

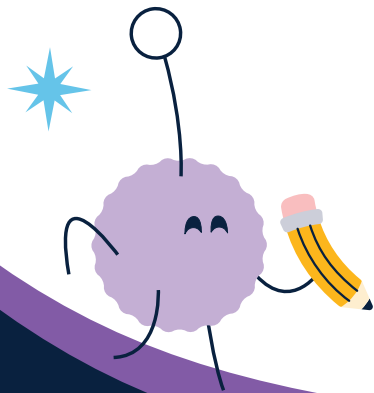
For Kids
Up to Age 7



Discover Summer

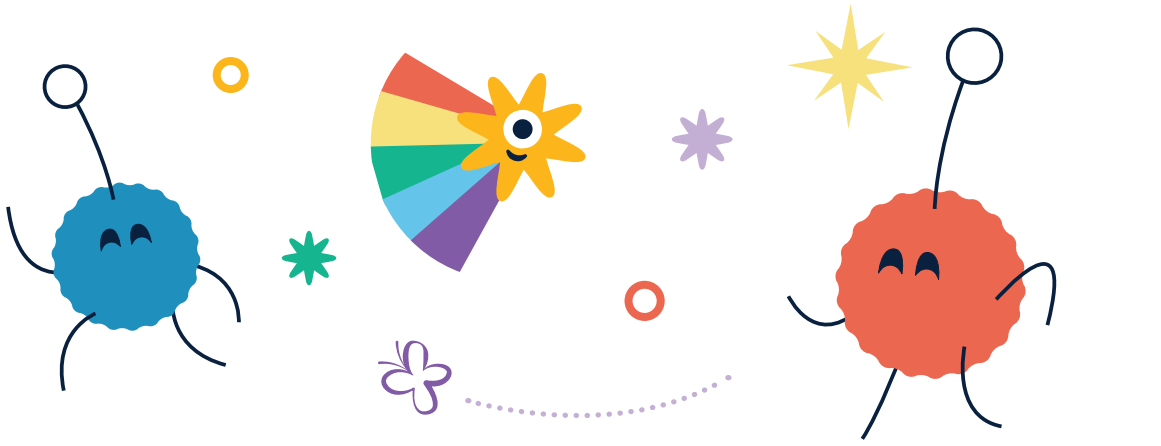
Create, Explore, and Imagine

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Welcome!

We're so glad you picked up our 4th annual summer activity booklet for young kids up to age 7. 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 STEM activities, writing workshops for kids, sensory experiences, playdates, and of course, plenty of storytimes.

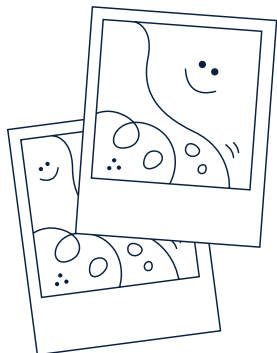
Make your plan by visiting CHPL.org/summer.

Here's to a great summer,



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41 LOCATIONS · NO LATE FEES · HOMEWORK HELP MILLIONS OF BOOKS, MOVIES, MUSIC & MORE

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.

CHPL.org/card

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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Get Free Books in the Mail

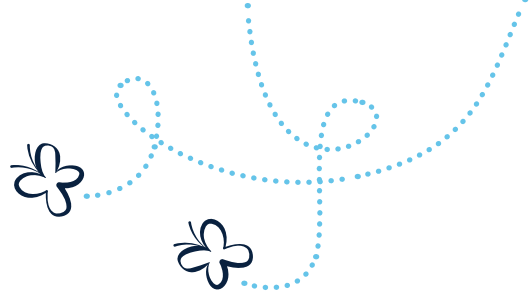
Kids under age 5 can get free books delivered right to their doorstep? (Cool, right?!?) Visit the Dolly Parton's Imagination Library of Ohio website to sign up.

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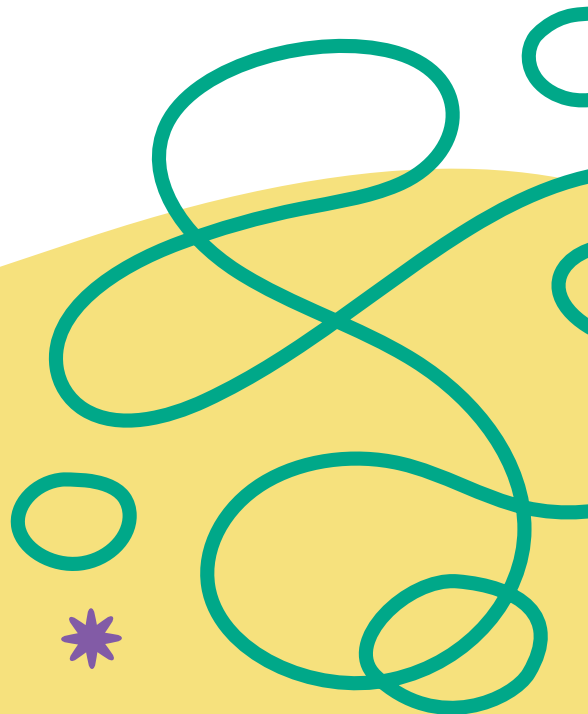
Guide for GROWNUPS



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?



