

For Kids
8-12

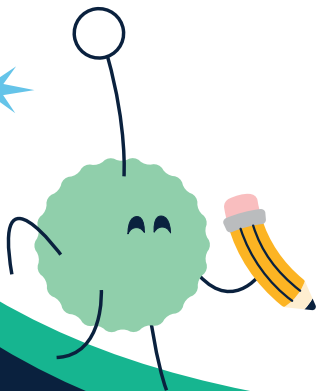


Discover Summer

Create, Explore, and Imagine

CHPL.org/summer

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Welcome!

We're so glad you picked up our 4th annual summer activity booklet for kids ages 8-12. It's designed to help kids learn about themselves and the world around them, all while having fun!

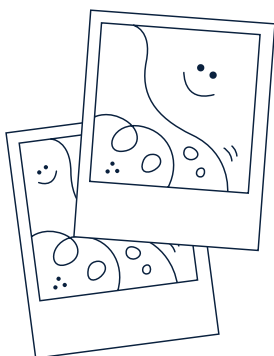
Visit your nearest branch library this summer for family-friendly learning opportunities like programs just for kids, STEM activities, playdates, and of course, plenty of books and materials to discover and borrow. Make your plan by visiting CHPL.org/summer.

Here's to a great summer,



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Show us the activity you enjoyed the most by tagging [#cincylibrary](https://twitter.com/cincylibrary) on social media!

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Get a Free Library Card

The Library is late fine-free and here for you! Get your card at one of our 41 branch libraries or sign up online.

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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 museums and attractions with the Library's Discovery Pass program. Make a free online reservation today!

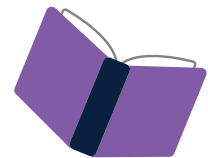
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Track Your Reading

Download our free Beanstack app to help track your child's reading!

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WiFi at the Library

Forget the sunscreen. Surf the web this summer! Stop by one of our 41 neighborhood libraries and hop on the internet.

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CHPL.org/kids

Guide for GROWNUPS

Summer is the perfect time to explore your child's interests.

7 WAYS TO MAKE THE MOST OF SUMMER

- * Talk with your child to find out what they are interested in. Then, take them to the Library to learn more.
- * Visit the Library to find new books for your family.
- * Kids learn best when they try things themselves. Explore new ideas through art, writing, or play.
- * Be active! Get outside and explore your neighborhood.
- * Come to a free library program to meet other parents and kids.
- * Give your child time at home to help them become creative and independent.
- * Celebrate when your child learns something new!





Raise Lifelong Learners

Discover Summer is designed to help kids love reading and learning for the rest of their lives!

Discover Their Own Adventures

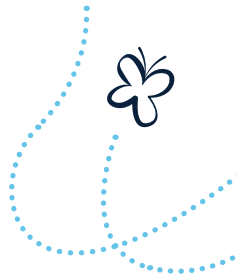
When kids get to explore what interests them, they want to keep learning. Help them find books and activities about their interests.

Build Curiosity

Ask your child open-ended questions to help them stay curious. This booklet has ways to help kids find what excites them.

Grow Confidence

Lifelong learners don't know everything, and that is okay! Setbacks can be an opportunity to develop confidence. Talk about it: What is hard about this? How can we get through it? How does it feel to solve the problem?



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The Power of Yet

Looking to learn something new?
The power of yet can help!

What would you like to learn?



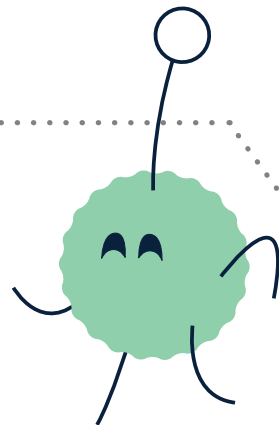
Write your "yet"
in the box below.

I haven't learned

yet!



