

What do you want to discover?



DISCOVER SUMMER

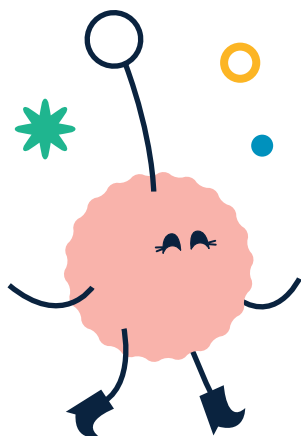
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FOR KIDS
AGES 8-12



Welcome!

We're so glad you picked up our third annual summer activity booklet for kids ages 8-12. It is designed to help kids learn about themselves and the world around them, all while having fun!



Discover more ways to celebrate summer in Cincinnati and Hamilton County at CincySummer.org! This web page is meant to be a one-stop spot for you to find out about all kinds of fun learning opportunities happening this summer throughout the city and county.

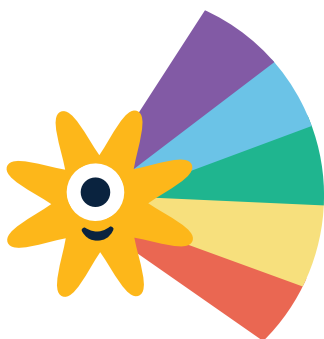


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Show us the activity you enjoyed the most by tagging **#cincysummer** on social media!



Stop by a Library event!

All of the Library's 41 neighborhood branches have free events. From science to gaming to crafts and more, discover, learn, or just have fun this summer!

CHPL.org/events



Visit CincySummer.org

Find out about the coolest events for kids and families around Cincinnati and Hamilton County this summer!

Free Meals for Kids at Select Libraries

The Library offers free meals. This service is provided by UMC food Ministry and made possible through federal funding. Visit our website for times and locations.

CHPL.org/meals

Discover It With a Discovery Pass

Enjoy free visits to our county's amazing arts, parks, museums. Make an online reservation today or visit your neighborhood branch library!

CHPL.org/discovery-pass

WiFi at the Library

Looking for a relaxing place to hop on the internet? Stop by one of our 41 neighborhood libraries!

CHPL.org/wifi

41 locations • No late fees • 229+ databases • Millions of books, movies, music & more



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What will you discover this summer?

Finish **three** Discovery Goals below to enter the grand prize drawing.



I will find out more about

by going to an event at the Library.

I will finish the

activity in this booklet.

I will become an expert on

by checking out

I will learn about

by listening to or watching

on the Library web site or app.

I will read about

(topic) for

minutes per day.

I want to check out

so I can learn



Reach Your Discovery Goals, Earn Prizes!

Enter by Monday, August 1, 2022.

I will do the

activity in this booklet.

Write your own goal here...

Discover Summer 2022 Entry

I finished my Discovery Goals!

☐ Goal #1

☐ Goal #2

☐ Goal #3

First name: _____ Last name: _____

Phone number or email address to notify if you have won: _____

Branch library: _____

How old are you? _____ (Must be 18 or younger to enter.) _____ What grade will you enter this fall? _____

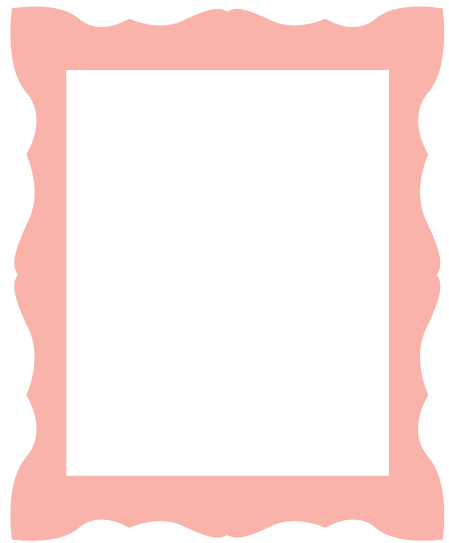
How did you hear about Discover Summer? (Check all that apply) ☐ Flyer ☐ Library website ☐ School ☐ Social media ☐ Family or friends

