



SUMMER READING 2020

This year the Summer Reading program offers **many** ways to participate with your Library! Fluttering fairies, helpful elves and garden creatures star in these programs designed for babies, toddlers, school aged children and teens! Our summer will feature opportunities for all to engage with the Library through Google Meet, Zoom, YouTube, FaceBook Live and virtual programming.

Be sure to check www.elkinspubliclibrary.org, FaceBook, Instagram and the town-wide email regularly for information and ways to participate this Summer:

Wednesday, June 10 at 4:00pm. Join in on **Elkins Public Library's Facebook page** and watch a LIVE broadcast of Wildlife Encounters! This live animal experience features a diverse selection of seven amazing small and medium-sized Ambassador Animals! It's sure to be an interactive and eye opening experience where you will likely meet animals you've never encountered in your life! You will be able to ask questions and get answers during the show! The show will be recorded and available on YouTube.

Starting **June 22:** Join Mrs. Baker every **Monday and Tuesday** for a preschool/toddler/baby program including books, flannel boards, finger rhymes and easy songs to sing-a-long! These virtual programs will be posted on our website and FaceBook page and archived on YouTube. View them whenever you want and subscribe and click the "bell" for notifications to get videos sent to your inbox.

Every **Wednesday: After-school Meet-up!** Since March, a wonderful group of middle schoolers have been "meeting" on Google Meet with Rose, Sue and Mrs. Baker. We meet every Wednesday from 3:30pm to 4:30pm. This group is best suited for humans ages 13 to 16.

The Book Wizards Book Club: meets every Wednesday at 2:30 to discuss mid-grade chapter books that we are reading. This group is designed for any individual age 6 and up that is interested in reading and discussing chapter books alone or with a caregiver. If you are interested in joining these groups and find out what to read next; let us know by emailing Mrsbaker@elkinspubliclibrary.org or calling 783-4386 or message us on FaceBook.





Every Thursday starting June 25 until the end of July, Mrs. Baker will post a program on YouTube at 10:00Am for a fun and exciting activity involving puppets, crafts and music related to our nationwide theme, **Imagine Your Story!** All programs will be on YouTube to watch whenever you want or to watch again! Follow along in this Summer Reading Packet for crafts, reading suggestions and more.

June 25: One Upon a Time: To be ready for a summer of magical tales, we better have our wizard and witches hats and wands. Join Mrs. Baker as she shows us how to make cool hats and wands at home using simple things found around the house. Hats on heads and wands in hand, we will be ready for spells and magic!

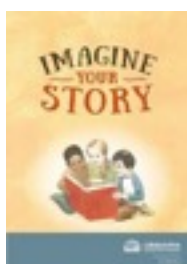
July 02: A Hero's Journey: You are all a hero in Mrs. Baker's eyes, she is so proud of you! Let's design your own code of honor and a proper shield and sword. Prepare to joust some bubbles and defend your castle!

July 09: Magical Creatures: Dragons are often wise beings at the heart of stories from China, Japan and fearsome creatures in European and African mythologies. In Mayan culture, the dragon Quetzalcoatl was worshipped as a god. Fantasy Dragon Eggs are easy to make and fun to keep, we will show you how! Come see Mrs. Baker's own gnome garden and fairy house.

July 16: Timeless Tales: You have a great story to tell and we want to hear it! This week we focus on writing and telling our stories. Join Mrs. Baker around the campfire to hear some tales. We will build our own family trees and learn a lot about ourselves.

SPECIAL EVENT: July 23 - MAREK BENNETT - COMICS WORKSHOP!

NH-based cartoonist, musician, and educator [Marek Bennett](#) leads discovery-based [Comics Workshops](#) for all ages throughout New England and the world beyond! His comics work includes the graphic novel series, [The Civil War Diary of Freeman Colby](#), the local history webcomic [LIVE FREE AND DRAW!](#), among others! Join us July 23 from 10 to 12 on Facebook Live to learn how to tell your own story through drawing! This program is for all ages, however children age 5-8 will welcome the assistance of a caregiver. Take a look





at his website at <https://marekbennett.com/before/> to get ready for this amazing event! As we get closer to the event, we will make sure that you have the supplies ready to learn to draw your own comic book!

We are excited to introduce **Camp Candlewick**, a new online reading program! Over the course of twelve weeks, young people of all ages will be encouraged to take part in shared reads, activities, and virtual events with prominent creators. Via website content and email newsletters as well as robust support resources on sites such as Pinterest, “campers” will be alerted to reading suggestions, prompts, and activities for the “cabins” appropriate for their age. <https://mailchi.mp/candlewick.com/campcandlewick?e=52c183ac31>. Sign up today to join in the fun!

Do you like to write for fun? We encourage you to submit your work to them to CLiF’s Kids’ Writing Contest! Winners of each age category will receive a collection of new books and may have their story featured on our blog.

Theme: Fractured Fairy Tales

In keeping with the Collaborative Summer Library Program’s [2020 theme](#), Imagine Your Story: Fairytales, Mythology, and Fantasy, we’re asking young writers in NH and VT (up to age 12) to imagine their own fairy tales or myths or come up with a creative take on an old favorite!

Send your stories to programs@clifonline.org by June 30, 2020.

IF YOU LIKE TO TELL YOUR STORY THROUGH VIDEO CONTENT, THE TEEN VIDEO CHALLENGE IS PERFECT! ITS IS AN ANNUAL VIDEO CONTEST AND IS OPEN TO ALL TEENS. THE CHALLENGE IS FOR TEENS TO CREATE A PUBLIC SERVICES ANNOUNCEMENT-TYPE VIDEO THAT SHOWS THEIR UNIQUE INTERPRETATION OF THE 2020 CSLP SLOGAN “IMAGINE YOUR STORY”. VIDEOS ARE TO BE NO LONGER THAN 60 SECONDS AND SHOULD PROMOTE LIBRARIES AND READING. VIDEOS WILL BE ACCEPTED JUNE 1 THROUGH AUGUST 7, 2020





Read Squared: We are thrilled to feature a program that is designed for early readers through age 14 to encourage life-long reading habits. If you need an incentive to keep up reading through the summer, this is for you! Points 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!!



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 Thursdays 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 and our website for materials lists, fun pages, and instructions for activities.