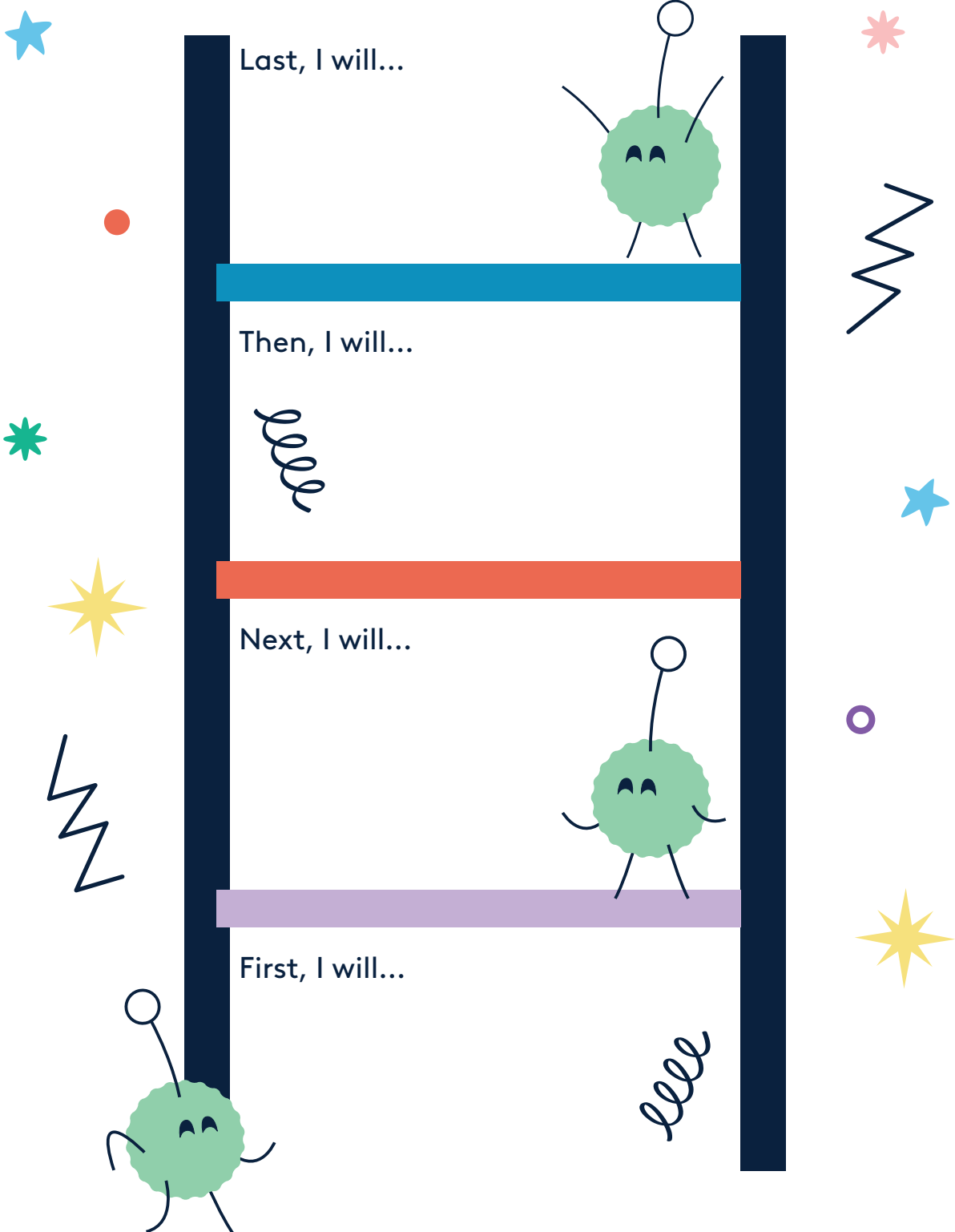
Ask Library staff for help getting started
with your power of yet!



Make a plan!

Think about the steps you'll need to climb to learn something new.

Write each step above a rung on the ladder.



What You Read This Summer

Rate the books, audiobooks,
comic books and other things you read.