☐ Other (Please describe): _____

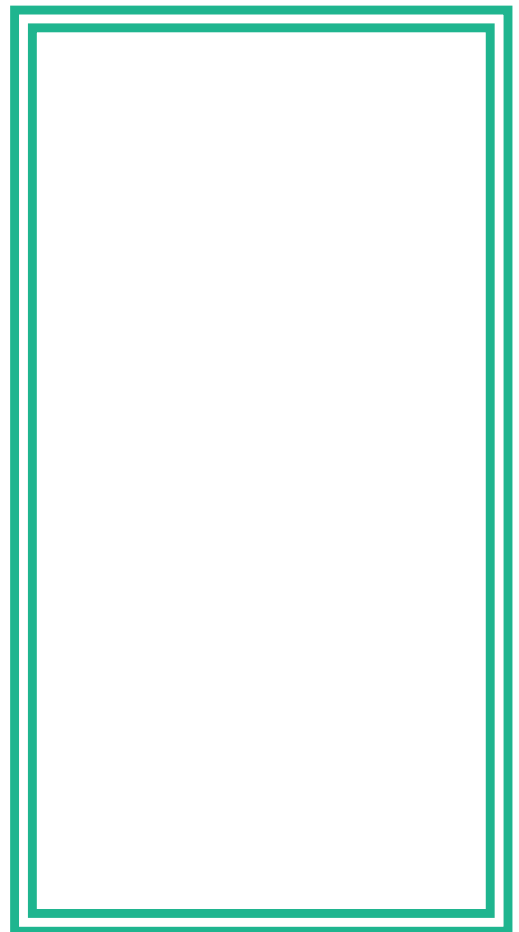


**When your child
completes a Discovery
Goal, visit the Library.**

Share what you have
learned to collect cool
stickers or buttons to wear!



What do you like?



What new things do you want to try?

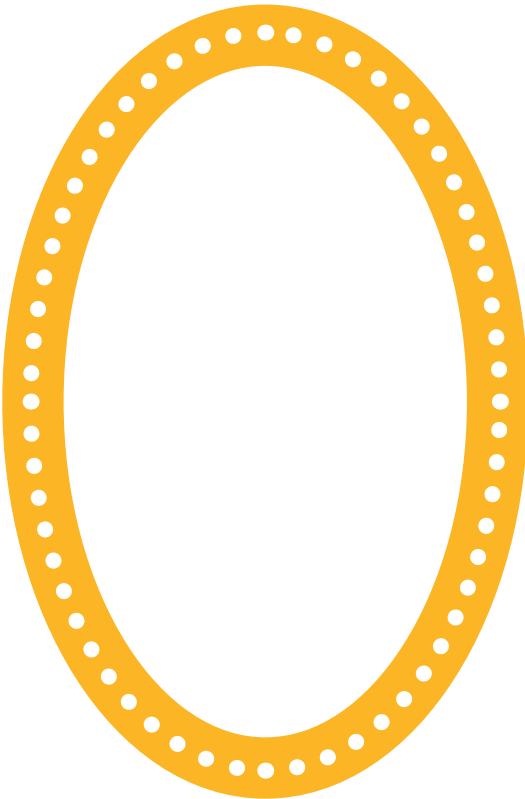


Pick Something to Discover!

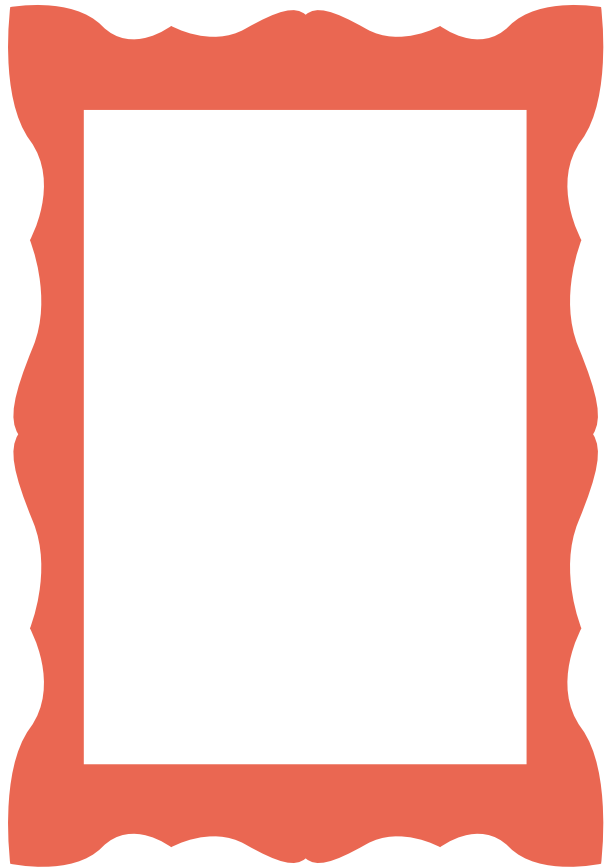
Write or draw your answer.



