

Summer
Programming
Resources for Family
Literacy Programs



Importance of Summer Programming

1. To combat "summer slide"

- Literacy and math skills decline, especially for low-income families
- Student achievement decreased by one-month of school year learning during the summer months

2. Family Literacy programs can...

- Help children and adults keep up with their academic skills
- Provide resources and learning opportunities
- Promote three strategies*
 - Read six books during the summer
 - Read something every day
 - Keep reading aloud

*From *Three Ways to Prevent Summer Slide*, <https://www.scholastic.com/parents/books-and-reading/reading-resources/developing-reading-skills/three-ways-to-prevent-summer-slide.html>



Site-based Summer Programming Resources

Online Resources and Ideas for Programming



Pennsylvania One Book, Every Young Child

- <https://paonebook.powerlibrary.org/>
- Summer 2022 book is *Saturday* written and illustrated by Oge Mora
- Virtual event with the author on April 5 at 10:00 am
- Printable activity guide and lots of other great ideas <https://paonebook.powerlibrary.org/resources/>

PA ONE BOOK ACTIVITY GUIDE
SATURDAY BY OGE MORA

BEFORE READING

- Talk with your child about what they notice about the book. Look at the cover and ask your child what they think this book might be about. What do they notice about the cover?
- Ask your child if they have ever looked forward to a very special day like a birthday or a holiday. What does it feel like when they're waiting for the day to come? How do they feel when the day is finally here?

DURING READING

- Throughout the reading of the story, ask your child to make predictions about what is coming next. Have your child think and share what might happen next to Ava and her mom.
- Ava and her mom are splashed with water. Where might the water have come from? Talk about different places where the water might have come from, like the rain, a fire hydrant, or someone washing their car.
- When things don't work out as Ava hoped, how does she feel? Is she really sad? Is she happy? Discuss different ways to respond when things don't work out as planned. Use words like *frustrated*, *disappointed*, or *excited*.

AFTER READING

- Ava enjoyed spending her Saturdays with her mom doing different activities. Have your child brainstorm what activities they would like to do with someone special on a Saturday. Why did they choose those activities and what makes them special?
- Ava and her mom always enjoy their Saturdays because Ava's mom works all of the other days of the week. Have your child explain what their typical week looks like. Do they have a special day of the week? Encourage them to label events and routines with words such as *today*, *tomorrow*, *yesterday*, *next*, etc.
- Ava and her mother spend some of their day walking outdoors. Explore a neighborhood, a park, or parade around your home! Talk about what you see.

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SING IT!

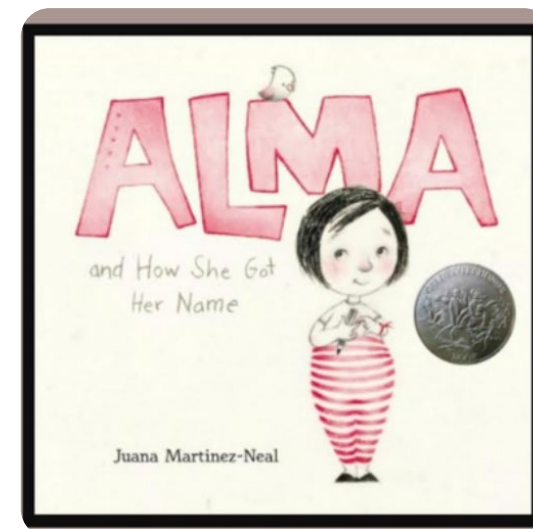
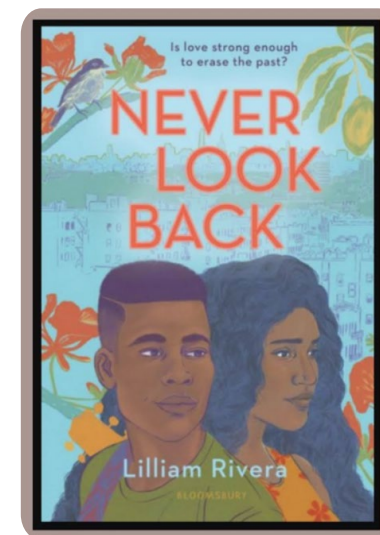
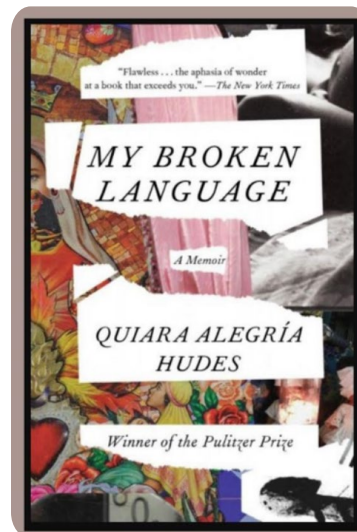
Share this song with your child (to the tune of The Addams Family theme).
Insert claps or pats to a leg instead of finger snaps.