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

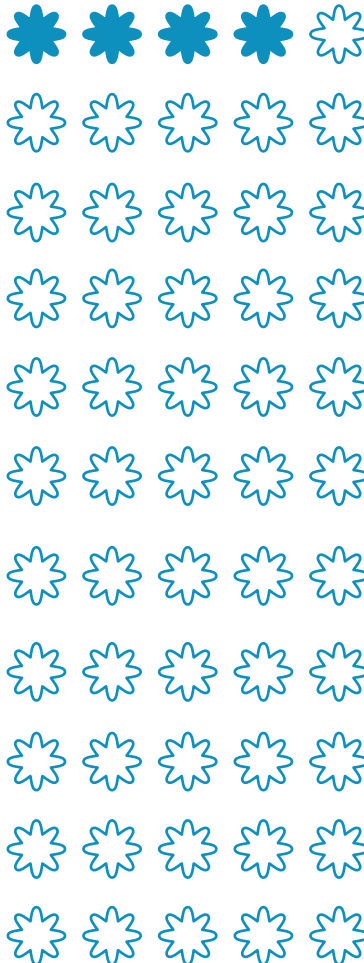


Example book title



Hoot

Very
Good!

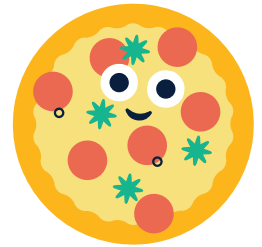


Write your goal inside the box.



Set daily goals for **YOURSELF!**

Fill a box for every day you reach your goal. Remember to treat yourself and celebrate at the end of the month!



Write your goal inside the box.




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Reading on tablets counts, too! Check out the eBooks, eAudiobooks, and read-along books available for free on the Libby app. CHPL.org/stream



PIXEL ART

Solve these tricky math challenges.
Then, color the boxes in using the color key below.

7-1	5+1	12-6	3+3	7-1	5+1	12-6	3+3	5+1	4+2	8-2	8-2	2+4	5+1
3+3	2+4	1x6	12/2	10-2	12-4	2+4	6x1	8+0	4+4	2+4	3+3	6x1	6x1
5+1	2+4	3+3	5+3	5+0	3+2	5+3	6+2	5+0	3+2	6+2	2+4	3+3	3+3
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2+4	6+0	8+0	0+5	4+5	1+8	10-5	1x5	2+7	15-6	6-1	5+3	3+3	3+3
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2x3	16-8	4+1	2+0	5-3	1x5	10-5	8-3	4+1	4-2	2+0	10-5	7+1	8-2
0+6	2+4	4x2	4-2	7-5	8-3	8-3	1x5	1x5	5-3	1+1	8x1	12-6	3+3
5+1	6x1	8x1	3+2	8x1	2+6	8+0	7+1	8x1	5+3	4+1	6+2	1+5	2+4
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4+0	6+2	4+1	7-2	2+6	1x5	6-3	10-7	2+3	8x1	6-1	10-5	10-2	8-4
1+3	0+4	16/2	10-5	4+1	10-2	12-7	0+5	8+0	8-3	4+1	6+2	10-6	12-8
1x4	2x4	4x2	8x1	16/2	9-1	2+6	3+5	4+4	6+2	4+4	16/2	8+0	4+0
2x2	1x4	2+2	3+1	2+2	4+0	3+1	1+3	8-4	2+2	7-3	9-5	10-6	1+3

Color Key



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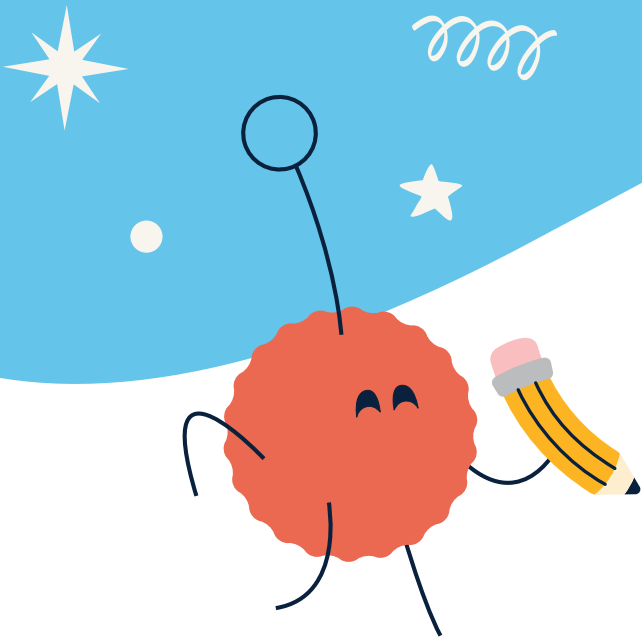


