

Summer Reading 2023

ALL TOGETHER NOW



Welcome!

We are very happy you are joining us for Summer Reading!
Let's get started.

1. Challenge yourself to read every day this summer! We suggest 20 minutes a day. Don't forget that books, audiobooks, e-books, comics, graphic novels, poems, magazines, instruction booklets, recipes, reading to others and being read to all count!!
2. Color a puzzle piece on the reading log for each day you read.
3. After you read 15 days, you're halfway there! Bring your log in for a prize book!
4. After you read 30 days, congratulations!!! You've done a great job building a summer reading habit! Bring your log in for another prize book and free pass to Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium or Northwest Trek Wildlife Park for you and an adult guardian.
5. Would you like to challenge yourself more? Keep reading another 15 days, for a total of 45 days, and you can earn an extra prize book! Bring your final ticket and survey in by Aug. 31 to get your final prize!

Hey grown-ups!
Reading together at least
20 minutes a day is a
great way to help your
child gain literacy skills
and get ready for the next
school year!

How much will you read this summer? _____

¡Bienvenidos!

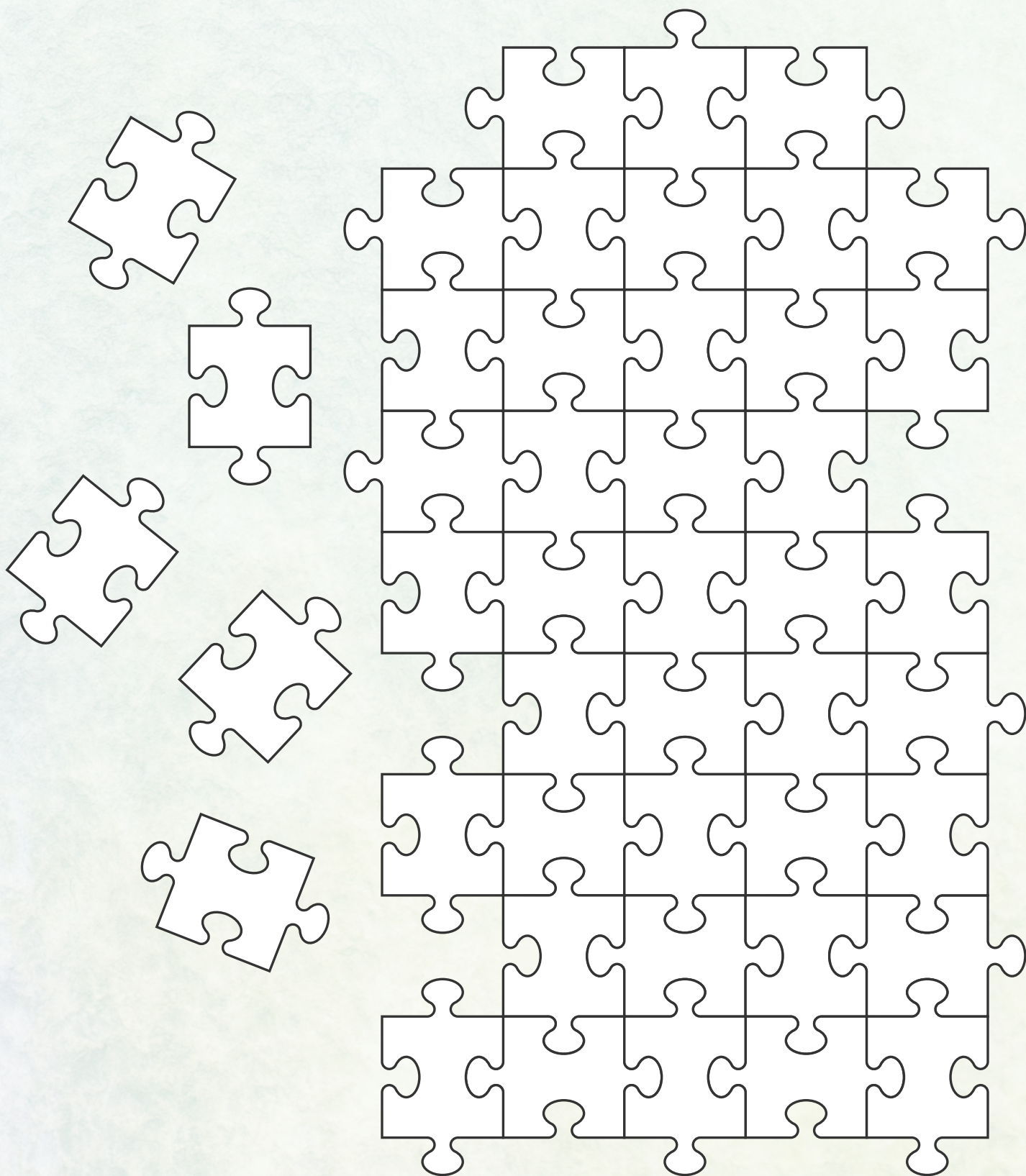
Estamos muy felices de que te unas a nosotros para la Lectura de Verano! Vamos a empezar.

