



Summer Reading 2020

Dive into the world of myths, legends and fairy tales with *Imagine Your Story* summer reading with the South Sioux City Public Library. While our lives have been changed a bit this year in how we handle everyday life, the library wants to encourage the families to read, explore and enjoy life through books!

We want to encourage the love of reading and excitement of learning even when the kids are out of school. How do we help this develop this?

1. Letting the children read what they want. We want kids to read for the fun of it. Allowing the child to pick through a variety of books, they'll be more likely to be on board with it! Children won't gain as much from reading during the summer if they aren't truly enjoying it.
2. Setting time aside for smart play. Why can't learning be fun? Set up a puzzle together, play a board game, make a science experiment! There are plenty of ways to get children engaged and help them flex their brain power without it turning into a tutoring session.
3. Get out of the house. Did you know that novelty stimulates the brain and promotes learning? Help your child learn from books using a real-world setting; visit a historic site or head out to a park to read. You can visit certain locations inspired by the books you read, virtually or in person.
4. Use your imagination. Kids use their imagination while they craft, they explore new concepts while building with LEGO sets, they develop vocabularies while putting on a play.

We have and will always be here to encourage learning all year round with special focus in the summer when the kids are out of school. This year will be no different. We will have a reading challenge for each child to compete in, depending on their grade level in the fall. We will have activities to encourage exploration and learning. We will present fun activities to do altogether that entice the children to find out more.

To find out more of our summer reading, please visit our website (www.southsiouxcity.org/library), and follow us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/SSCLibrary).

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