What do you want
to read or watch?



What do you want
to know more about?



What kind of job or career do you
want when you're an adult?

What You've Read This SUMMER

Rate the books, audiobooks, comic books or other things you read this summer.
Write each title in the box that is the best fit.



Loved it!

Discovered something surprising!





Track what you're reading with
our Beanstack app. Download:
CincySummer.org

Reading 20 minutes a day helps you become a better reader and writer!

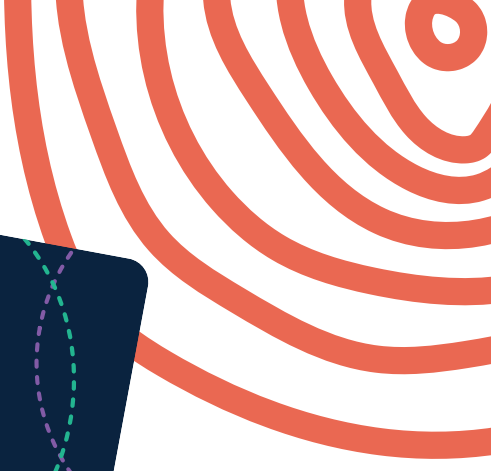
Didn't like it.



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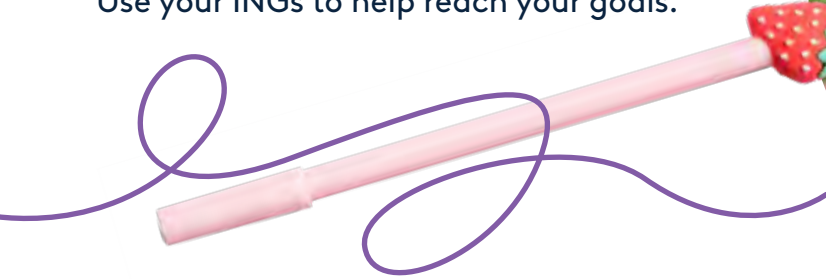
Didn't interest me.





Try the INGs

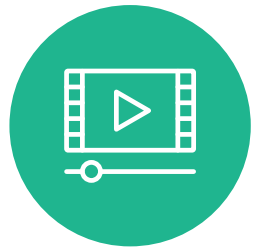
INGs are the things you like doing!
Use your INGs to help reach your goals.



Discover-ING

Explore a topic

- Check out a book, video, or magazine at your local library.
- Participate in a library program or activity.
- Explore a park or museum.
- Talk to someone who is an expert in their field.
- Complete an activity from this booklet.



Read-ING

Expand your horizons

- Read a book about a topic you want to learn more about.
- Read a book about a character who doesn't look like you or live like you.
- Read or listen to a book in a new format. Try a graphic novel, a novel written as poetry, or an audiobook!
- Write book reviews to share your favorite books with others.
- Make a reading log to keep track of what you are reading this summer or track online using the Beanstack app at CHPL.org/summer.



Creat-ING

Express yourself and share what you have learned with others

- Put on a play or puppet show.
- Draw or paint a picture, or build a model.
- Invent something new to solve a problem.
- Write a story or a poem.