1. ¡Atrévete a leer todos los días este verano! Sugerimos 20 minutos al día. ¡No olvides que los libros, audiolibros, libros electrónicos, cómics, novelas gráficas, poemas, revistas, folletos de instrucciones, recetas, leyendo a otros y alguien leyendo a ti, que todos cuenten!
2. Colorea una pieza de la puzzle en el registro de lectura a continuación por cada día que leas.
3. ¡Después de leer 15 días, estás a mitad de camino! ¡Trae tu registro para un libro de premios!
4. Después de leer 30 días, ¡Felicidades! ¡Has hecho un gran trabajo creando un hábito de lectura de verano! Trae tu registro para obtener otro libro de premios y un pase gratis para Point Defiance Zoo o Northwest Trek para ti y un adulto.
5. ¿Te gustaría desafiarte más a ti mismo? ¡Siga leyendo otros 15 días, para un total de 45 días, y puedes ganar un libro de premio adicional! Trae tu boleto final y la encuesta antes del 31 de agosto para obtener tu premio final.

¡Hola adultos!
Leer juntos al menos
20 minutos al día es
una excelente manera
de ayudar a su hijo a
adquirir habilidades
de alfabetización y
prepararse para el
próximo año escolar!

¿Cuánto leerás este verano? _____

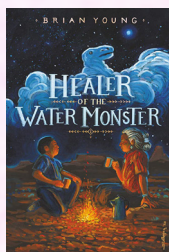




Summer Books

Start your summer reading journey with one of these suggested summer themed books available at your Pierce County Library!

Chapter Books



"Healer of the Water Monster" by Brian Young

When Nathan goes to visit his grandma, Nali, at her mobile summer home on the Navajo reservation, he knows he's in for a pretty uneventful summer, with no electricity or cell service. One night, while lost in the nearby desert, Nathan finds someone extraordinary: a holy being from the Navajo Creation Story--a Water Monster--in need of help.



"In the Key of Us" by Mariama J. Lockington

At Harmony Music Camp, Zora and Andi are the only two Black girls in a sea of mostly white faces. In kayaks and creaky cabins, the two begin to connect, unraveling their loss, insecurities and hopes for the future. As they struggle to figure out who they really are, they may just come to realize who they really need: each other.



"Theo Tan and the Fox Spirit" by Jessie O. Sutanto

Theo doesn't want a spirit companion. He just wants to be a normal American kid, but when his older brother dies, Theo inherits Jaime's fox spirit Kai. Kai isn't happy about it either. However, the only way to solve the mystery of Jaime's death is for them to work together and attend a summer camp run by the corporation Jaime interned at.



"It's the end of the world and I'm in my bathing suit" Justin A. Reynolds

On the day of the highly anticipated Beach Bash, Eddie's monstrous pile of dirty laundry is found by his mom and now he's stuck at home by himself, doing his whole pile of laundry. Mid-cycle, the power goes out! Eddie sets out to explore the seemingly empty neighborhood in his glow-in-the-dark swim trunks.

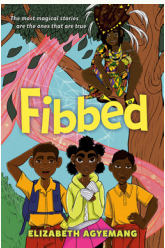


Graphic Novels



“Chunky Goes to Camp” by Yehudi Mercado

Hudi and his imaginary friend, Chunky, head to Jewish summer camp, where the dynamic duo meet a new friend who can see Chunky too and get mixed up in a prank war.



“Fibbed” by Elizabeth Agymang

After telling too many far-fetched tales, Nana Busumuru is sent to spend the summer with relatives in Ghana, where she must join forces with the trickster spider Ananse to prevent an evil corporation from stealing the magic in the village forest.



“Miss Quinces” by Kat Fajardo

Sue just wants to spend the summer reading and making comics at sleepaway camp with her friends, but instead she gets stuck going to Honduras to visit relatives with her parents and two sisters. They live way out in the country, which means no texting, no cable and no internet!



“Be Prepared” by Vera Brosgol

Vera’s single mother can’t afford to send her to the fancy summer camps that her friends are going to, but there’s one camp in their price range—Russian summer camp. Nothing could prepare Vera for all the “cool girl” drama, endless Russian history lessons and outhouses straight out of nightmares!

My Summer Books

Do you like to list the books you read? Use this page—or download the Beanstack app—to track your reading online.

