

# Summer Reading Tails & Tales



## **ACTIVITY BADGE:** Reading Outside the Box! (Children, ages 0-12)

Complete **at least TWO of the following activities** to earn this activity badge!  
Completing this badge will earn you 5 more tickets for our raffle. You may complete more than two activities, though you cannot earn more tickets under this badge.  
*These books can also count toward your book logging goals!*

- Activity 1:** Read a book to someone over the phone / video chat
- Activity 2:** Read a book based on a true story
- Activity 3:** Read a book recommended by a librarian
- Activity 4:** Read a book set in the future
- Activity 5:** Read a book written before you were born
- Activity 6:** Read an e-book (using Hoopla or Libby)  
Access library e-resources at <http://elibrary.einetwork.net/>
- Activity 7:** Swap books with a friend, cousin, or sibling
- Activity 8:** Read a book to your pet
- Activity 9:** Read a book recommended by your teacher
- Activity 10:** Read the first book in a series

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## **ACTIVITY BADGE:** Get Out & Explore Nature! (Children, ages 0-12)

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- Activity 1:** Read a book outside for 30 minutes
- Activity 2:** Use the Seek app to identify plants that you find outside  
**Download the app:** [https://www.inaturalist.org/pages/seek\\_app](https://www.inaturalist.org/pages/seek_app)
- Activity 3:** Go geocaching  
**Learn about geocaching:** <https://www.dcnr.pa.gov/Recreation/WhatToDo/Geocaching/Pages/default.aspx>
- Activity 4:** Have a picnic outside
- Activity 5:** Catch a lightening bug
- Activity 6:** Read a non-fiction book about nature  
**Search the library catalog here:** [librarycatalog.einetwork.net](http://librarycatalog.einetwork.net)
- Activity 7:** Make a bird feeder
- Activity 8:** Go on a hike or a bike ride
- Activity 9:** Plant a flower, herb, or vegetable
- Activity 10:** Go bird-watching

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## ACTIVITY BADGE:

Moving & Grooving!  
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- Activity 1:** Do a line dance with a family member! For example, the Cha Cha Slide or the Macarena.
- Activity 2:** Read a biography about an athlete, dancer, or musician  
**Search the library catalog here:** [librarycatalog.einetwork.net](http://librarycatalog.einetwork.net)
- Activity 3:** Do yoga for 20 minutes
- Activity 4:** Use your feet to paint while dancing (on paper outside!)
- Activity 5:** Make a musical instrument out of things you have at home and play it
- Activity 6:** Have a dance party
- Activity 7:** Watch a virtual concert
- Activity 8:** Read a non-fiction book about your favorite sport, dance style, or physical activity
- Activity 9:** Play a sport or other game outside for at least 30 minutes! Try kickball, catch, hopscotch, or tag!
- Activity 10:** Do three sets of 20 jumping jacks to the beat of your favorite song

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## ACTIVITY BADGE:

Spark Your Creativity!  
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- Activity 1:** Read a book with ONLY pictures (in other words, a "wordless picture book")! Talk about what you think is happening in the pictures.
- Activity 2:** Make a collage out of paper scraps and things cut out of magazines
- Activity 3:** Make something fun out of a cardboard box
- Activity 4:** Write or tell a story that you've made up yourself
- Activity 5:** Build something out of LEGO
- Activity 6:** Find some sticks and rocks outside and paint them
- Activity 7:** Read a non-fiction book about art or a biography of an artist
- Activity 8:** Try your hand at *origami* (the Japanese art of paper folding).  
**Free patterns:** <https://www.origami-resource-center.com/free-origami-instructions.html>
- Activity 9:** Draw or make something to send to a friend or relative
- Activity 10:** Draw or paint a self-portrait

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Tails & Tales!

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**Activity 1:** Pet/play with an animal

**Activity 2:** Read a book featuring the same animal as your pet! If you don't have a pet of your own, read a book featuring your dream pet!

**Search the library catalog here:** [librarycatalog.einetwork.net](http://librarycatalog.einetwork.net)

**Activity 3:** Learn about animal habitats on the DK Find Out! website  
<https://www.dkfindout.com/us/animals-and-nature/habitats-and-ecosystems/>

**Activity 4:** Create a whole new animal by combining two existing creatures together! Draw a picture.

**Try using this app:** <https://digitalcultures.pl/hybridizer/>

**Activity 5:** Make some origami animals.

**Free origami patterns:** <https://www.origamiway.com/origami-animals.shtml>

**Activity 6:** Make a toy for your pet (or to donate to a shelter)

**How to make pet toys:** <https://www.doinggoodtogether.org/bhf/create-pet-toys>

**Activity 7:** Visit the Pittsburgh Zoo & PPG Aquarium (Or, check out some of the Zoo's webcams for an at-home visit!)

**Zoo Webcams:** <https://www.pittsburghzoo.org/bringing-the-zoo-to-you/>

**Activity 8:** Feed the birds that live near you

**Learn about what foods you should and should not feed birds here:**

<https://www.humanesociety.org/resources/feeding-your-backyard-birds>

**Activity 9:** Pretend to be a different animal

**Activity 10:** Learn how to identify different animal tracks

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## ACTIVITY BADGE:

Let's Do Some Science!  
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**Activity 1:** Conduct a Magic Milk experiment

<https://science-u.org/experiments/magic-milk.html>

**Activity 2:** Make a volcano

<https://www.sciencefun.org/kidszone/experiments/how-to-make-a-volcano/>

**Activity 3:** Read a biography of a famous scientist

**Search the library catalog:** <https://librarycatalog.einetwork.net/>

**Activity 4:** Choose your own experiment to conduct

**Here's some ideas to get you started:** [www.sciencefun.org/kidszone/experiments/](http://www.sciencefun.org/kidszone/experiments/)

**Activity 5:** Stargaze! Look for different constellations in the sky!

**Activity 6:** Learn how to make a sundial to tell time without a clock

<https://www.scientificamerican.com/article/its-about-time-to-make-a-sundial/>

**Activity 7:** Visit the Carnegie Science Center or the Carnegie Museum of Natural History

**Activity 8:** Make ice cream in a bag

<https://www.thebestideasforkids.com/ice-cream-in-a-bag/>

**Activity 9:** Make slime, gak, play dough out of supplies you have at home

**Activity 10:** Do a paper bridge building challenge

[https://www.pbs.org/wgbh/buildingbig/educator/act\\_paper\\_ho.html](https://www.pbs.org/wgbh/buildingbig/educator/act_paper_ho.html)