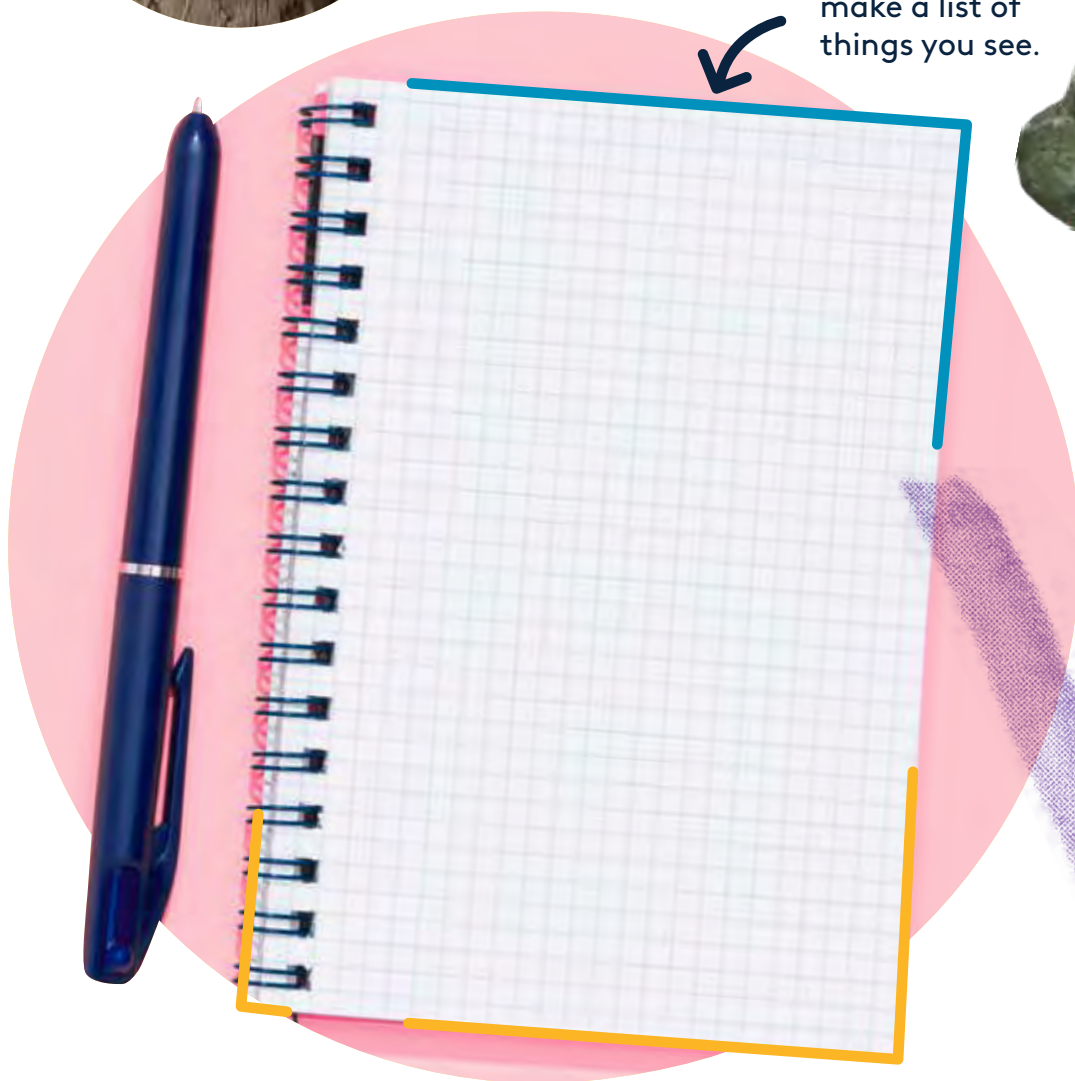




Be a Nature EXPLORER

Summer is a great time to have fun outside.
Explore your yard, your neighborhood, or a park.

As you walk,
make a list of
things you see.



- Design your own nature scavenger hunt using the list you created.
- Make copies of your list. Share them with family and friends.
- Then let the hunt begin! Who can find all the objects on the list first?



Be a Nature ENGINEER

- Make a house of sticks and leaves. Who might live inside this house?
- What else can you find to build with?

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Explore the great outdoors with a library book or eBook.
CinLib.org/explore-outdoors



Learn how to make a toad abode!
CinLib.org/toad-abode



Wonder JAR

Write your wonders and put them in a Wonder Jar.

Explore a Wonder

- How does your wonder make you feel? Excited? Weird? Hungry? Silly? Use three adjectives.
- What other words, objects, or topics does it make you think about?
- Does your wonder connect to things you already know or want to know more about?
- Go online, to the Library, or to your bookshelf and find out more.
- Talk to your family, friends, teachers, neighbors, or experts about your wonder. Share your excitement and knowledge, ask questions, and get feedback.