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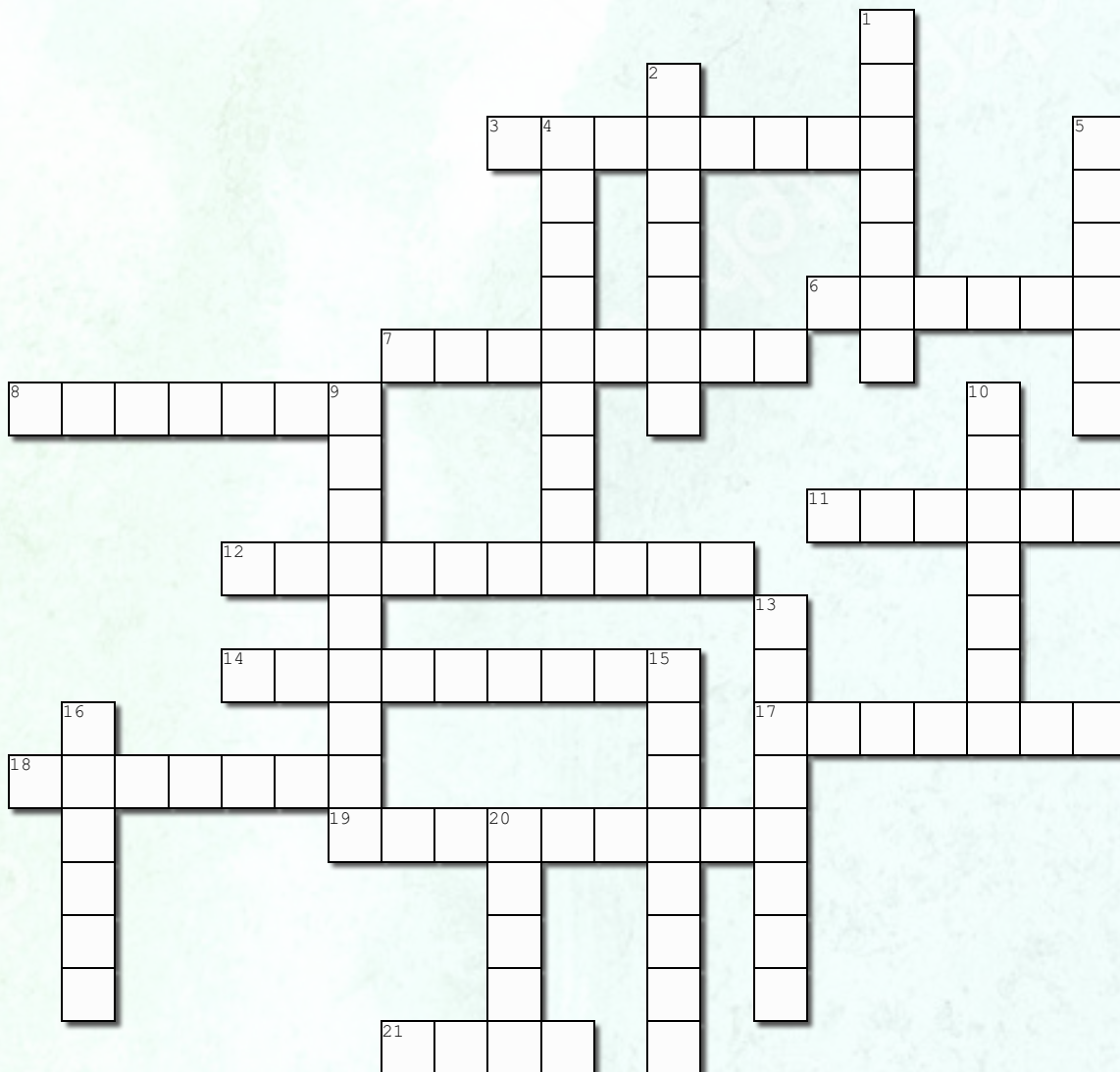


Cognate Crossword

What are cognate words?

Cognate words are words that are written similarly, pronounced similarly and have the same meaning in two languages. Sometimes these words have the exact spelling, sometimes the spelling changes a bit and sometimes the words have different spellings but sound the same!

Can you figure out some cognate words in Spanish and English? Read the clue in Spanish and guess what the word is in English!



Across

- 3. Judicial
- 6. Acción
- 7. Numeroso
- 8. Genético
- 11. Trágico
- 12. Vocabulario
- 14. Delicioso
- 17. Mágico
- 18. Perfecto
- 19. Explosión
- 21. Kilo

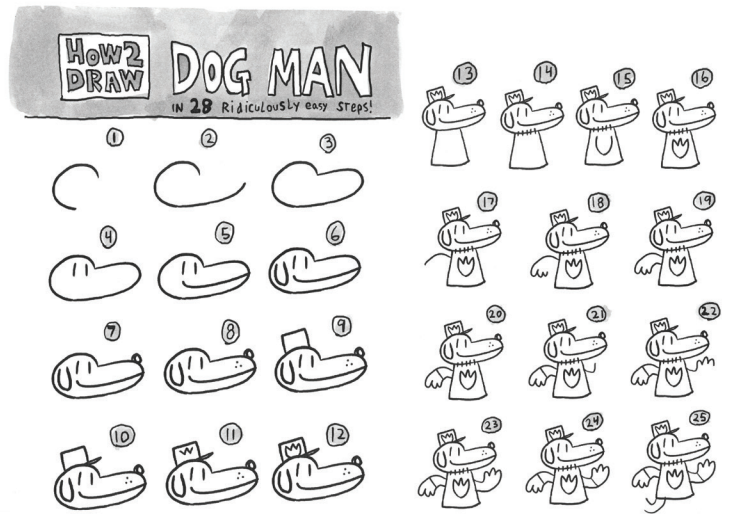
Down

- 1. Balance
- 2. Ficción
- 4. Universal
- 5. Irónico
- 9. Chocolate
- 10. Orgánico
- 13. Romántico
- 15. Solitario
- 16. Heroico
- 20. Local



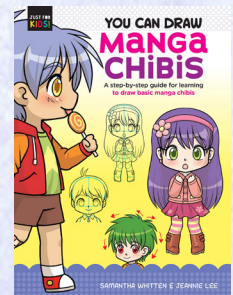
How to Draw Dog Man

Practice drawing Dog Man with these instructions from author and illustrator Dav Pilkey. Write your own Dog Man comic strip, or use any other character from your favorite graphic novel.