I wonder...



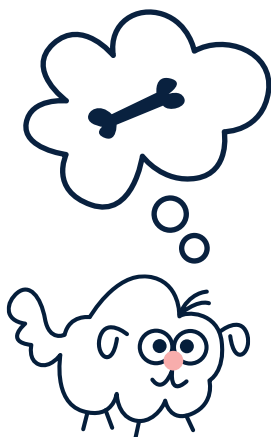
Write or draw your answers below.

What do I like?

What can I do together with a grownup in my family?

What do I want to learn more about?

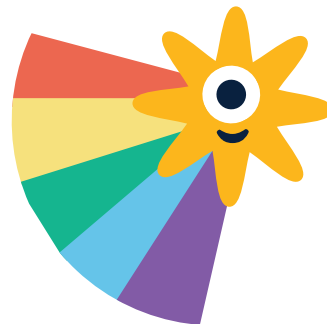
What's something new I'm excited to try?



What will you learn this summer?

EXAMPLE

I like **outer space** and I want to learn **why stars glow** so I will **read books with a family member to find out!**



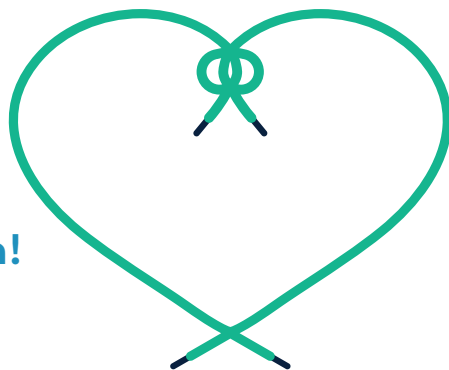
I like

And I want to learn

So I will

EXAMPLE

I want to get really good at **tying my shoes** so I will try **to practice every day** until I can **do it on my own!**



I want to get really good at

So I will try

Until I can

Reading Tracker

What We've Read This Summer

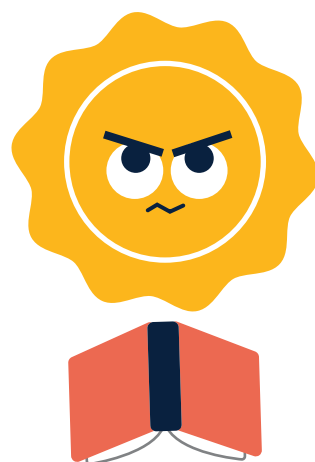
Rate the books, audiobooks, comic books or other things you and your child read together.

Write each title where it fits best.



Loved it!

Didn't like it.



Reading 20 minutes a day
helps you become a strong reader!

Need something good to read?

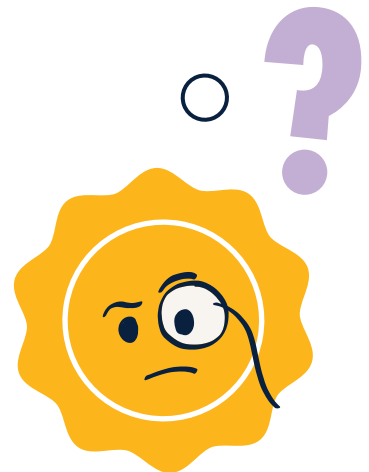
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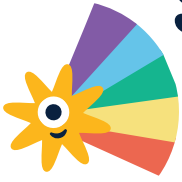
Didn't interest me.



Discovered something surprising!



Spot the Difference



Can you spot 10 differences between these pictures?



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Borrow a telescope from the Library!
[CHPL.org/telescope](https://www.chpl.org/telescope)

