Get a PRIZE

- Mission 4: Complete 3 more activities = **Expeditioner**

- Get a FREE BOOK!

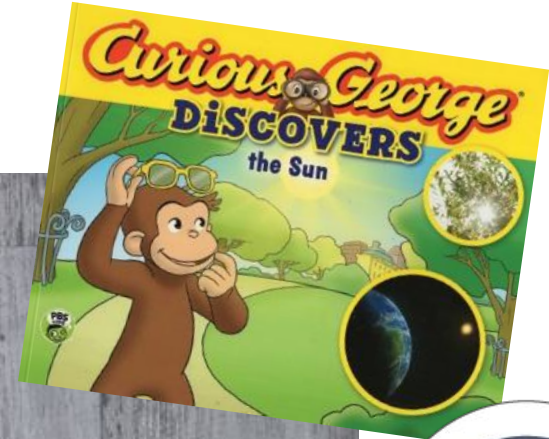
- Congratulations, you've completed the program!





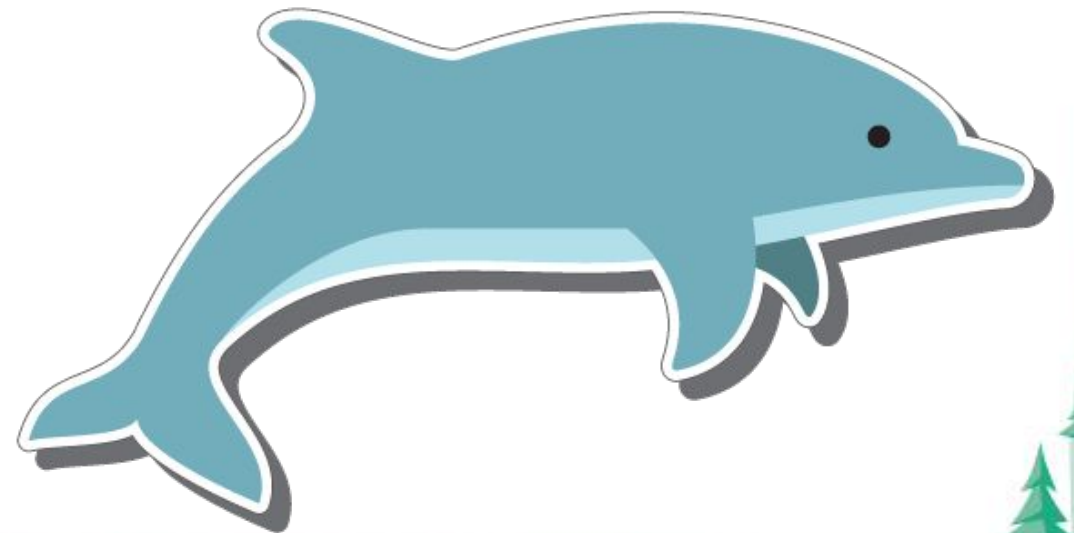
# Kids' & Early Literacy Incentives

- Free Books
- Prizes



# BONUS ACTIVITIES

- After completing a Mission, kids can unlock extra games & activities in READsquared while waiting for the next Mission to open



# WHAT CAN KIDS READ?



- Library books or books from home
- Visit the library website to borrow:
  - Books & audiobooks
  - VOX books
  - E-books & e-audiobooks
  - Magazines
- MCPL Library booklists for each grade!
  - Baby/Toddler, Pre-K, K, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
  - Middle School (combined)
  - High School (combined)
  - Spanish (pre-K-grade 5 combined)





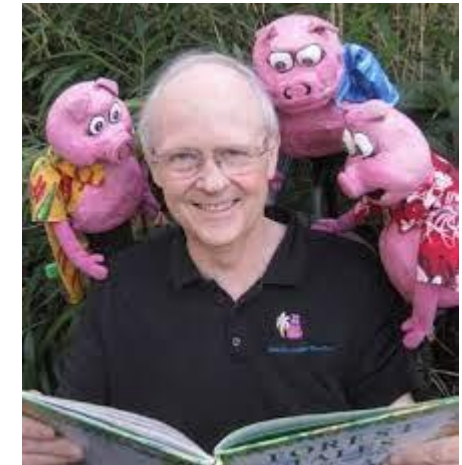
# FREE! SPECIAL VIRTUAL EVENTS

- Sonia Manzano
  - “Maria” from Sesame Street
- Vanessa Brantley Newton
  - Author of *Grandma's Purse*
- Diane Macklin
  - Storyteller
- 123 Andrés
  - singer



# FREE! SPECIAL VIRTUAL EVENTS

- Peter Wood
  - Magician
- Tiny Tales
  - Live Animal Show
- Gregory May
  - Circus Scientist
- Blue Sky Puppets
  - Pig Tales Puppet Show





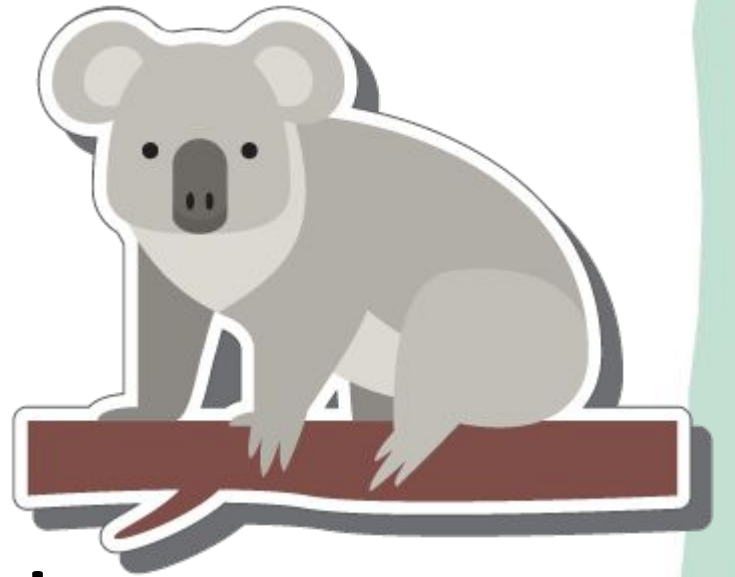
# FREE! DEMOS & WORKSHOPS

- Rick Stromoski
  - cartoonist
- Corey Samuels
  - LEGO Master
- Rhythmaya
  - Bollywood Dance
- Pandas Karate
  - Martial Arts





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