Check out drawing books from your library!

- "Draw a Comic!" by J.P. Coover
- "How to Draw Cute Stuff" by Angela Nguyen
- "You Can Draw Manga Chibis" by Samantha Whitten & Jeannie Lee



Create Blackout Poetry

Well-crafted blackout poetry pages give new meaning to old texts. Any text can be turned into a blackout poem. All you need for blackout poetry is a marker, pen or pencil.

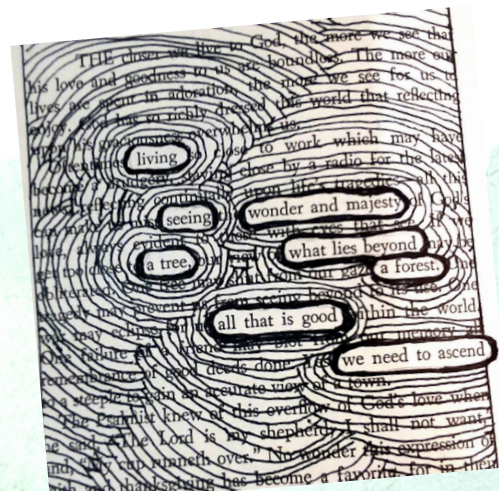
1. Take a page from a newspaper, magazine or damaged book (not a library book though, please!). Or make a copy of a page from a book. You can use the copy machine at your library.
2. Draw boxes over meaningful words, images, phrases or ideas.
3. Color in everything but the words you have selected. Or draw an outline of an image around your selected words and color accordingly.

Use this page from "Alice in Wonderland" to try it out:

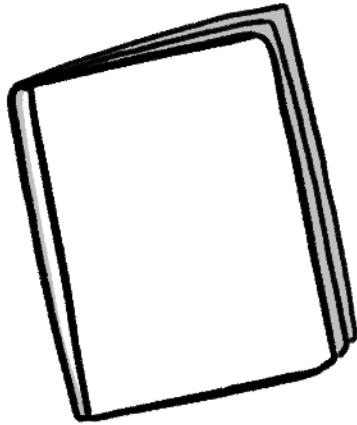
the right distance—but then I wonder what Latitude or Longitude I've got to?" (Alice had not the slightest idea what Latitude was, or Longitude either, but she thought they were nice grand words to say).

Presently she began again. "I wonder if I shall fall right *through* the earth! How funny it'll seem to come out among the people that walk with their heads downward! The antipathies, I think—" (she was rather glad there was no one listening, this time, as it didn't sound at all the right word) "—but I shall have to ask them what the name of the country is, you know. Please, Ma'am, is this New Zealand? Or Australia?" (and she tried to curtsy as she spoke—fancy, *curtseying* as you're falling through the air! Do you think you could manage it?) "And what an ignorant little girl she'll think me for asking! No, it'll never do to ask: perhaps I shall see it written up somewhere."

Down, down, down. There was nothing else to do, so Alice soon began talking again. "Dinah'll miss me very much to-night, I should think!" (Dinah was the cat.) "I hope they'll remember her saucer of milk at tea-time. Dinah, my dear! I wish you were down here with me! There are no mice in the air, I'm afraid, but you might catch a bat, and that's very like a mouse, you know. But do cats eat bats, I wonder?" And here Alice began to get rather sleepy, and went on saying to herself, in a dreamy sort of way, "Do cats eat bats? Do cats eat bats?" and sometimes, "Do bats eat cats?" for, you see, as she couldn't answer either question, it didn't much matter which way she put it. She felt that she was dozing off, and had just begun to dream that she was walking hand in hand with Dinah, and was saying to her, very earnestly, "Now, Dinah, tell me the truth: did you ever eat a bat?" when suddenly, thump! thump! down she came upon a heap of sticks and dry leaves, and the fall was over.



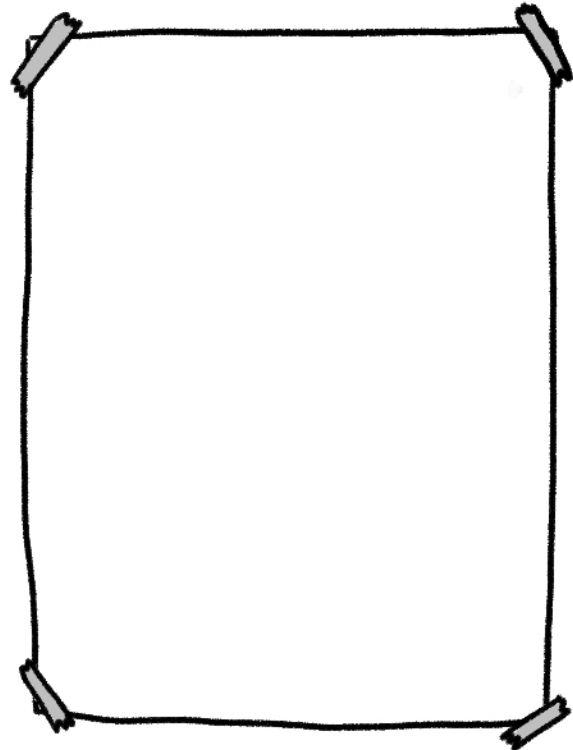
Turn your favorite book into a movie!