Days of the week (snap, snap)	There's Thursday and there's Friday,
Days of the week (snap, snap)	And then there's Saturday.
Days of the week, days of the week, days of the week (snap, snap).	Days of the week (snap, snap)
There's Sunday and there's Monday,	Days of the week (snap, snap)
There's Tuesday and there's Wednesday,	Days of the week, days of the week, days of the week.

More online resources

Free Library of Philadelphia

- *One Book, One Philadelphia: Sharing generational stories*
 - <https://libwww.freelibrary.org/programs/onebook/>
 - Blog about the program: <https://libwww.freelibrary.org/blog/post/4843>
- Three books to meet reading level needs
 - Adults – *My Broken Language: A Memoir* by Quiara Alegria Hudes (Pulitzer prize winner)
 - Teens – *Never Look Back* by Lilliam Rivera
 - Children – *Alma and how she got her name* by Juana Martinez-Neal
- Additional Resources
 - Blog posts on tons of topics, such as summer reading, early literacy, family programs, adult learners, etc.
 - <https://libwww.freelibrary.org/blog/tag/summer-reading>



Other Resources

PA Summer Reading Resources

- Document that lists easy, free things to do – need to adapt and simplify language
- <https://www.statelibrary.pa.gov/Documents/For%20Libraries/Programs%20and%20Services/Easy%20Things%20You%20Can%20Do%20At%20Home.pdf>

Reading Rockets

- Summer Reading - <https://www.readingrockets.org/calendar/summer>
- Can access 24 kid-friendly topics matched with books
- Summer reading booklist – <https://www.readingrockets.org/books/summer>

Pennsylvania Cruise into Kindergarten


- Lots to discover on this site! <https://cruiselibraries.powerlibrary.org/>
- Booklists (e.g., health and nutrition, STEM, diversity, informational books, by age group)
- Blogs to other resources
- Under resources tab - *Books on the Go!* – 12 book ideas and activities that follow ILA format, link to pdf: https://cruiselibraries.powerlibrary.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/15463_Books_on_the_Go_v6_lores.pdf



Free virtual field trips

<https://mommypoppins.com/boredom-busters/giant-list-of-virtual-tours-field-trips-and-museums-with-free-programs>


Example pages of Books On the Go



What You Need
A library card, a connection to the internet, and a computer or mobile device.


Access Is Easy

1. Log on to kids.powerlibrary.org.
2. Click "GO" under **BookFLIX**.
3. Enter your library card number.



When George starts meowing like a cat and mooing like a cow, his mother brings him to the vet to find out what's wrong. Read *Bark, George* to see what the vet pulls from George's stomach. Then learn more about real-life veterinarians with *Pets at the Vet*.

If you don't have a library card, visit your local public library or get an eCard at kids.powerlibrary.org.

BookFLIX is brought to you by 



Bark, George by Jules Feiffer, and *Pets at the Vet* by Alyse Sweeney

Visit your local library for more books about dogs and veterinarians:

- *A Ball for Daisy* by Chris Raschka (F)
- *Dogs* by Seymour Simon (I)
- *I'm My Own Dog* by David Ezra Stein (F)
- *Jump, Pop!* by Susan B. Neuman (I)
- *Let's Take Care of Our New Dog* by Niria Roca (I)
- *Olivia Becomes a Vet* by Alex Hawley (F)
- *Widget* by Lyn Rossiter McFarland (F)
- *Z is for Zookeeper: A Zoo Alphabet* by Marie Smith (I)

(I)—Information, (F)—Fiction



More BookFLIX pairs you may enjoy:

- *A Sick Day for Amos McGee* by Philip C. Stead, and *Animals in the Zoo* by Allan Fowler
- *Good Night, Gorilla* by Peggy Rathman, and *Who Works at the Zoo?* by Alyse Sweeney
- *Is Your Mama a Llama?* by Deborah Guarino, and *Animal Babies* by Elaine Pascoe

Before Reading
Talk about animal sounds together. What sound does a dog make? Does a dog say "meow"? How about "quack"?

Talk about the vocabulary words in *Pets at the Vet*: checkup, veterinarian, thermometer, stethoscope, medicine, X-ray, and cast. This promotes the PA Language and Literacy standard.

After Reading
A veterinarian is a doctor for animals. Talk about how a vet does a checkup on an animal. How is it similar or different from when you go to the doctor?

Pretend Play
Pretend to be a veterinarian and do a check-up on a stuffed animal. Do not use a live animal because they may bite you or you may hurt them. Look at their eyes, nose, and mouth. Does everything look okay? Feel their stomach; does it feel normal? Look closely at their fur. Is it shiny and nice, or are there bald spots?

Observe

- Count all of the dogs you see in one day.
- Go to a dog park to watch dogs play. Be sure to listen for them to bark.

Move and Sing

- Sing "There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly." This promotes the CA Creative Thinking and Expression Standard.
- Do a dance like George's mother.