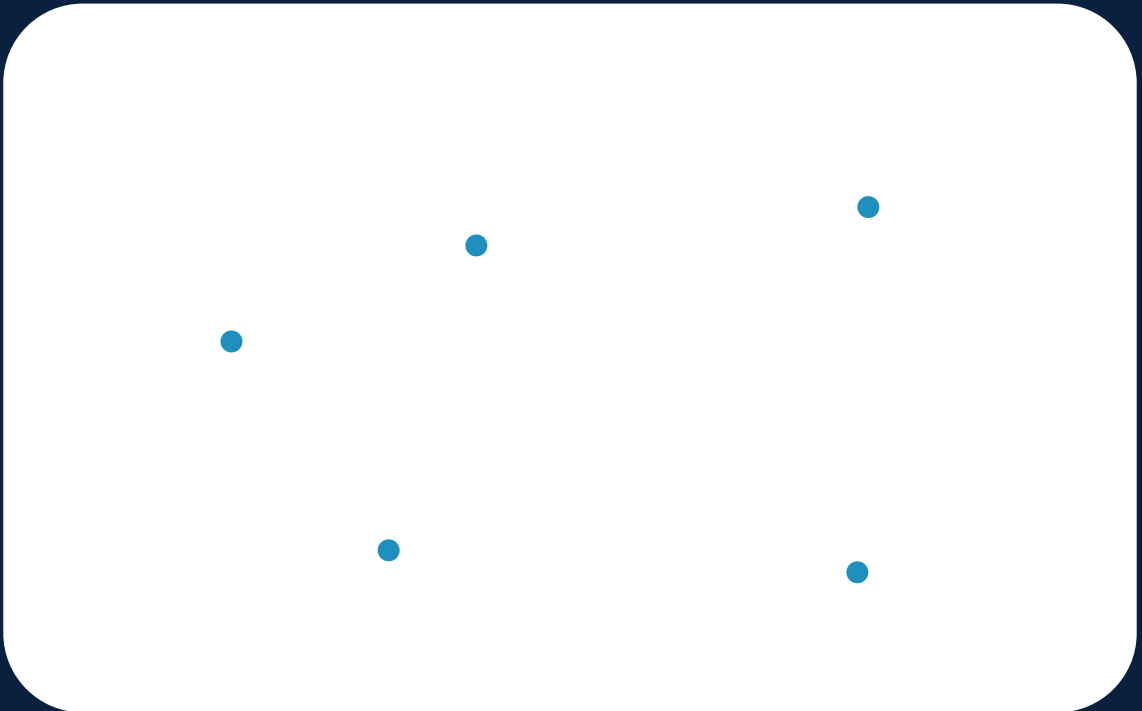


Take your child to an out-of-this-world
storytime hosted at the Cincinnati Observatory.
[CHPL.org/events](https://www.chpl.org/events)

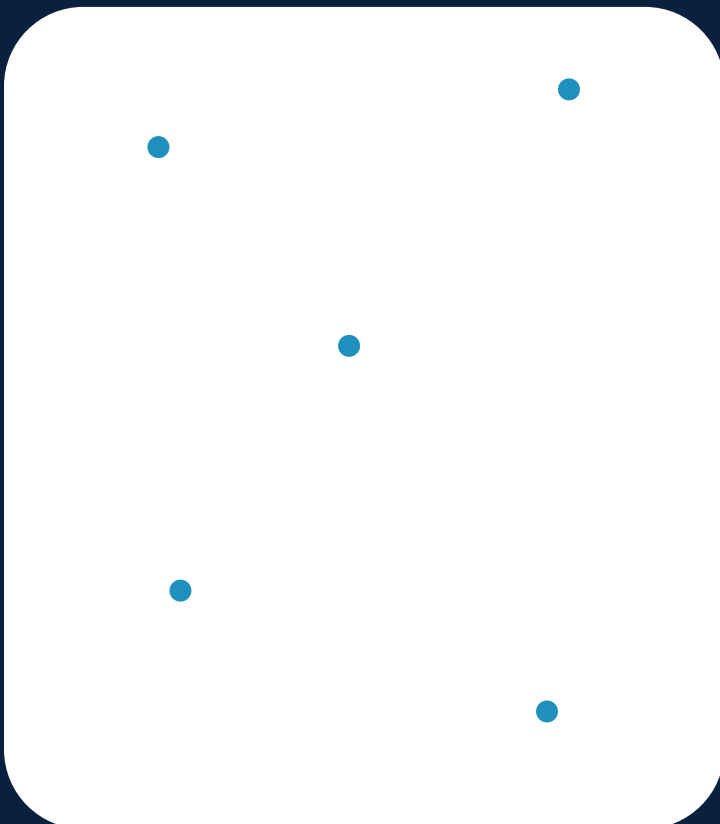


Connect the Dots

What shape do you see after connecting the dots?



Use your imagination to make a picture.



Now, you try.

Draw dots on a piece of paper and then connect them. Or, ask someone else to play!

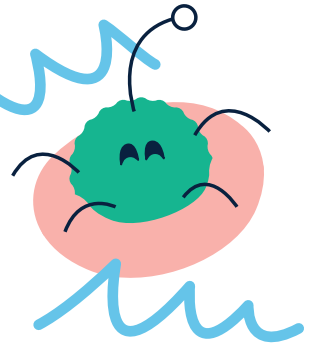


Tip for Grownups

Ask your child open-ended questions about the picture they drew.



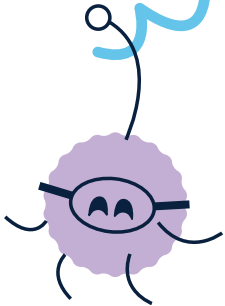
FLOAT OR SINK?



Gather 10 small objects from around your home, like a coin, stick, small toy, or pinecone.

Make a prediction for each object.
Will it float or will it sink?

Draw your predictions below.



Tip for Grownups

Ask your child why they sorted the items the way they did.



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Try making a boat out of foil that will float. What boat shape works the best?



Check out more fun science projects to do at home.
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Test your predictions by dropping each object in the water.

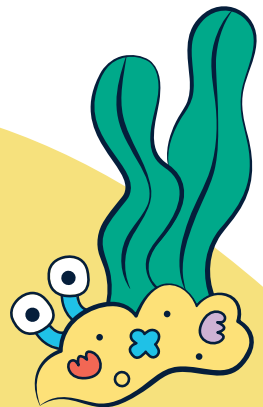
Draw your results.