FIRST DRAW
THE BOOK'S
COVER



NOW TURN IT INTO
A MOVIE POSTER →



NOW DECIDE WHO
SHOULD PLAY EACH
CHARACTER (THEY
CAN BE FAMOUS
PEOPLE OR FRIENDS)!

FIGURE OUT WHERE
CERTAIN PARTS
SHOULD BE FILMED.

BONUS ACTIVITY: PICK A FAVORITE SCENE
AND TRY TO TURN IT INTO A SCRIPT!



Sudoku Challenge

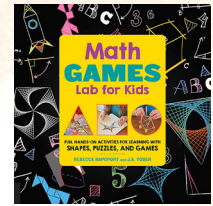
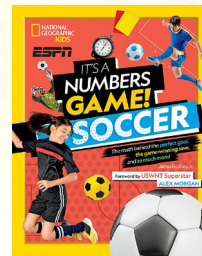
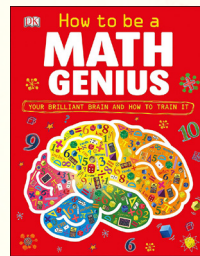
- In each row, use the numbers 1-4, no repeats.
- In each column use the numbers 1-4, no repeats.
- Each 2x2 quadrant should have numbers 1-4, no repeats.

1		3	
	4	1	2
2	1		3
	3		1

Want a harder challenge?

1. In each row, use the numbers 1-9, no repeats.
2. In each column, use the numbers 1-9, no repeats.
3. Each 3x3 quadrant should also have number 1-9, no repeats.

		6		5	7	8	2	
2	1		3		6	7	5	
7	5	3		8	4	1		9
	6		4		5	3		
	8		7			4	9	2
3			9	2	8			6
	2	7	5	4			3	1
5		1		7		9	4	8
		9		3	1		7	



Interested in more math games? Check out these books from your library!

“How to be a Math Genius” by Dr. Mike Goldsmith

“It’s a Numbers Game! Soccer: The Math Behind the Perfect Goal, the Game-Winning Save and So Much More!” By James Buckley Jr.

“Math Games for Kids; 25+ Fun, Hands-on, Activities for Learning with Shapes, Puzzles and Games” by Rebecca Rapoport & J.A. Yoder

Do you prefer colors instead of numbers?

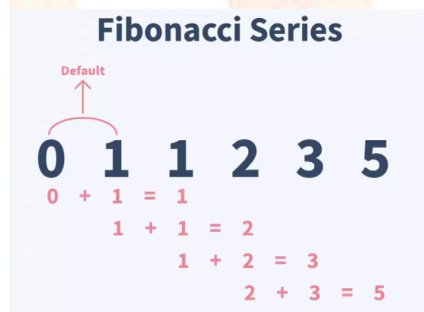
1. Use the colors yellow, green, blue and red, no repeats.
2. Each 2x2 quadrant should have one of each color.

	Red		Yellow
Yellow	Green	Blue	
Red		Yellow	Green
	Yellow		Blue

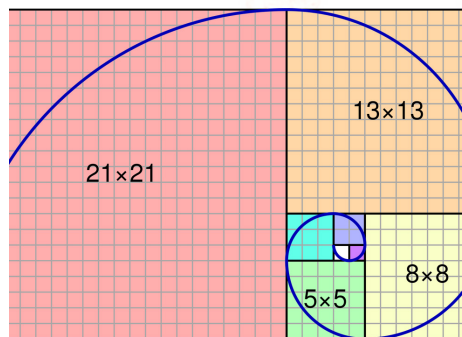


Numbers in Nature

0, 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21, 34... * Can you guess the next three numbers in this sequence?
You add the last two numbers together for the next number.



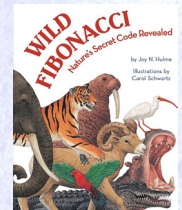
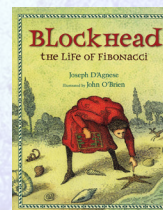
These numbers are the Fibonacci sequence. If you graph the Fibonacci numbers, it creates a spiral.



Graph out and draw your own Fibonacci spiral. Color it or use it to draw your own nature inspired masterpiece.

Check out these books from your library!

- "Blockhead: The Life of Fibonacci" by Joseph D'Agnese
- "Leo + Lea" by Monica Wesolowska
- "Wild Fibonacci: Nature's Secret Code Revealed" by Joy Hulme



Meet Princess Katelyn



Student at Franklin Pierce High School and member of the Daffodil Court

Why did you decide to compete to be a Daffodil Princess?

I remembered the times when I was younger, and I strived to be just like the Daffodil Princesses that I saw at my annual Easter Egg Hunt. I wanted to be an inspiration to young girls the same way the past Daffodil Princesses had been to me. They gave me motivation to do well in school and I wanted to be that person to other young girls.

What sorts of activities/events do the Daffodil Princesses do in local communities?

There are many opportunities to see the Daffodil Princesses in parades in the greater community! Although the Grand Floral Parade is the most well-known, Daffodil Princesses also participate in the Santa Parades, the Daffodil Marine Parade, the Junior Daffodil Parade and many more!

What keeps you motivated?

I enjoy being able to sit back after I have completed a task and relish in the accomplishment of getting to cross it off my to-do list.

If you could have any superpower, what would it be?

