



**SUPER SECRET**

# Summer Reading Challenge

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## 2021

***May 31 - September 4, 2021***

Your mission—should you choose to accept it—is to create your own summer adventure.

Do you like to move? Do you like puzzles? Are you an artist? Pick your favorite activities this summer to discover your mystery team. Get ready to be part of a super secret mission in the City of Grand Rapids for summer reading fun. Take part in the exciting events we planned to inspire and entertain you all summer long.

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# *Start your top secret mission:*

1. Register at [www.grpl.org/summerreading](http://www.grpl.org/summerreading) starting May 31, 2021.
2. Using the game board (page 7 – Little Readers, page 8 – Kids), complete nine activities to discover your team. You have until September 4, 2021 to complete your activities.
3. Return your completed game board to any GRPL location to receive your super secret finisher prize.

Good luck! We are all counting on you.



## Community Partners

Air Zoo  
AM Yoga  
Blandford Nature Center  
Books & Mortar  
The Cone Shoppe  
Dairy Queen – Fulton

Division Avenue Arts Collective  
Grandville Avenue Arts and Humanities – Cook Library Center  
City of Grand Rapids Parks and Recreation  
Office of Special Events – City of Grand Rapids  
Meijer

**VIRTUAL**

# Events



## Spy Moves with AM Yoga

**Mondays, June 14, 21, 28, July 12, 19**

10:00 am | Virtual event on GRPL's Facebook and YouTube



Bend, flex, and learn all of the best, top-secret moves to be a spy. AM Yoga will teach you some fun spy moves to help you dodge laser beam obstacles, hide in creative places, and more. Stretch your body and your imagination with us each week!

## Spanish Storytime with the Cook Library Center

**Tuesdays, June 15, 22, 29, July 13, 20**

10:00 am | Virtual event on GRPL's Facebook and YouTube

Every week we will feature a new, exciting story read by our friends from the Cook Library Center! These Spanish storytimes will feature books read by members of the community. Let your imagination soar and have some fun en español.



## Blandford Nature Center Presents Spies of Nature

**Wednesdays, June 16, 23, 30, July 14, 21**

10:00 am | Virtual event on GRPL's Facebook and YouTube



Did you know animals have some super secret tricks of their own? Join the Blandford Nature Center to learn about the way cool animals blend in with their world and secretly communicate with one another.

## "Art of Spies" with the Division Avenue Arts Collective (DAAC)

**Mondays, August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30**

10:00 am | Virtual event on GRPL's Facebook and YouTube

Want to learn how to camouflage, or create your own spy theme song? Being a good spy requires a lot of creativity. DAAC will help you flex your spy skills using art, music, and writing!



**IN-PERSON**

# Events



## Comic Geek Out

**Saturday, June 19, 1:00 – 4:00 pm**

Yankee Clipper Library on the Lawn – 2025 Leonard NE  
Virtual event on the GRPL's Facebook and YouTube

Discover your inner hero at the library's comic event. Celebrate the comic books you love, and geek out on your favorite fandom. Join us for hands-on activities, free books, a comic workshop, and other fun events!



A complete schedule can be found at [www.grpl.org/comic-geek-out](http://www.grpl.org/comic-geek-out).

## Storytime on the Lawn



Storytime on the Lawn will be held on a weekly basis in the lawn space at four GRPL locations. Feel free to bring your own blanket for seating. To keep our outdoor storytimes fun and engaging they are limited to the first 20 participants. Weather

permitting. For ages 18 months – 5 years old.

**Mondays, June 7, 14, 21, 28, July 12, 19, 26**  
6:00 pm | West Leonard Branch – 1017 Leonard NW  
*This a bilingual storytime.*

**Wednesdays, June 9, 16, 23, 30, July 14, 21, 28**  
10:30 am | Seymour Branch – 2350 Eastern SE  
10:30 am | West Side Branch – 713 Bridge NW

**Thursdays, June 10, 17, 24, July 1, 15, 22, 29**  
10:30 am | Yankee Clipper Branch – 2025 Leonard NE

## Outdoor Storytime with GRPL

If you love stories, songs, and rhymes join the Grand Rapids Public Library for a chance to get the wiggles out with your friends at the park on Monday mornings! For ages 0-5.



**Mondays, June 14, July 12, August 9, September 13**  
11:00 am | Martin Luther King Jr. Park – 900 Fuller Ave SE

**Mondays, June 21, July 19, August 16, September 20**  
11:00 am | Lincoln Park – 1120 Bridge St NW



**Our Community Reads Together**

## Storytime in the Park with StorytimeGR

Join us this summer for stories, free books and ice cream, special guests, and a whole lot of fun! For all ages of kids and teens. StorytimeGR is a partnership of the Grand Rapids Public Library,

Read GR, Grand Valley State University, and Grand Rapids Parks and Recreation.