Were your predictions correct? What surprised you?
What do the items that floated have in common?

FLOAT

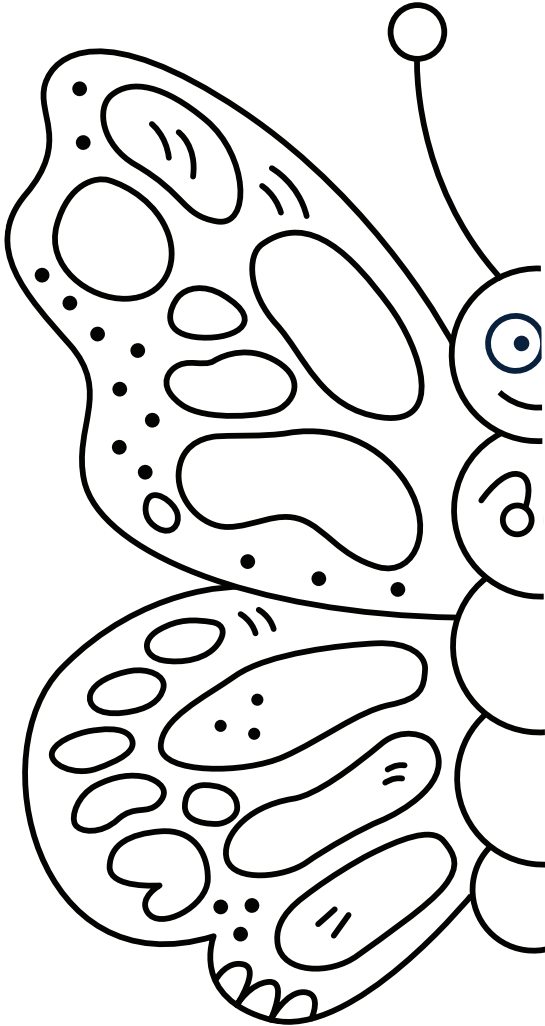


SINK



Symmetry in Art

Draw the missing half of the image below.
See how closely you can match the original drawing!



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Borrow "Seeing Symmetry" by Loreen Leedy and other fun art books.
[CHPL.org/seeing-symmetry](https://chpl.org/seeing-symmetry)



Symmetry mixes art and math.
Learn about symmetry at a library storytime.
[CHPL.org/storytime](https://chpl.org/storytime)