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Find more great ways to explore your wonders.
Wonderopolis.org



Looking for answers to your wonders? Check out Fact Cite with your Library card.
CinLib.org/cite





Why do volcanoes erupt?

How many stars are in the sky?



Make Your OWN ALIEN

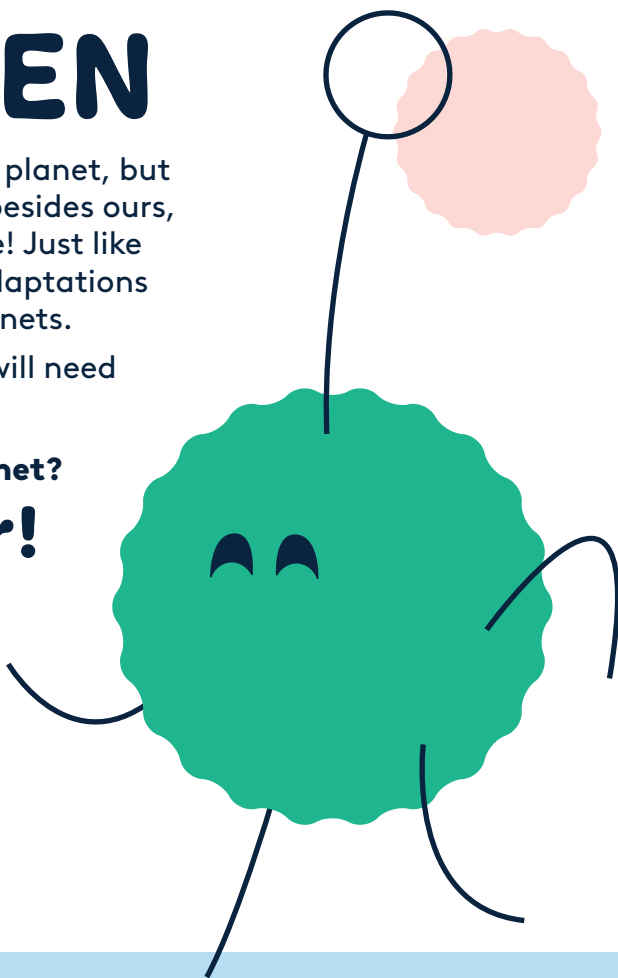
We have yet to find life on another planet, but there are billions of solar systems besides ours, so there must be aliens somewhere! Just like animals on earth need different adaptations to survive, so do aliens on alien planets.

Think about the characteristics it will need to survive on its home planet!

Does your alien live on a cold planet?

Then give it fur!

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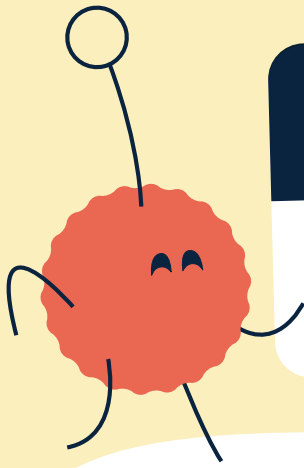
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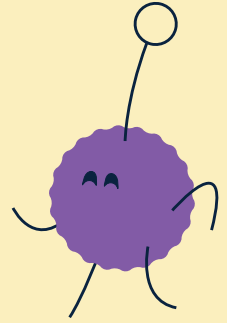
Learn fun facts about our solar system with "Facts from Space," written by Dean Regas of the Cincinnati Observatory.
CinLib.org/facts-from-space



Explore other planets by borrowing a telescope with your Library card.
CHPL.org/telescope