If I could have any superpower, I would want to have telekinesis! I think it would be so cool to be able to move objects only using my mind!

What is your favorite book? Why?

I wish I could say I have a favorite book, but unfortunately there are far too many good options to choose from! Some of the books I have enjoyed reading include "Daughter of the Deep" by Lina C. Amarego, "A Touch of Darkness" by Scarlett St. Clair, "The Song of Achilles" by Madeline Miller, "To Kill a Kingdom" by Alexandra Christo, and "Kingdom of the Wicked" by Kerri Maniscalco. I have always considered myself a hopeless romantic, but finding books that pair such beauty with the enchantment of a fantasy novel, has definitely been my dream come true. These two genres paired together just sends me into a trance that has me reading for hours.

Do you like reading books, listening to audiobooks or both? Do you read graphic novels?

I greatly enjoy reading books. I love the feeling of the physical book in my hands. When reading hard covers and paperbacks I feel more connected to the story and usually I read more when I can see the actual progress I'm making in my book. I am most definitely a fan of graphic novels! Although they are no longer my go-to for reading, I have much love for them as they sparked my adoration for all things literature!



Podcast Interview

Start your own interview podcast. Choose a person to interview. Your person could be a friend, relative, neighbor or anyone you would like to know more about.

Choose questions to ask from the list below. Record your interview with a phone, tablet or old tape recorder or take written notes.

Share the recording of your podcast with friends and family. Choose one question and answer to write into a story or draw as a comic. Find another person to interview and start your own podcast series! Don't have another person to interview? Interview yourself!

Interview questions to ask anyone:

- Who makes you laugh the most? Why?
- Describe your favorite outfit, including shoes and accessories. Why is this your favorite?
- If you could only have one superpower, what would it be? Why? What would you use your power for?
- If you could be any animal for one day, what animal would you chose? Why?
- What is your favorite song? Why do you like it?
- What is the funniest thing that ever happened to you?

Interview questions to ask adults:

- What is your earliest memory?
- What is your favorite memory of me?
- Do you remember any of the stories your grandparents used to tell you?
- How has being a parent changed you?
- What is one of your best memories of childhood? Worst?
- Did you have a nickname? How'd you get it?
- How would you describe a perfect day when you were young?



Plant Identification

Pierce County has many interesting and beautiful native plants. "Native plant" is a term for a plant that occurs naturally in an area. Many plants in gardens and growing in the wild were introduced, accidentally or on purpose, from other countries or different parts of the United States. In the U.S., plants are generally considered native if they existed here before European colonialization. Some non-native plants are invasive and crowd out or compete with native plants for space and resources.

Can you find these different types of native plants in your neighborhood, garden, plant nursery or local park? Check off each one as you find them, write down the location where it is and record one descriptive word about the plant that you find interesting. It could be a shape, color, texture, smell or emotion!

Use the blank box to draw and record a plant you see that are not on this list. Check out a book from your library or use the internet to identify your plants.



PACIFIC RHODODENDRON

SCIENTIFIC NAME: RHODODENDRON
MACROPHYLLUM

SEASON: FLOWERS IN JUNE.

FUN FACT: WASHINGTON STATE FLOWER

Location spotted: _____

One word about this plant: _____



LARGE LEAVED LUPINE

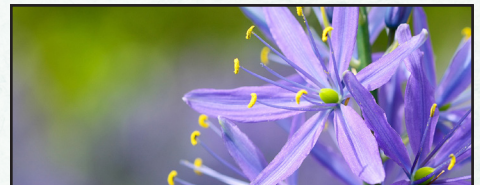
SCIENTIFIC NAME: LUPINUS POLYPHYLLUS

SEASON: FLOWERS FROM JUNE TO JULY.

FUN FACT: BEES LOVE THE POLLEN THAT IS
PRODUCED BY THE LUPINE FLOWERS.

Location spotted: _____

One word about this plant: _____



COMMON CAMAS

SCIENTIFIC NAME: CAMASSIA QUAMASH

SEASON: FLOWERS FROM MID-APRIL TO MAY.

FUN FACT: THE BULBS OF THIS PLANT WERE AN
IMPORTANT FOOD SOURCE FOR
NATIVE PEOPLES.

Location spotted: _____

One word about this plant: _____



WESTERN SWORD FERN

SCIENTIFIC NAME: POLYSTICHUM MUNITUM

SEASON: EVERGREEN

FUN FACT: THE MOST COMMON FERN IN THE
PACIFIC NORTHWEST.

Location spotted: _____

One word about this plant: _____



WESTERN RED CEDAR

SCIENTIFIC NAME: THUJA PLICATA

SEASON: EVERGREEN

FUN FACT: MAY GROW UP TO 200 FEET TALL!

Location spotted: _____

One word about this plant: _____

Scientific Name _____

Location spotted: _____

One word about this plant: _____



Pressed Flowers and Leaves

Collect leaves and flowers to press and preserve. You can use your specimens to make a guide to the plants growing in your garden, neighborhood or local park, or to inspire a host of art and gift projects, including notecards and bookmarks.