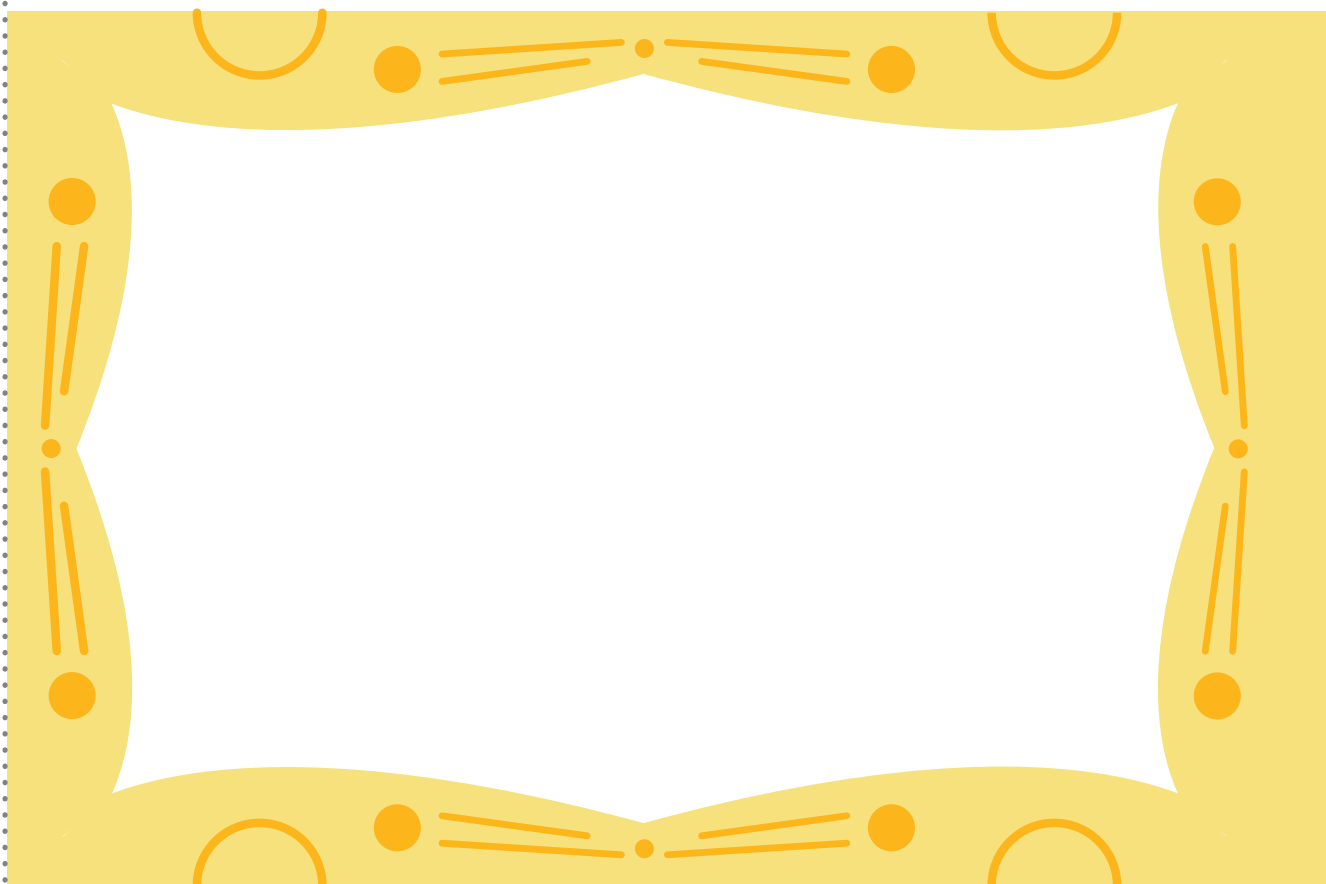


TURN YOUR Name Into Art

Write your name in large letters on the back of this page.
Decorate the letters. Then, tear out the page and display it in a special place.



Practice writing your name below.



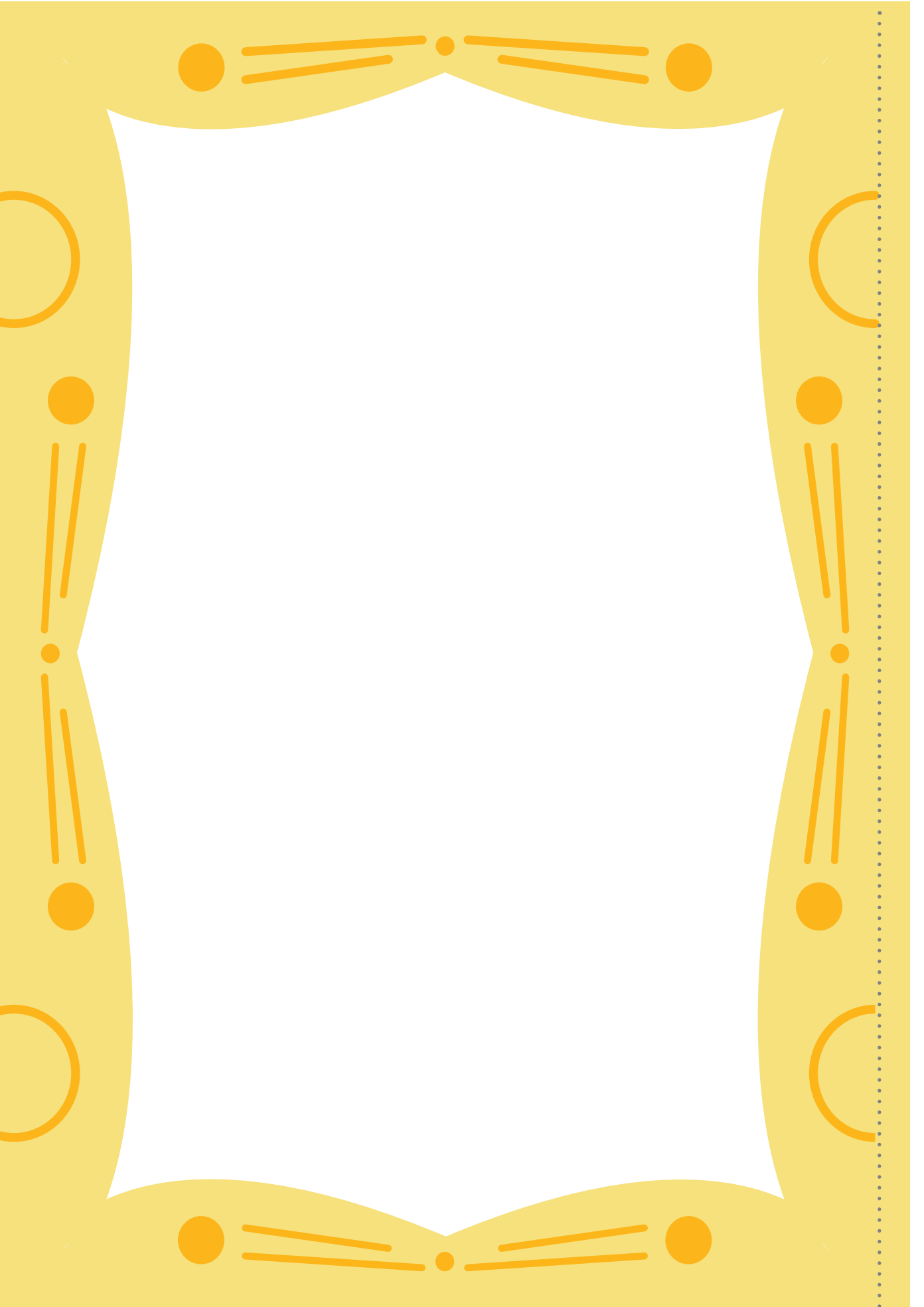
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Check out a book about names!
Read a book from this list made by library staff.
[CHPL.org/your-name-is-unique](https://chpl.org/your-name-is-unique)

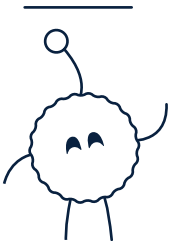


Take a family trip to learn about art!
Visit the Cincinnati Art Museum's free Rosenthal Education Center.
cincinnatiartmuseum.org





How many hidden items can you find?