HELLO
My Name is

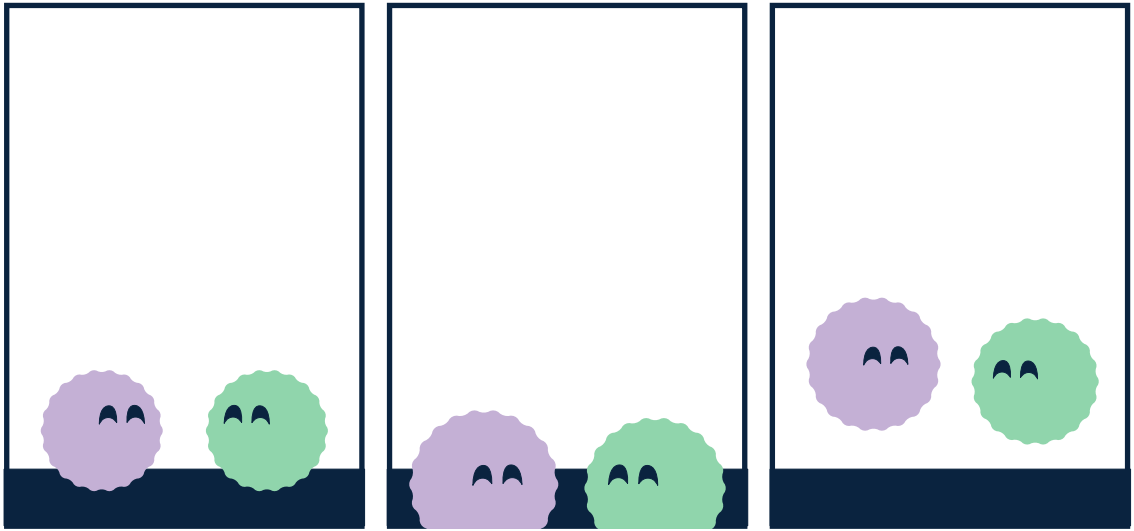


Draw your own alien on their home planet.

Describe your alien and how it is adapted to live on its home planet.

Draw Your OWN COMICS

Finish this comic strip using speech bubbles, thought bubbles, or sound effects. Don't forget to add a background.

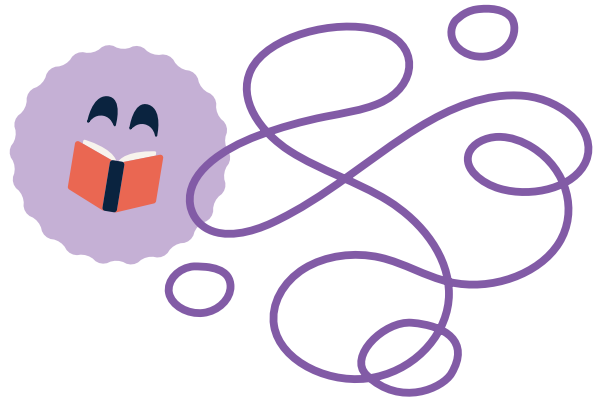


Think about a challenge you have had to overcome.
Tell the story in a comic strip.

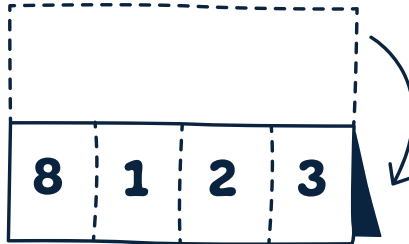
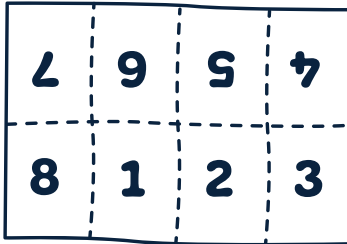


What other stories can you tell using comics?

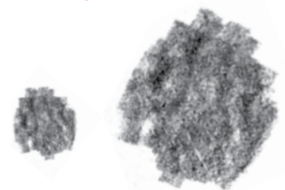
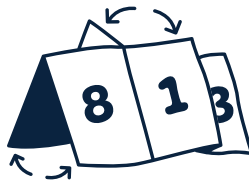
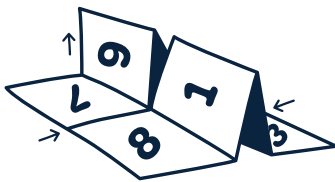
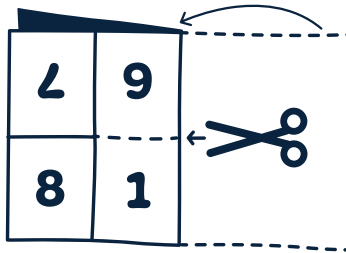
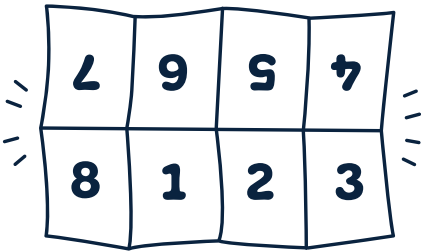
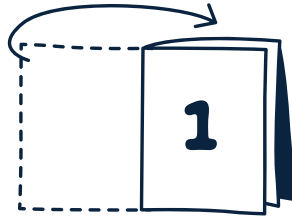
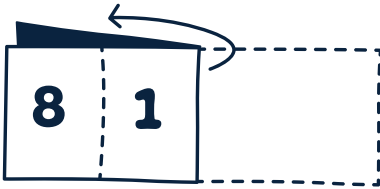
Make Your OWN ZINE