Materials:

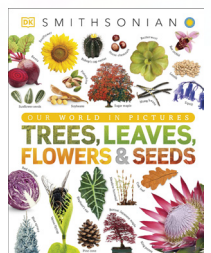
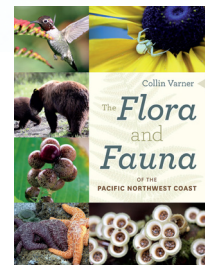
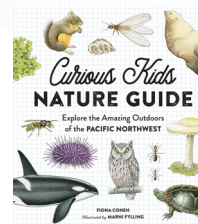
- Sheets of scrap paper, newspaper or paper towels
- Cardboard pieces
- A book or two flat objects with some weight
- Glue stick or thinned white glue

Instructions:

1. Collect plant material. It's best to collect plants for pressing when they are free of dew or rain. When collecting specimens, don't collect from private property.
2. Fold or place the plant in between two sheets of newspaper, paper towels, or other scrap paper. If you are pressing multiple plants, place a layer of cardboard in between each paper wrapped plant.
3. Place books (or other heavy flat objects) on top of your paper and cardboard layers. Leave your homemade plant press in a warm, ventilated location to dry for at least ten days.
4. When completely dried out, use your pressed plants to decorate notecards, bookmarks, or other objects. Use white glue thinned with water or a glue stick.

**Interested in more plants and animals of the Pacific Northwest?
Check out these books, and others like it, from your library!**

- "Curious Kids Nature Guide: Explore the Amazing Outdoors of the Pacific Northwest" by Fiona Cohen
- "The Flora and Fauna of the Pacific Northwest Coast" by Collin Varner.
- "Trees, Leaves, Flowers & Seeds: A Visual Encyclopedia of the Plant Kingdom" by Dr. Sarah Jose



Kids Make ART

We invited kids at Pierce County libraries to share their artwork, poetry, stories and jokes with us in the second annual Pierce County Library System Creativity Showcase. Here are just a few pieces of art from talented kids like you!



Cool Summer Cat
Asaph, Age 8 – Fife



My Hobbies
Donovan, Age 10 – DuPont



Donut the Kitten
Elodie, Age 10 – Gig Harbor



Galacta
Selene, Age 11 – Gig Harbor



Chilling at the beach with my books
Zawadi, Age 9 – South Hill



Learn to read at your own speed
Pearl, Age 9 – Key Center



The Birds
Caroline, Age 9 – Sumner



Create Your Own Sunshine
Addelina, Age 11 – South Hill

Summer

I stand as the wind twirls around me.
Smelling the sea air, salty yet sweet.
I look up at the clear blue sky.
Watching the gulls.
They must have traveled far.
I look down at the sand.
Watching the crabs.
They too had traveled far.
I smile, and start home.
One thousand miles away. I have traveled far.

Summer
Nora, Age 10 – South Hill





Summer Time
Avalynn, Age 9 – Sumner



Axolotl by the Ocean
Sophia, Age 10 – Orting



Rainbow Picnic
Alice, Age 10 – University Place

Summer Vacation

I was ready to go to the beach. I packed some sunscreen, goggles, a bathing suit and some sandals. I got on my unicorn. Her name is Sunny, her mane is colored like a sunset. Sunny and I rode off to the beach. I put on my sandals because the sand was hot. Sunny made a rainbow path because she didn't bring her sandals. I ran to get some wet sand so I could build a really big sandcastle. Then I saw a tusk sticking up out of the water. My unicorn ran on the rainbow path to the ocean and looked through some binoculars, and she saw that it was a narwhal. The narwhal swam towards us. "What are you doing here?" I asked. "Narwhals are supposed to be in cold water" I told the narwhal. The narwhal let us ride on her back.

Swish! The waves crashed into the shore. The narwhal totally forgot that people and unicorns can't breathe under water so the narwhal turned Sunny and I into mermaids. The narwhal told us the whole story. The narwhal was swimming with her blessing or her group of narwhals and she saw a really pretty shell and got it but then she realized her blessing was gone. The narwhal searched and searched until she got here. Since Sunny and I were mermaids we swam did flips. We were almost to the cold waters. The water was getting cold. I shivered all the way to the narwhals home. Her home was a small ice cave with icicles sticking down from the ceiling when we got inside her blessing was there. The narwhal forgot to look inside her cave! Then of course, the narwhals lived happily after all.

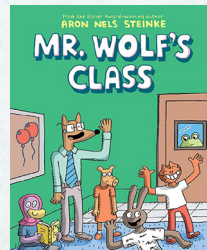
Summer Vacation
Evelina, Age 8 – Sumner



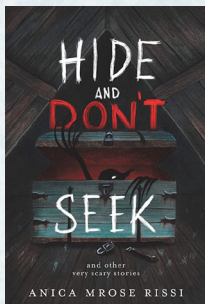
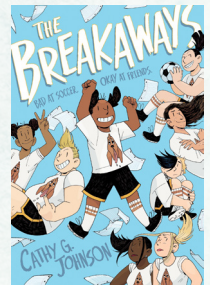
Summer Reading Favorites

Summer Reading favorites from your Pierce County Librarians

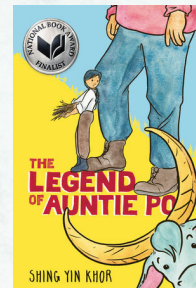
Ms. Alison in Early Learning enjoys this series about friendship because it is entertaining and funny!



