



RECONNECT
... with your ...
COMMUNITY
2021 SUMMER READING PROGRAM



Get ready for Summer Reading!



WHAT

The Palo Alto City Library's Summer Reading Program encourages children, teens, and adults to read all summer long. This year's theme is **"Reconnect with Your Community!"** and will feature ideas, activities and challenges to reconnect with your community, yourself, nature and more.

DATES TO KNOW

The program runs **June 1–September 7.**

June 1: Program officially begins.

July 31: Last day to sign up.

August 1: Prize pickups begin at Rinconada and Mitchell Park Libraries.

Have fun!

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

- 1** Sign up online (or log in if you have participated in the past) at cityofpaloalto.beanstack.org. Look for this year's challenge and click "Join Challenge".
- 2** Track your reading and activities on the Beanstack site or app. Earn digital badges!
- 3** Attend special virtual events throughout the summer! Check our website for dates and details.
- 4** Earn prizes, including a book & \$5 coupon for Friends of the Palo Alto Library sale!

LEARN MORE

library.cityofpaloalto.org/srp

CONTACT US

LibrarySummerReading@cityofpaloalto.org

THANKS TO OUR PARTNERS!





Color a circle for each day you spend time reading!

A series of five wavy lines, each composed of 12 circles, for tracking reading days. The lines are color-coded: yellow, orange, red, pink, and purple. Each line contains a central icon: a book, a saxophone, a person reading, a heart, and a dog. There are also decorative starburst icons scattered around the lines.

Every 2 weeks, we'll reconnect under a different topic with suggested activities. Feel free to choose the ones that work for you or come up with your own! Log your activities online at cityofpaloalto.beanstack.org to earn digital badges, or color the ones on this page!

RECONNECT WITH STORIES

starting 6/1

ACTIVITY IDEAS:

- ☐ Learn about a local author!
- ☐ Ask your elders or parents to share a family or childhood story.
- ☐ Read, watch, listen to content from a diverse experience.
- ☐ Make your own zine!
- ☐ Read, watch, listen to a story created by/for the LGBTQIA+ community. Don't miss our virtual Pride Storytimes throughout June.
- ☐ Attend our virtual Wacky Wednesday events: Coventry and Kaluza Circus Act on June 2 and Storytime Extravaganza on June 9!



..... RECONNECT WITH CREATIVITY

starting 6/15

ACTIVITY IDEAS:

- ☐ Check out the Library's arts & crafts books.
- ☐ Discover a new artist or music genre.
- ☐ Create an illustrated map that represents you or a special time & place.
- ☐ Play a new board game!
- ☐ Use recycled items around the house to make bad art. We can't wait to see your disasterpiece!
- ☐ Don't miss Wacky Wednesdays: Summer Origami on June 16 and Filmmaking Stop Motion on June 23!
- ☐ Attend our Virtual Author Event with Shanthi Sekaran on June 17! (for Teens & Adults)



RECONNECT WITH PEOPLE

starting 6/29

ACTIVITY IDEAS:

- ☐ Write a letter, make a card or call someone you care about!
- ☐ Create your own postcard to send to a friend. You can even do a Postcard Art Swap!
- ☐ Visit or support a local restaurant or business.
- ☐ Attend our virtual Wacky Wednesday event: Squiggle Pandas & Dragons with Tinkerlab on June 30!



..... RECONNECT WITH SELF

starting 7/13



ACTIVITY IDEAS:

- ☐ Read a self-help book on a topic that interests you. We have booklists for kids, teens, and adults online!
- ☐ Spend some time meditating.
- ☐ Try bullet journaling.
- ☐ Make a vision board that represents you or your hopes and dreams.
- ☐ Attend our Virtual Wacky Wednesday event: Family Yoga on July 14!