Do you have a favorite Roblox game?
Find out more with a book from the library!
CHPL.org/roblox

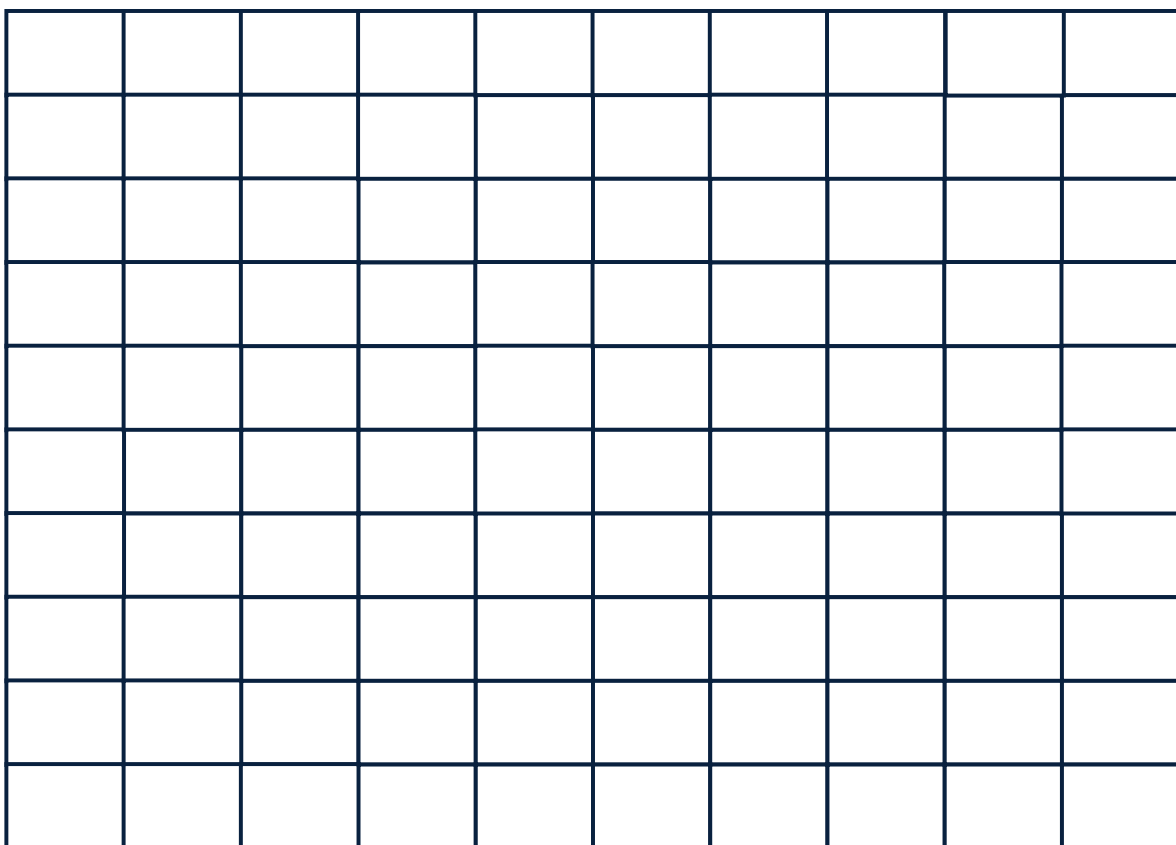


Try making your own 3D designs at Tinkercad.com. Then,
use a 3D Printer at the Library to bring your creation to life!
CHPL.org/3d-printer





Create Your Own PIXEL ART



Your Perfect Ice Cream



If you could create an ice cream flavor, what would it be called?



Which toppings would you include?



Share your ice cream creation with [@cincylibrary!](#)

Tag us at [#cincysummer](#) on Instagram, Twitter, and Facebook.