Explore

- Eat animal crackers. Pay attention to each animal and make the sound of that animal after you swallow the animal cracker.
- Talk about the strangest thing you ever ate.
- Read the story to your pet.
- Do the fun Puzzlers included on the BookFLIX site.

✓ Screen-time free ideas of fun

50 Kid's Screen-Free SUMMER ACTIVITIES

SCREEN-FREE OUTDOORS

- MAKE AN ANT FARM
- BUILD A FORT
- HAVE A BACKYARD CAMP OUT
- GO FOR A HIKE
- CULTIVATE A GARDEN
- COLLECT TADPOLES & WATCH THEM GROW INTO FROGS
- HAVE A WATER BALLOON FIGHT
- RUN THROUGH THE SPRINKLERS
- GO FOR A SWIM
- GO BERRY OR APPLE PICKING
- SET UP A SLIP AND SLIDE
- HAVE AN ICE CREAM OR LEMONADE STAND
- TRY OUT CANOEING OR KAYAKING
- GO FISHING
- NATURE THEMED SCAVENGER HUNT
- VISIT A NEW PARK IN YOUR TOWN
- CLIMB A TREE
- HUNT FOR CRAWDADS
- HAVE A PICNIC OUTSIDE
- DRAW WITH CHALK
- HAVE A SQUIRT GUN FIGHT
- CREATE AN OBSTACLE COURSE

SCREEN-FREE ARTS & CRAFTS

- LEARN THE HISTORY OF YOUR TOWN
- VISIT A HISTORICAL SITE
- TAKE A COOKING CLASS
- FRY AN EGG ON CEMENT
- CREATE A SUN DIAL
- MAKE AN OUTDOOR OVEN TO ROAST MARSHMALLOWS
- TAKE A CLASS TO LEARN SOMETHING NEW
- WHIP UP YOUR OWN POPSICLES OR ICE CREAM
- MAKE A BIRD FEEDER
- CREATE JEWELRY WITH BEADS
- UPCYCLED ARTWORK
- MAKE SUNCATCHERS
- WEAVE DREAM CATCHERS
- BUILD WITH CARDBOARD BOXES
- PAINT KINDNESS ROCKS & LEAVE THEM AT THE PARK & AROUND YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD
- PLAY DRESS-UP
- PUT ON A PLAY
- PAINT WOODEN STICKS & DECORATE THEM
- BUILD FAIRY HOUSES OUTSIDE
- MAKE YOUR OWN TREE STUMP TIC-TAC-TOE
- LEARN HOW TO SEW
- MAKE YOUR OWN SLIME OR PLAY DOUGH
- MAKE FRIENDSHIP BRACELETS
- PAINT OUTSIDE
- MAKE ARTWORK ONLY USING NATURE
- LEARN ORIGAMI

SCREEN-FREE LEARNING

- VISIT A MUSEUM OR NATURE CENTER
- JOIN A SUMMER READING PROGRAM

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Non-Online Fun Summer Ideas

- ✓ **Coloring pages – to download**
<https://mommypoppins.com/kids/free-coloring-pages-for-kids-to-download>
- ✓ **Free fun things to do for Philly kids -**
<https://mommypoppins.com/philadelphia-family/free-activities/free-fun-things-to-do-for-philly-kids>



Websites: www.pbskids.org

Celebrating spring website: [Celebrating Spring | PBS KIDS for Parents](#)

Additional Resources for Summer Programming

- **Little Free Libraries**

- Oh, how I love [Little Free Libraries](#)! They are book boxes that you will hopefully find in your own neighborhood. There are currently over 90,000 of them worldwide. Check at a local bank, neighbor's yard or playground for one of these special boxes. The premise is that you take a book or two and return a book or two on your next visit. [Find a location](#) near you or start your own!

- **Dolly Parton Imagination Library**

- The [Dolly Parton Imagination Library](#) is a unique book gifting program that mails a brand new, age-appropriate book to enrolled children every month from birth until five years of age. It is open to various communities in the USA.

- **Overdrive** – free audio and ebooks with a library card

- Enjoy ebooks, audiobooks, magazines and more are available for free through your local library or school.

- **Publishers – Books for purchase**

- Many publishers offer giveaways in the form of sweepstakes or contests on social media. They will often give away their brand-new titles or collections. Follow your favorite publishers on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. Here are a few that have giveaways several times a year.

- [Scholastic](#)
- [Candlewick Press](#)
- [Read Brightly](#) (A Penguin Random House Company)

- **Book Swaps**

- Attend or host a book swap. Families who have gently used books, that they no longer read, swap them for other books they would like to add to their libraries. If a family brings five books, they get to take five different books home.
- This can easily be done as a school swap too.

- [Barnes and Noble](#) **Summer Reading Programs**

- Barnes and Noble will reward kids with a free book for tracking their reading over the summer.