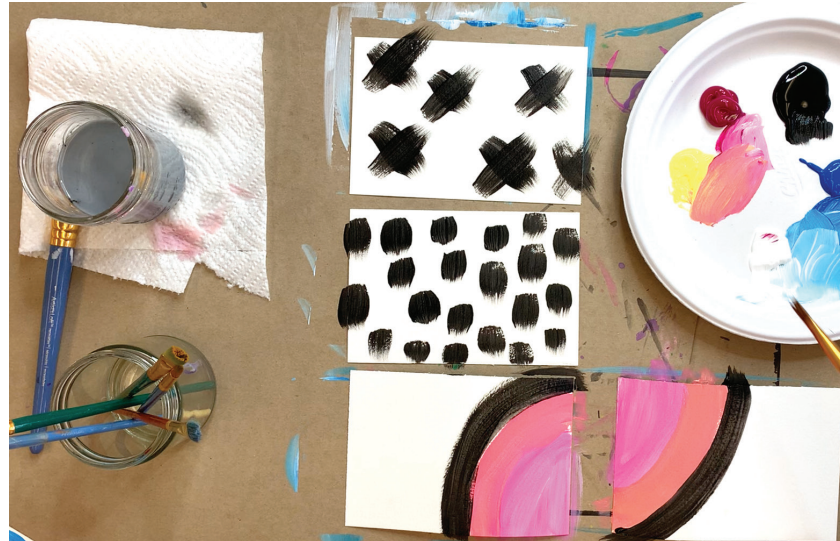
Find upcoming events at library.cityofpaloalto.org/srp

Check out booklists created by librarians: bit.ly/paclpicks

Postcard Art Swap

Invite friends to join you for this postcard swap. Choose the number of people who will join, send them each a list of addresses and a deadline, and then create a batch of postcards to send off and swap. Then wait for little parcels to arrive in your own mail.

- Watercolor paper
- Paint, brushes, water, rag
- Collage papers
- Glue
- Permanent marker
- Stamps



PREP

- Find out what the standard size is for postcards where you live., and cut paper to size. Our postcards are 4" x 6", and we got 3 pieces from one sheet of watercolor paper.
- Send a copy or version of the Postcard Art Swap Invitation from the next page to whoever you'd like to invite to your postcard swap.

PROMPT

- "Let's make postcards to send to our friends, and invite them to send postcards to us."

STEPS

- Set up paper on a painting surface.
- If you'd like to make a layered postcard like these, first paint. When the paint dries, add collage papers with glue. When that dries, draw on top with permanent pen or other drawing tools.
- Be sure to add extra glue on top of loose paper so it doesn't get caught in mail machines.

EXTEND IT

- Save your stamps and try this with your neighbors. Each person makes cards and drops them directly into neighboring mailboxes.

Postcard Art Swap Invitation

Thank you for joining my postcard art swap!

THE GUIDELINES:

1. Postcards should be a standard size so they can safely travel through the mail.
2. Postcards should be hand made:
3. Make and mail a postcard for each person on this list.
4. Mail your postcards by this date: _____

RECONNECT WITH NATURE

starting 7/27

ACTIVITY IDEAS:

- ☐ Perhaps all you really need to do this week is look at a cloud?
- ☐ Go screen free for at least one hour. Then try it for longer next time!
- ☐ Take a Canopy Neighborhood Tree Walk.
Visit: canopy.org/our-work/tree-walks
- ☐ Spend the day at one of our local parks!
- ☐ Spend time gardening!
- ☐ Attend our virtual Author Events on sustainable cooking on July 15 & 22.
- ☐ Attend our virtual Wacky Wednesday event: Water Cycle Boogie with Valley Water on August 4.



..... RECONNECT WITH LIBRARIES

starting 8/10



ACTIVITY IDEAS:

- ☐ Visit our three branches that are now open—Children's, Mitchell Park & Rinconada.
- ☐ Check out an item (or two) from the library.
- ☐ Attend our virtual Wacky Wednesday event: Magical Nathaniel on August 18!
- ☐ Share your story with the library.
Visit: library.cityofpaloalto.org/share-your-library-story

HOORAY! THANKS FOR RECONNECTING WITH US THIS SUMMER!

WHAT I **READ**, **LISTENED TO** & **WATCHED** THIS SUMMER:

DECORATE THESE BOOK SPINES!