A zine is a self-published mini magazine.
There are lots of ways to make a zine.



Here is one way
that uses just one
sheet of paper.



Now that you have
made your zine,
what will YOU put
in it?

Think about your Discovery Goals.

- A zine can be a great way to share your knowledge with others.
- Make a comic book, a list of your favorite things, or a book of facts.
- Write a short story, or a collection of poems.
- Once your zine is complete, consider making copies to share with friends and family. Show them how to make their own zines so you can trade!

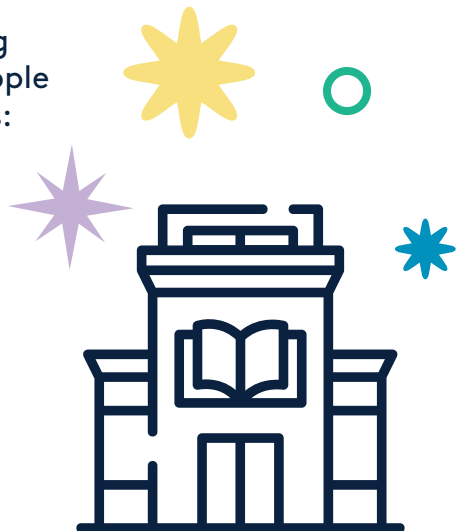


Design Your DREAM LIBRARY

Imagine you are building a new library for your community.

The Library is busy building and remodeling libraries Hamilton County. Here's what people told us they would like in their new libraries:

- Spaces for different groups, like kids, teens, and adults
- More meeting rooms and study rooms
- Quiet spaces
- Fun outdoor spaces
- Easy access for all people



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The Cincinnati & Hamilton County Public Library has 41 neighborhood branches!
How many have you visited?
[CHPL.org/locations](https://www.chpl.org/locations)

Now draw a picture of your design.
Make a list of elements your library will include.
Don't forget the outside of the building!





Guide for GROWNUPS

Summer is the perfect time to explore your child's interests while having a lot of fun.

10 Ways to Make the Most of Summer

- 1** Make observations and ask questions. What are the activities that capture your kid's attention? What do they enjoy doing?
- 2** Make reading a part of your journey. Just 20 minutes of reading daily increases vocabulary, expands knowledge, and even reduces stress.
- 3** Visit your local library to find great resources and helpful staff to guide you.
- 4** Get creative! Learning is more than just absorbing information. Explore a new topic through art, writing, and play. Kids learn best through hands-on experiences.
- 5** Be active! Get outside and explore your community.
- 6** Attend a library program to connect with other kids in your community.
- 7** Encourage curiosity. When something sparks your child's interest, dig deeper by asking questions.
- 8** Set family Discovery Goals so you can have fun learning together.
- 9** Give your child downtime to help them become creative, independent thinkers.
- 10** Celebrate your learning! Find ways to let your child know they are on the right track by celebrating along the way.



Be a Lifelong LEARNER

Discover Summer is designed to help you love reading and learning!

Discover Your Own Adventure

When you get to explore your interests, you are motivated to keep learning. Find books, activities, and experiences that relate to your passions.

Build Curiosity

Questions are powerful ways to begin learning journeys. This Discover Summer activity booklet includes ways to help you find what excites you.

Grow Confidence and Grit

We don't know everything, and that that is okay! Setbacks can be frustrating, but they can be an opportunity to develop grit if you talk through them: What is hard about this? How can we get through it? How does it feel to solve the problem?



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