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Watch how ice cream is made in this video from Kanopy Kids!
CHPL.org/making-ice-cream



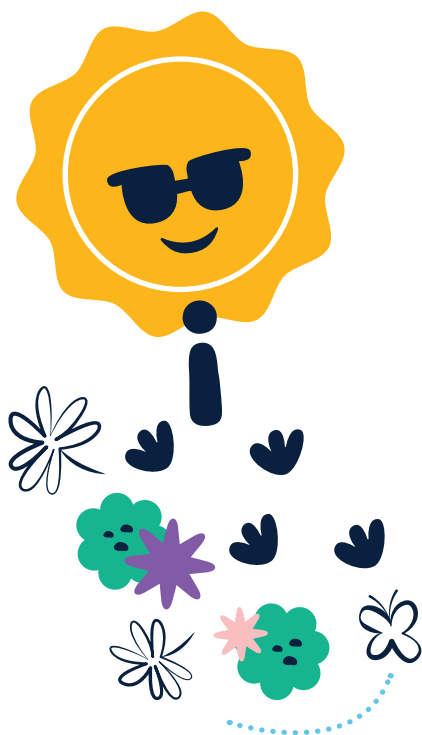
Draw and describe your ice cream creation here!



Send secret messages to your friends!

The Pigpen Cipher exchanges letters for shapes. Each letter is represented by the lines and dots surrounding it.

Can you figure out the Pigpen Cipher using this key?



A	B	C	J	K	L
D	E	F	M	N	O
G	H	I	P	Q	R
S			W		
V		T	Z	:	X
U			Y		

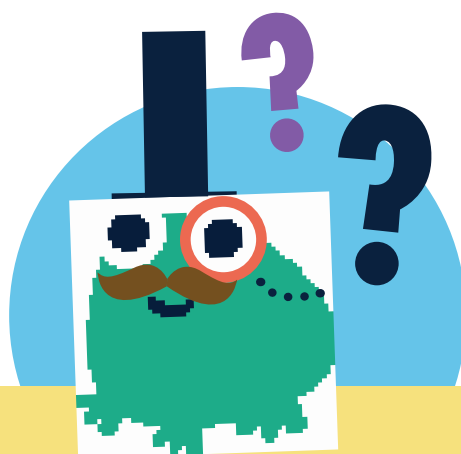
Here's a hint:

A = 

Q = 

V = 

W = 



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Learn about codes and ciphers by checking out a book from your Library.
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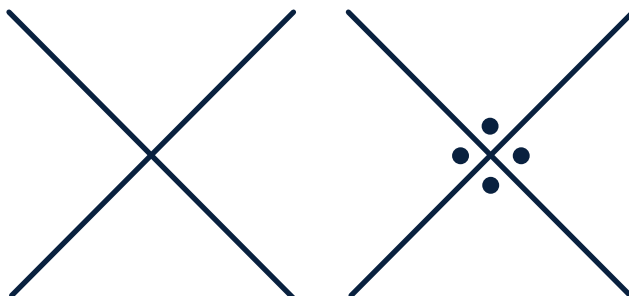
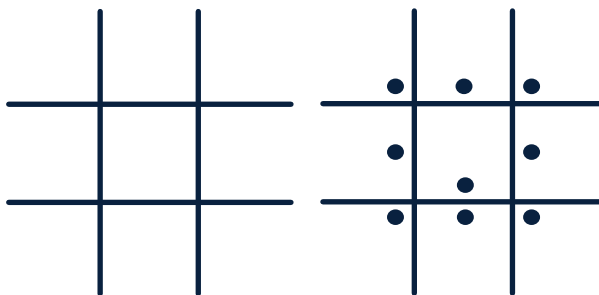


Can you solve this hidden message?

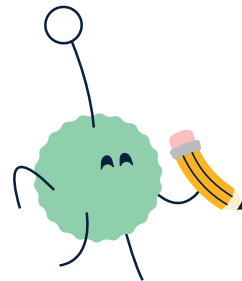


Try writing your own coded messages!

