

# Imagine Your Story – Summer Reading Program 2020 (Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup> through Saturday, August 8<sup>th</sup>)

Welcome to our virtual summer program! And thank you for signing up! Due to gathering restrictions in place due to COVID-19, our programs will take place online this year.

Communications and access: Please “Like” the House Memorial Public Library Facebook Page and check it often for updates and information. Also accept the “Invite” to our House Memorial Public Library Group (this is why we need an e-mail address and the name you use on your Facebook page, so we can invite you to this private Group). If you do not have a Facebook account or prefer not to let your children have access to Facebook, we will be pushing many programs to our website at [www.penderlibrary.org](http://www.penderlibrary.org). Several of our entertainers are protective of their program content and will only allow it to be online for a specific amount of time or require that it be in a “closed” online environment.



Story time / craft events recorded by House Memorial library staff or special local guests will be available on our public Facebook page & accessible by all.

Schedule of Events: A tentative schedule of events will be posted on our website and a brief outline is below. Please note: activities and events may be added or rescheduled on our calendar, so please check in often. We will try to communicate changes as early as possible to our participants.

Crafts and supplies: We will attempt to supply you with craft materials & instructions in packets for the story time / craft events put on by your local librarians or their local guests. (for example: Mrs. Bachman reads you a story and the next day you do a craft related to the story or reading theme). We expect that you use your own scissors, glue, rulers, markers, colors, etc. Craft/reading packets will be available on Monday of each week of our summer reading program.

Readers will be responsible for obtaining supplies or ingredients for the “craft days” & “cooking days” events put on by Page Turner Adventures. A listing of supplies & ingredients to start gathering can be found after the schedule of Page Turner events. Do not feel you have to do every craft or spend lots of



money for these items. Special instructions for the Page Turner crafts will be released as we get closer to the dates of their programs. Please be aware that some of the crafts, recipes or activities scheduled for the upper grades from Page Turner Adventures, may require some parental supervision depending on your child. Please discuss your rules for crafts, cooking or activities with your children and advise them to wait for your assistance or guidance until you are able to be present.

Participants and age groups: Unlike other years, where different age groups attended library programs at different times of the summer, we will be holding programs for all ages, all summer long (from Monday, June 1 thru Saturday, August 8). Final prizes will be awarded after August 8<sup>th</sup>. Program audiences will be listed next to each event, but anyone is welcome to watch any of the events.

Reading records vs. Reader Zone App: Participants are welcome to utilize paper reading records to record their reading minutes, OR download and utilize the Reader Zone app (for free) & track reading minutes electronically. Instructions are included in your packet as well as the required access code. Call Ann at the library for assistance. Readers should sign up for their appropriate age/grade level to track their reading minutes. Readers are also welcome to sign up for as many summer reading activities in the app and keep track of their progress. Readers can start tracking their minutes on Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup> and finish on Saturday, August 8<sup>th</sup>. Each activity category should only be completed once a week (for example: reading to a pet, or taking a walk should only be logged once a week). The Reader Zone app is a new creation and you may occasionally receive messages for updates during the summer. Reader Zone can be used on phones, devices and also laptop & desktop computers

Please note: "Awards" on the Reader Zone app are just informing you of your progress toward a goal. Awards do not mean there is a physical prize waiting for you at the library. Prizes and awards will be distributed later in the summer, and as in other years, the more you read or the more activities you complete, the more minute money and/or prizes you will receive. We will determine as the summer progresses if we will have a prize shop or if prizes will be decided by the librarians.

Story Walks: Five story walks are being planned by the library over the summer. Story walks would involve visiting an area with windows in which pages from a story book are placed that can be read from outside. Participants would walk from window to window and read the story at their own pace. There may also be directions for an activity included next to the story page (for example: "After reading this page, do five jumping jacks.") We will define the location of the story walk start and give directions for completing the walk. Information on Story Walks will be posted online and advertised in the newspaper. This would