Reading
Buddies



Fish



Worms



a Turtle



Letters Are All Around You!

Look for letters in your home, at the grocery store, when you play outside, and at the Library!

Starting to learn your ABC's?
Trace the letters when you find them.



DISCOVER MORE



Find letters in an alphabet book.
Learn everything from A-Z with this book list.
CHPL.org/alphabet-books



Do you already know the alphabet?
Find items that begin with each letter.
Then, write that letter in the space below.

Aa Bb Cc Dd Ee Ff

Gg Hh Ii Jj Kk Ll

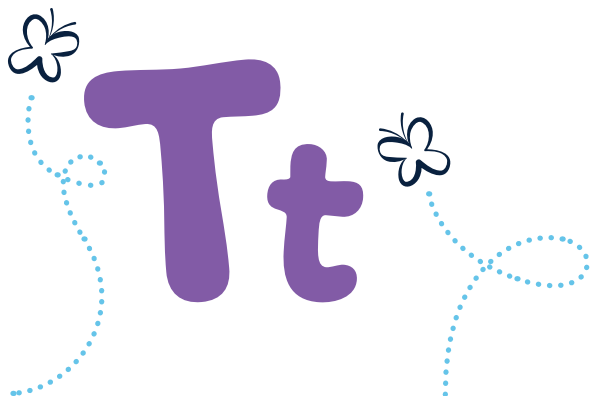
Mm Nn Oo Pp Qq

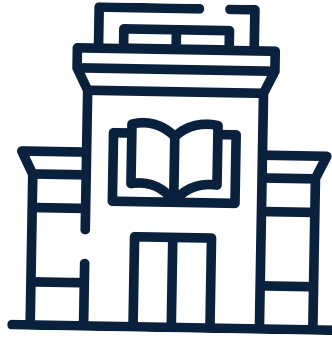
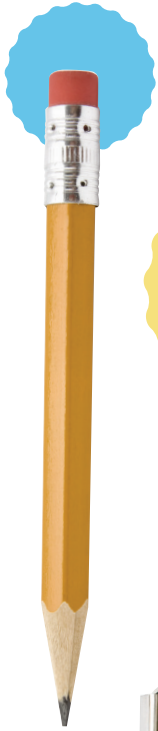
Rr Ss Tt Uu Vv

Ww Xx Yy Zz



Tip for Grownups
*Talk about the difference
between upper-case
and lower-case letters.*





MAP THE Library

Draw a map of a Library building
with a path to your favorite area!
Share it with a friend and see if they
can find their way around.

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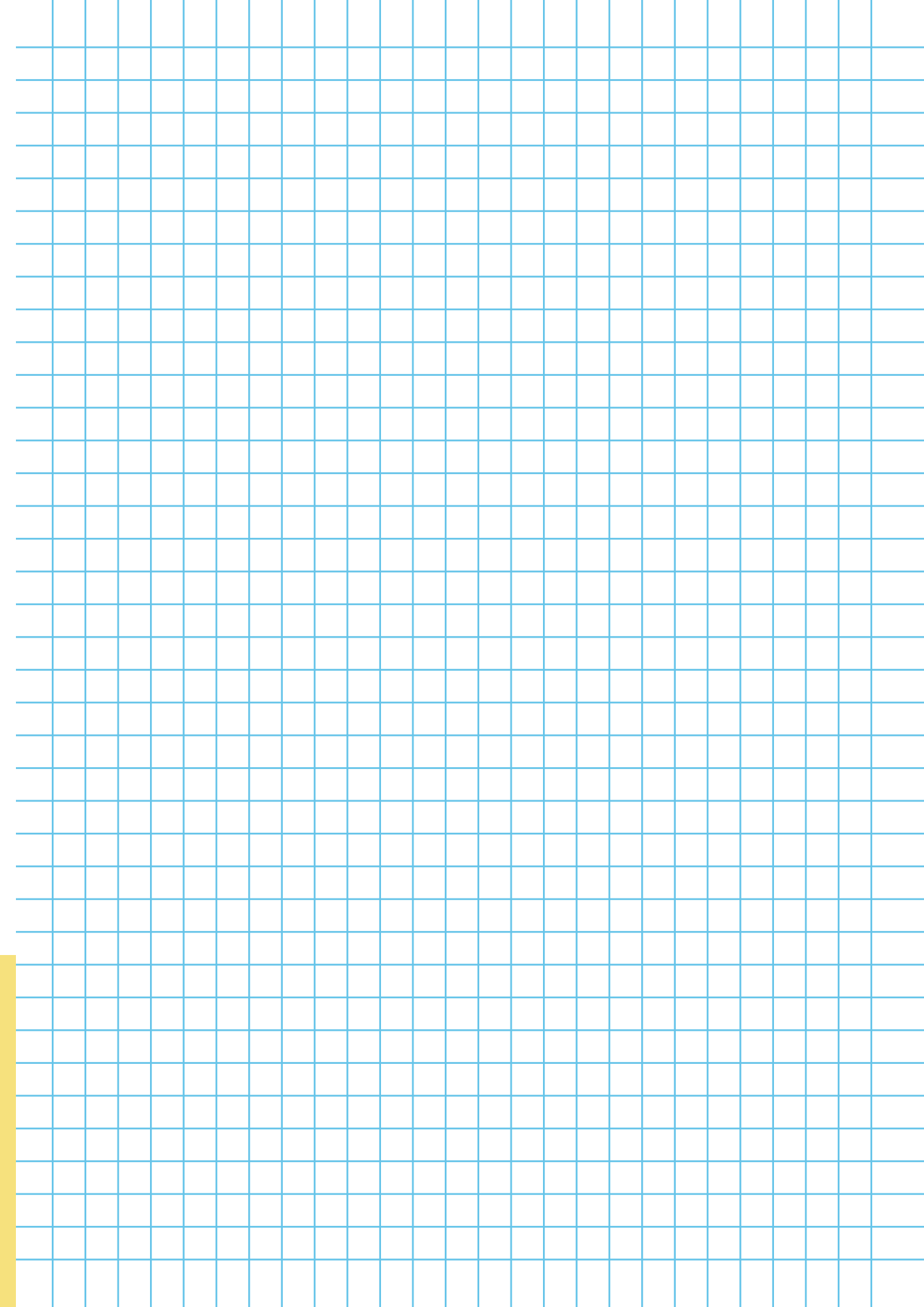