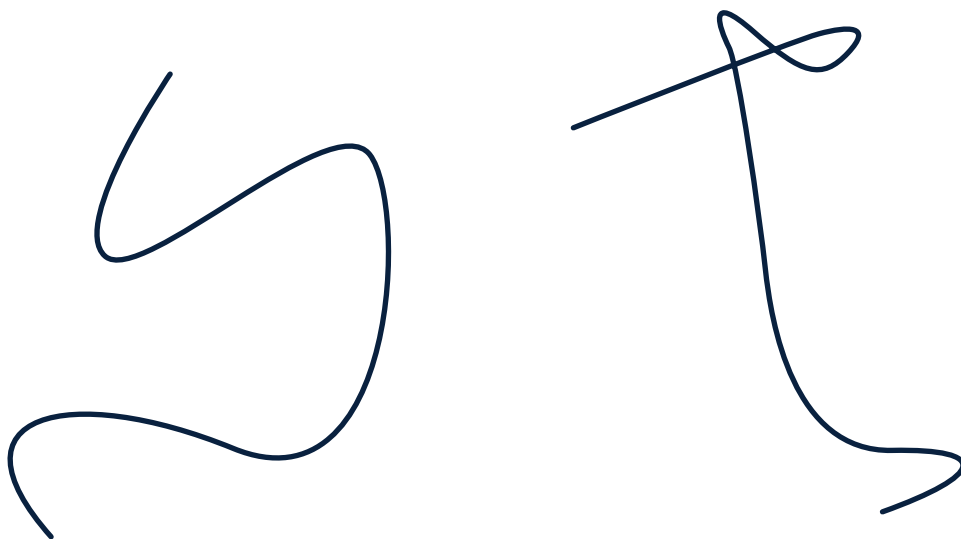
Make your code harder to decipher by mixing up the order of the letters in the key below. Make sure the person you give the code to has an answer key.



FINISH the Drawings



Transform these shapes into anything you'd like.



Turn your paper sideways to see it from a whole new angle.

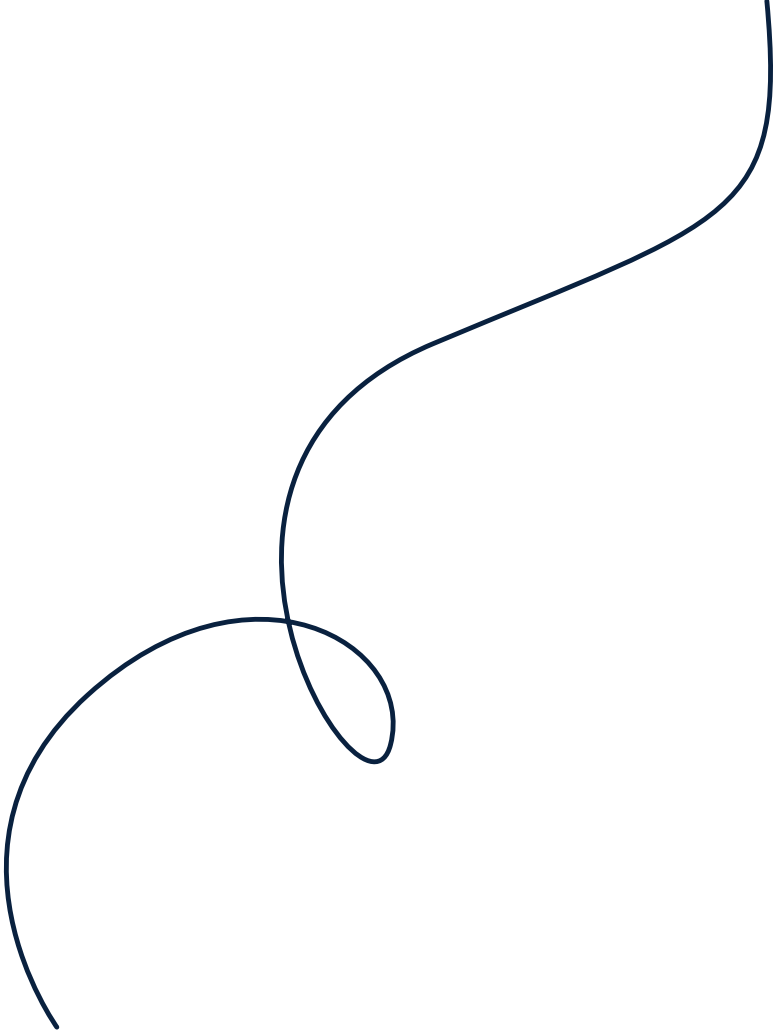
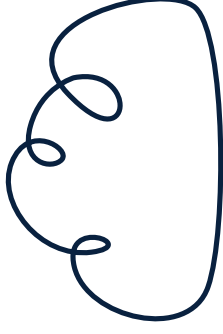
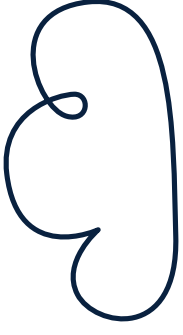
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This activity is an example of abstract art.
Learn about amazing abstract artist Kandinsky in
"The Noisy Paintbox" by Barb Rosenstock.
[CHPL.org/kandinsky](https://chpl.org/kandinsky)