**Tuesdays, June 15, July 27, August 10**  
6:30 pm | Martin Luther King Jr. Park – 900 Fuller Ave SE

**Tuesdays, June 29, July 13, August 17**  
6:30 pm | Lincoln Park – 1120 Bridge St NW

**Tuesdays, June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, July 6, 13, 20, 27, August 3, 10, 17, 24, 31**  
6:30 pm | Garfield Park – 2111 Madison SE

**AT YOUR OWN PACE**

# Activities



## Grand Rapids Neighborhood Scavenger Hunt

Monday, May 31 – Saturday, September 4



The Division Avenue Arts Collective (DAAC) and GRPL have teamed up to bring you a city-wide scavenger hunt. Take a closer look at your neighborhood to find art in everyday life. Super sleuths may even find a few favorite

Summer Reading Challenge characters from years past! Scavenger hunt participants will be entered automatically into a drawing to win prizes from local businesses.

Pick up your scavenger hunt document from any GRPL location, or download it at [www.grpl.org/summerreading](http://www.grpl.org/summerreading). Return your completed scavenger hunt to a GRPL location to get a super secret treat while supplies last.

## Mystery Science STEAM Kits

June 14 – July 3, July 12 – 24

Learn how to pass along super secret messages and solve mysteries using science, technology, engineering, art, and math (STEAM) skills! Using every-day materials you can develop your problem solving know-how to become an amazing detective or spy. What mysteries will you solve this summer?



New Mystery Science STEAM kits will be available at all GRPL locations weekly while supplies last.

# Game Board

## LITTLE READERS

Complete at least nine activities to earn your prize! Choose your activities from anywhere on the board. Return your completed game board to any GRPL location.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_




<b>Puzzler</b> 	<b>Adventurer</b> 	<b>Creator</b> 	<b>Bookworm</b> 
Attend an outdoor storytime	Attend an outdoor storytime	Attend an outdoor storytime	Attend an outdoor storytime
Check out a book from the library	Sign up for the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program at your library	Use the library catalog to find a Caldecott Medal winning book to read together	Check out a book from the library
Play hide and seek with your family	Help a neighbor with your adult	Write a letter or draw a picture for your favorite community helper	Sign up for the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program at your library
Play I Spy: point out objects around you and talk to your adult about what you see	Take a nature walk and talk about what you see	Make a work of art to display at your library	Sing the ABC song
Clap along to a beat	Play at a playground	Make up a new song to sing with your adult	Help make a grocery list
Do a puzzle with someone else	Use your imagination and play pretend	Build with blocks	Plant flowers or vegetables with an adult. Use pretend seeds if you don't have any!
Look at a nonfiction book with your adult	Read a bedtime story with someone	Make an instrument from objects at home	Practice turning the pages of your book
Share a counting book with your adult	Read a story about an adventure	Pick out a wordless picture book and tell the story	Read a nursery rhyme
Pick out a book about something new	Listen to an audiobook while you are on the go	Read a book about colors	Make a word book with help from your adult

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<b>Puzzler</b> 	<b>Adventurer</b> 	<b>Creator</b> 	<b>Bookworm</b> 
Learn how to say 10 words in a different language	Find a new park to explore	Create your own secret code	Ask your favorite librarian what to read next
Recommend a book to a librarian	Read a mystery book	Read a book about an artist or inventor	Visit a Little Free Library in your community
Create a game that you and your friends can play together	Ask a librarian a question	Make a map of your neighborhood	Re-read one of your favorite books
Perform a random act of kindness	Perform a random act of kindness	Perform a random act of kindness	Perform a random act of kindness
Learn a magic trick and show it off	Read a book about a famous spy	Read a book somewhere silly: in the bathtub, under a table, in a closet with a flashlight	Watch a movie based on a book that you liked
Play detective and solve a mystery	Have a screen-free day	Create a disguise out of items you have around your home	Read a book about a famous spy
Read a mystery book	Make an obstacle course at home	Try a safe science experiment at home with an adult	Listen to an audiobook
Read a nonfiction book	Read a book about something new	Read a book about an activity you would like to try	Tell a friend about a book you read this summer
Use the library catalog to find a Pura Belpre Award winning book to read	Practice a new skill you learned this summer	Write or create pictures for your own short story	Draw a picture of your favorite book character