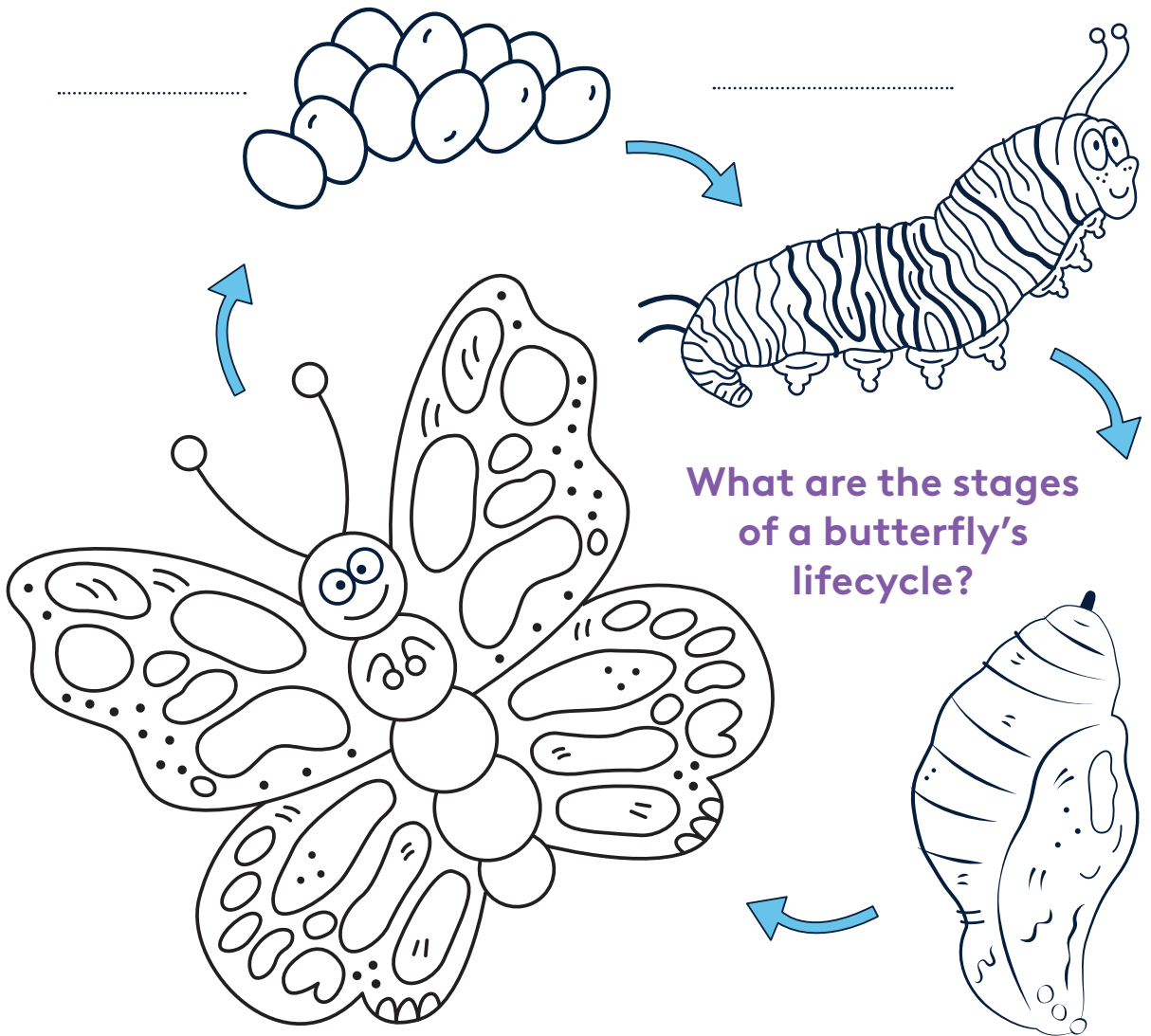
Learn more about maps with your child.
Borrow "How to Draw a Map" by Julia J. Quinlan.
[CHPL.org/how-to-draw-a-map](https://chpl.org/how-to-draw-a-map)