Make up a story about one of your drawings!



Story Enders

Finish the comic...

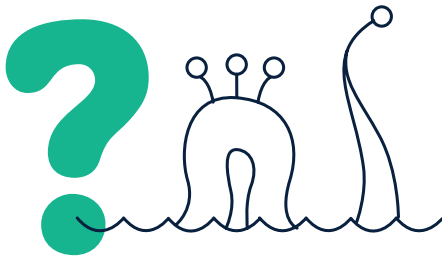


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Take your drawing to the next level with these how-to books available for free with your library card!
CHPL.org/how-to-draw





Switch the Story

Write or draw a new ending for your favorite story.

Story

Old ending

New ending

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There are lots of “Choose Your Own Adventure” books available at the Library! Borrow one and see where it takes you.

[CHPL.org/choose-adventure](https://chpl.org/choose-adventure)

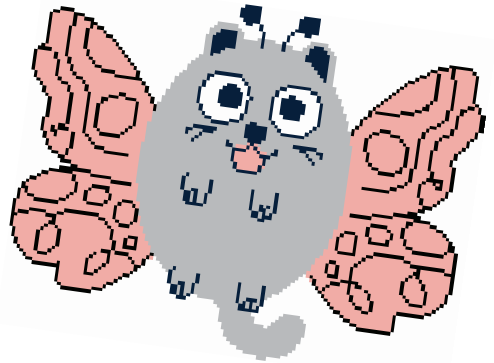


Animal Remix

Create a mythical creature by combining the best parts of your favorite animals.

The possibilities are endless!

- * What is the name of your creature?
- * Where does your creature live?
- * What makes your creature amazing?
- * How is your creature adapted to survive in its habitat?
- * What does your creature eat?
- * How is your creature adapted to find and eat its prey?
- * What kinds of creatures eat your creature?
- * How is your creature adapted to hide from predators?



Catterfly

*Body of a cat
and the wings
and antennae
of a butterfly*

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Can your favorite creature win an epic showdown? Check out the series 'Who Would Win' to see which creatures would win in a battle!
CHPL.org/showdown



There are some amazing animals living at your local park! Visit any Great Parks of Hamilton County park for free using a Discovery Pass.
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Draw your creature.

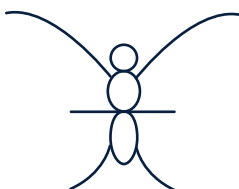
**Make up a story about your
creature and tell a friend!**

Beautiful Butterflies!

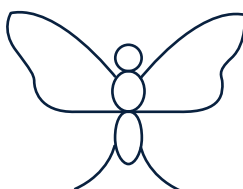
Learn how to draw a butterfly



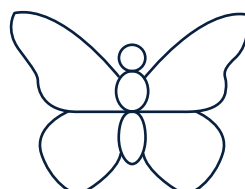
1. Body



2. Inner wing



3. Outer wing top



4. Outer wing bottom



5. Teardrop shape centers and antenna



6. Draw 7 section lines



7. Bubble border



8. Fill in body

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Watch this video to learn how to make a paper butterfly!
[CHPL.org/butterflies](https://chpl.org/butterflies)