Ms. Kelsey at Summit Library loves this graphic novel because it is about trying something new, being terrible at it, but still finding joy and friendship while doing it.



Ms. Brandi at South Hill Pierce County Library recommends this book because it's an excellent collection of short, spooky stories, perfect for anyone who loves scary books!



Ms. Tamara at Gig Harbor Library loved reading this historical fiction novel because it shows how diverse the west was during the late 1800's.

Ms. Holly at Orting Library loves the short stories about all the different supernatural cats!



Ms. Lisa at Graham Library recommends this graphic novel because it's a game, a maze, a comic and a choose your own adventure all in one!

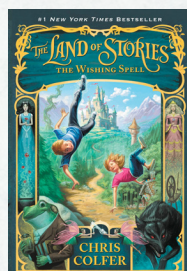


Ms. Kari at South Hill Library thought this book was a hilarious adventure in space.



Ms. Michelle in Outreach recommends this graphic novel. It made her want to learn how to swim.

Ms. Sharon at Lakewood Library says her all-time favorite books are the Land of Stories series by Chris Colfer, specifically the audiobooks, which are read by the author and perfect for a family road trip!



Find more book recommendations on the Pierce County Library for Families with Kids Facebook group.

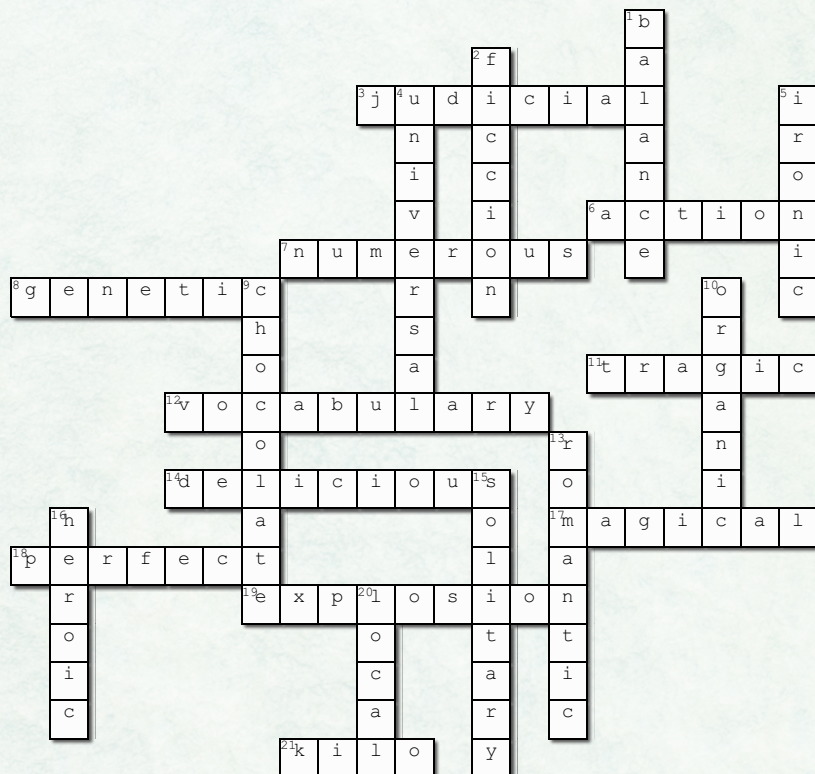


Solutions

The next numbers in the Fibonacci sequence are 55, 89 and 144.

Cognate/ Cognados

Read the clue in Spanish and guess what the word is in English!



Created using the Crossword Maker on TheTeachersCorner.net

Across

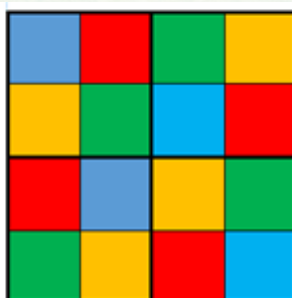
- 3. Judicial (**judicial**)
- 6. Acción (**action**)
- 7. Numeroso (**numerous**)
- 8. Genético (**genetic**)
- 11. Trágico (**tragic**)
- 12. Vocabulario (**vocabulary**)
- 14. Delicioso (**delicious**)
- 17. Mágico (**magical**)
- 18. Perfecto (**perfect**)
- 19. Explosión (**explosion**)
- 21. Kilo (**kilo**)

Down

- 1. Balance (**balance**)
- 2. Ficción (**fiction**)
- 4. Universal (**universal**)
- 5. Irónico (**ironic**)
- 9. Chocolate (**chocolate**)
- 10. Orgánico (**organic**)
- 13. Romántico (**romantic**)
- 15. Solitario (**solitary**)
- 16. Heroico (**heroic**)
- 20. Local (**local**)

1	2	3	4
3	4	1	2
2	1	4	3
4	3	2	1

4	9	6	1	5	7	8	2	3
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8	2	7	5	4	9	6	3	1
5	3	1	6	7	2	9	4	8
6	4	9	8	3	1	2	7	5



Congratulations! You're done!

Don't forget to bring your final ticket and survey in by Aug. 31 to get your final prize!



Check out fun activities available all summer at your Pierce County Library! See what's scheduled and register at mypcls.org/calendar.

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What do you not like about Summer Reading? _____

What one thing would you want to do at the library next summer? _____

Why did the chicken cross the road? _____



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