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SUMMER READING 2021

This year the Summer Reading program offers **many** ways to participate with your Library! This summer we celebrate the Summer Reading theme of TAILS AND TALES! Animals of all kinds roam the lands and soar through the air and many have both a Tail and a Tale! Explore the world of life around you and find out what is special about so many of the animals who live with us on our little blue planet.

Our summer will feature opportunities for all to engage with the Library through Google Meet, Zoom, YouTube, FaceBook Live, virtual programming and in-person visits. Crafts and activities will be available for pick up in the Children's Room or on the curbside pick-up table.

Come on in to the Library to pick out books and visit with Mrs. Baker and the staff! Be sure to check www.elkinspubliclibrary.org, FaceBook, newsletter, town-wide email and Concord Monitor regularly for more information and ways to participate this Summer!

Wednesday, June 30 at 11:00am KICK OFF EVENT. Join us on Elkins Public Library's Facebook page and watch a LIVE broadcast of Cactus Head Puppets! They will perform the program, MAGNIFICENT MONSTER CIRCUS.

CactusHead Puppets is a touring company based in the Pioneer Valley of Massachusetts. Known for their playful performance style and exuberant creativity, CactusHead is known throughout the Northeast for hosting fun shows and workshops for all ages.

The show will be recorded and available on our Facebook page to watch for a week after the show.





Every Wednesday starting July 7, Mrs. Baker will post a program on YouTube LIVE at 11:00am for a fun and exciting activity involving puppets, crafts and music related to our nationwide theme, Tails and Tales! All programs will be on YouTube to watch whenever you want or to watch again and again!

July 7: **On The Wild Side:** Join Mrs. Baker on YouTube Live at 11:00am for a fun program and activity. We will laugh our way through an animal themed MadLib and share some of our favorite animal stories. Learn how to make origami animal bookmarks to hold your place in one of the hundreds of animal stories you can find at your library!

July 14: **Tails and Tales and Trails!** Mrs. Baker goes on a field trip to Petals in the Pines at 11:00am (tune in on YouTube Live) to explore and investigate the magical gardens and natural activity centers. Petals in the Pines is a wonderful place for children to help them build, create, move, sing, play make-believe, experiment, learn and enjoy. We will learn how to make bug hotels out of things we all have around our backyard. The free pass to PITP is available at the Library all season, call to reserve it today.

July 21: **Read, Connect and Protect:** Sit down and listen to this great book, Can I Be Your Dog with Mrs. Baker on Youtube Live at 11:00am. We are teaming up with Pope Memorial SPCA to learn more about how we can help our animal friends. We will be making posters featuring animals that are currently looking to be adopted. Elkins Public Library is also hosting a donation drive for Pope Memorial. Drop off your donations during our business hours and we will get them to pets in need! Take a look at the wish list at <https://www.popememorialsPCA.org/wish-list> to decide what you would like to donate.



SPECIAL EVENT: FINALE! July 28 SQUAM LAKE SCIENCE CENTER ON ZOOM AT 11:00AM!

Two Tails Alike

An animal's tail can serve as a rudder when swimming, help with agility during flight, or can even function like an extra hand. Meet live native wildlife ambassadors as a naturalist from Squam Lakes Natural Science Center tells tales of the tails of some of New Hampshire's native wildlife. Contact the Library for the link and details of this exciting program!



BRAG TAGS! IF YOU ENJOY READING THROUGH THE SUMMER, THIS INCENTIVE IS FOR YOU! COOL TAGS TO BE WORN ON A CHAIN OR RIBBON WILL BE AWARDED FOR NUMBER OF PAGES, MINUTES READ, BOOKS READ AND ATTENDING VIRTUAL LIBRARY EVENTS. IT'S UP TO YOU TO DECIDE HOW TO EARN POINTS! IT'S NOT ABOUT HOW FAST YOU FINISH THE PROGRAM, BUT ABOUT BUILDING THE HABIT OF READING EVERY DAY. THERE IS NO OBLIGATION TO PARTICIPATE, IT'S ENTIRELY UP TO YOU IF YOU WANT TO PARTICIPATE. COME IN OR CONTACT MRS. BAKER FOR DETAILS!



Prior to each program listed in this packet, we will publish PDFs files and links to material lists and accompanying book lists of suggested reading. You can follow along with Mrs. Baker's programs on Wednesdays or do the activity or craft when it's most convenient for you and your family.

Keep your eye on the Elkins Public Library Facebook Page, website, town-wide email and our website for materials lists, fun pages, and instructions for activities.

We will suspend the wildly popular Story Time to Go Bags and Teen Box delivery for July and August to focus on our Summer Program. Book Bundle Bags and Teen Boxes will resume in September. The Children's Room is open for self-selected reading, numbers of people inside the building are limited and we ask that you wear a mask and use the hand sanitizer at the front door.