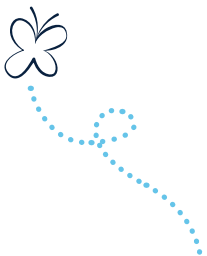
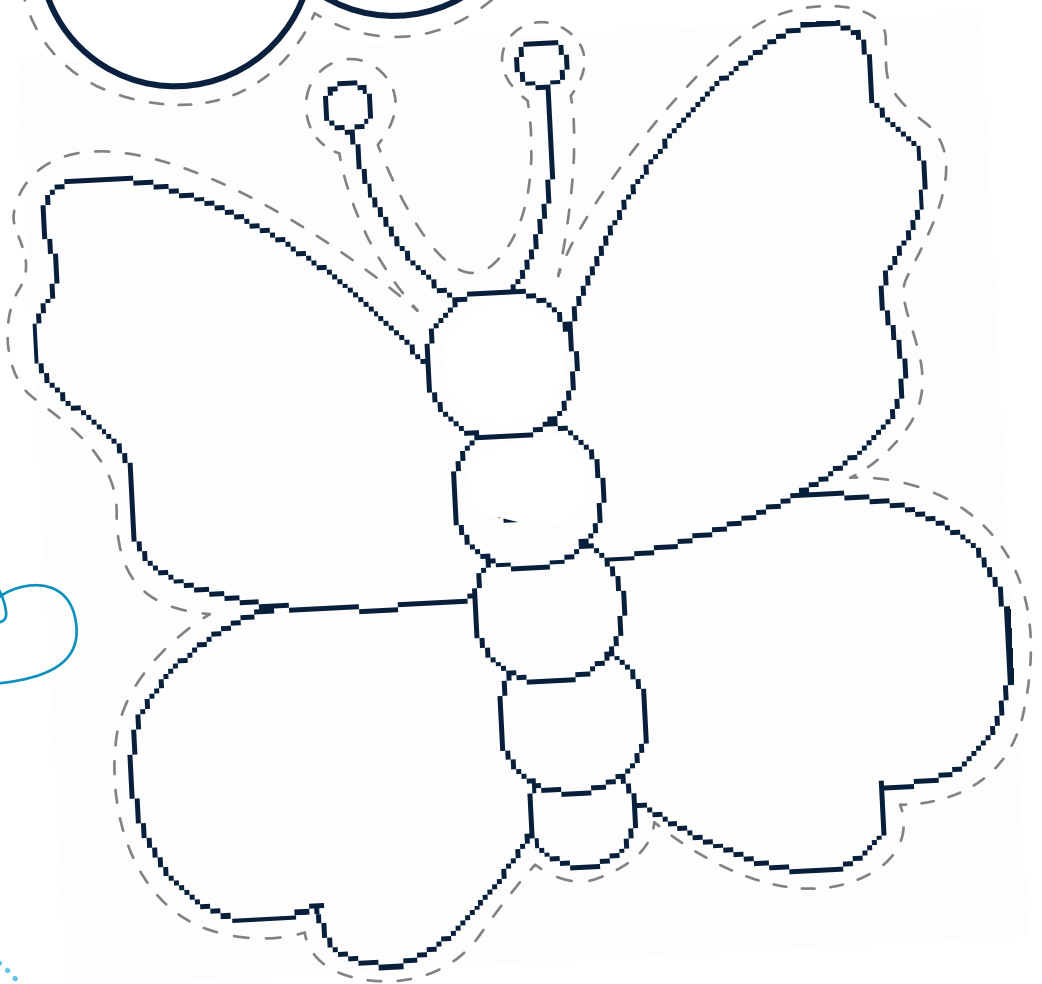
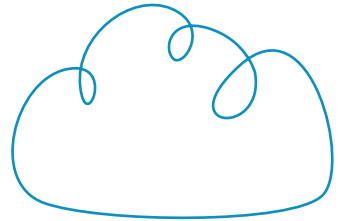
Learn more about butterflies through online Science & Nature databases, free with your library card.
[CHPL.org/kids-subject/science](https://chpl.org/kids-subject/science)



Community Art Project

Use the patterns below
or create your own design.

Cut out your favorite
and bring it to the Library!





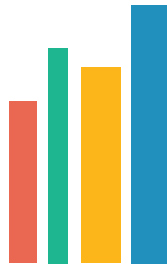
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