Take a family adventure with
a Discovery Pass from the Library!
[CHPL.org/discovery-pass](https://chpl.org/discovery-pass)







What are the stages of a butterfly's lifecycle?

DISCOVER MORE



Find great butterfly stories at your library!
[CHPL.org/butterflies](https://chpl.org/butterflies)



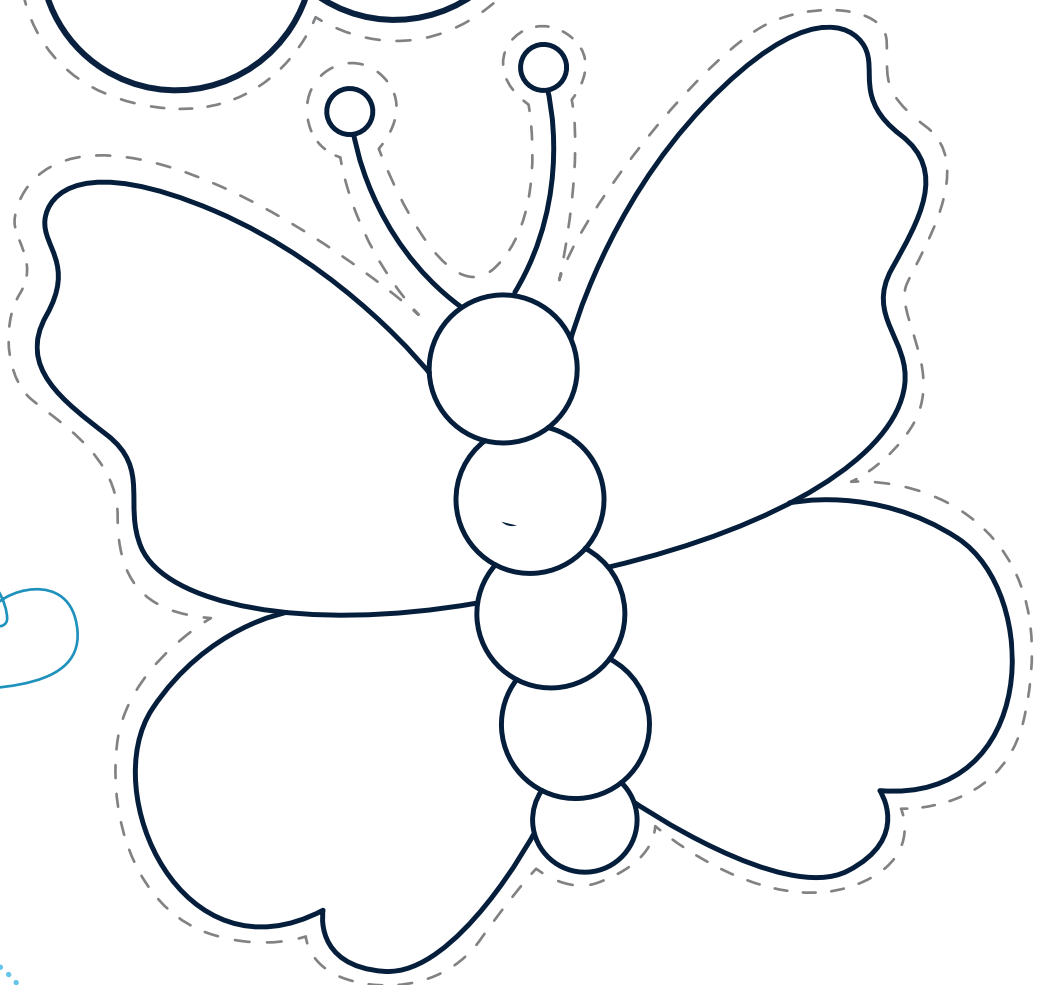
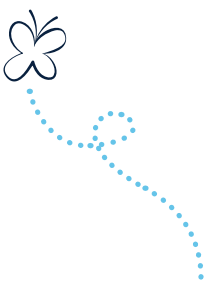
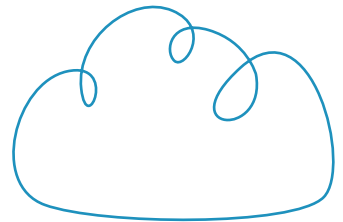
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Community Art Project

Use the patterns below
or create your own design.

Cut out your favorite
and bring it to the Library!





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