

Summer SPOTLIGHT

FOR AGES
BIRTH - 5



This booklet contains:

- Reading logs for 100-book and 500-book challenges: complete one or both challenges to earn entries into end-of-summer prize drawings for Barnes & Noble gift cards.
- 12 weekly themes: complete activities and projects, find great book recommendations, and discover ideas to get the most out of your summer.

Weekly Schedule of Online Programs

Monday Storytimes: bit.ly/SCLstorytime

Tuesday Trivia: bit.ly/SCLtrivia

Wednesday Workout: bit.ly/SCLworkout

Thursday Performances: bit.ly/SCLperform

Friday Science Fun!: bit.ly/SCLscience

Weekend Family Fun Break: bit.ly/SCLfamilyfun

Visit www.scottlib.org/summer for a full schedule of at home events!

Note to parents and caregivers:

Use this packet in whatever way keeps your child most engaged over the summer. That might mean adding rewards of your own for completing weekly activities or meeting reading milestones.

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100 - BOOK challenge!

Color in a book each time you read (you can repeat a book as many times as you like - repetition is important!). Write your favorite title for each 10 books in the extra space.

100 book icons arranged in 10 rows of 10. Each row has a solid orange background on the left side, and the right side is white with a dotted line separating it from the rest of the page. This is intended for coloring and writing book titles.

 Return for a chance to win a \$10 gift card to Barnes and Noble at the end of the summer.

Fill out this form, then either drop in the book return of your Scott County Library or mail to:

**Scott County Library Administration
1615 Weston Court
Shakopee, MN 55379**

First and Last Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ Zip Code: _____ Age: _____
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I do NOT wish to participate in an online survey about Summer Spotlight this fall

Welcome to your reading adventure!

Get 5 in a row across, down, or diagonally to complete a BINGO!

Re-read a book you love	Read to a stuffed animal	Read a book that won an award	Read a funny book	Read in your swimsuit
Build a fort and read in it	Read a book about a dinosaur	Read in pajamas	Read a book with a blue cover	Read a nonfiction book
Read a book that rhymes	Read two books by the same author	Read outside	Read a book older than you	Read while eating breakfast
Read in the kitchen	Read about a new place	Read a book recommended by someone	Read in bed	Read a book with animals
Read a poem	Read in a whisper	Read a book in a series	Read in a silly voice	Read a book because you like the cover

Write or draw a book review here:



Week 1

You are Awesome

Celebrate you with these activities!
Color in the circle when complete!

TALKING



Spell out your child's name. Talk about the different letters. What else begins with those letters?

Singing



Sing a version of "If You're Happy and You Know It" using different emotions. Naming emotions is an important skill.

Writing



Draw a picture of yourself doing something you like then tell someone about it!

Reading



Read a book featuring a favorite character. What do you like about them?

Playing



Lead a favorite activity for a doll or stuffed animal like a dance class, tower building, or a storytime.

Socializing



We're all special; call a friend or family member and tell them one thing you like about them!



Week 2

Fairytales Trivia

Answer these fairy tale trivia questions then complete the related activity! Color in the circle when complete!

TALKING



Talk about the Three Billy Goats Gruff. Who is the character that lives under the bridge?

Singing



"Heigh ho, heigh ho, it's off to work we go" is a favorite song of these men. Sing the lyrics to the song together.

Writing



In this fairy tale the road leads to grandmother's house. Draw a picture of the forest.

Reading



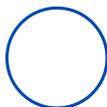
In what story do you find a wolf trying to blow down a brick house? Read a book about a pig or a wolf!

Playing



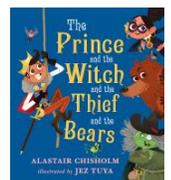
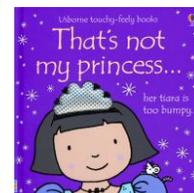
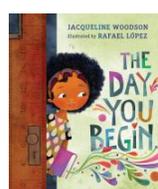
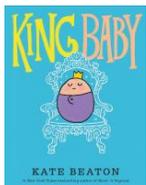
Aladdin's best friend comes from a magic lamp. Who is the character? Create your own magic lamp.

Counting



This fairy tale princess slept for 100 years. Practice counting. Can you count to 100?

We recommend these books:



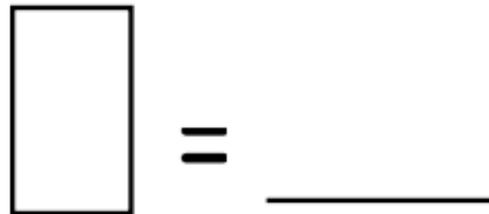
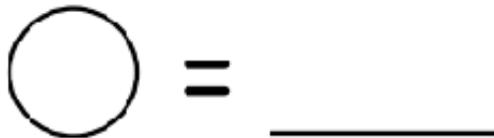
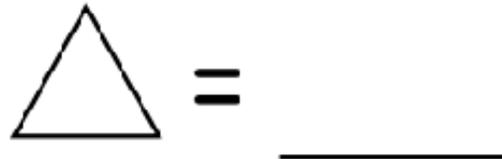
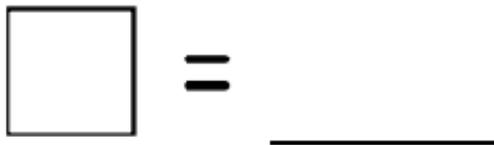
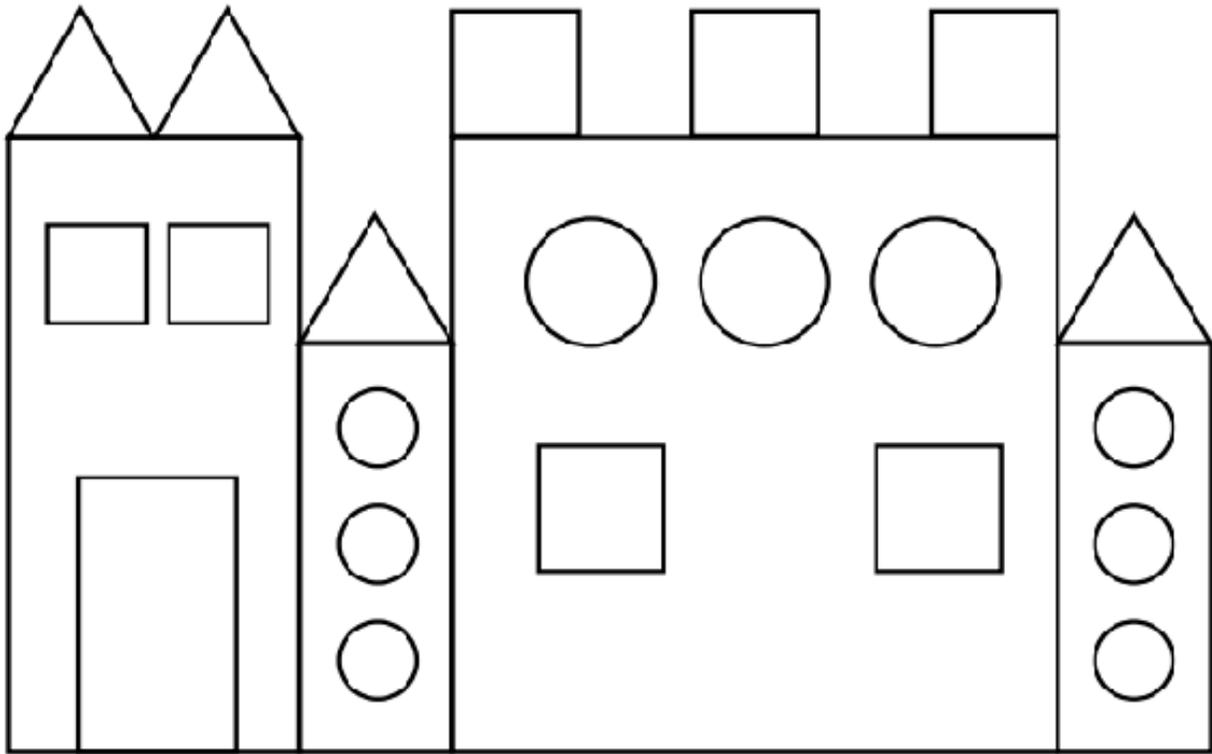
Week 2 Trivia answers:

1. Troll 2 Seven Dwarfs 3. Little Red Riding Hood 4. 3 Little Pigs 5. Genie 6. Sleeping Beauty



How many shapes do you see?

Color and count the shapes you see. Then draw your home using shapes!



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Caregiver Corner - Something for you!

Demonstrate something you enjoy for the kiddos in your care. Baker? Make a snack. Reader? Read something just for you.

Love to karaoke? Sing aloud to a favorite song. Yoga enthusiast? Hold a pose. Your kiddos get to learn more about you and you get a chance to do something you enjoy. You are awesome and are doing an amazing job!



Week 3

Yummy Fun!

This week is all about the food we eat to help us grow! Color in the circle when you complete each one.

TALKING



Make a salad. Talk about the ingredients you choose.

Singing



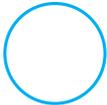
Sing the alphabet song while washing your hands before meal time.

Writing



Make a list of your favorite foods by writing or drawing pictures.

Reading



Look at a cookbook and pick out a recipe to make together. Point out the ingredients.

Playing



Play restaurant. Take turns taking orders and pretending to make food.

Exploring



Plant a seed and watch it grow. Make notes about what you see each day.



Week 4

Family

This week, learn more about you and your family. Spend time together and learn about some of your traditions.

TALKING



Talk about who are the members of your family. Where do they live?

Singing



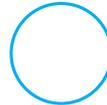
Have a family screen-free night and plan a singalong activity as a family.

Writing



Roll out a long sheet of paper. Decide on a theme adraw and color a picture together.

Reading



Read a book featuring a culture that is different from yours. What do you have in common?

Playing



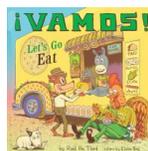
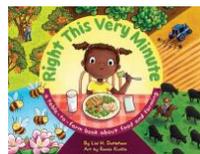
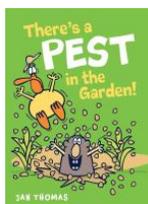
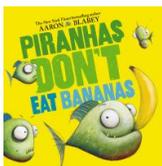
Put sleeping bags or blankets and pillows on the floor. Have a family slumber party.

Socializing



Create a new family holiday! Have a special food or activity. What are you celebrating together?

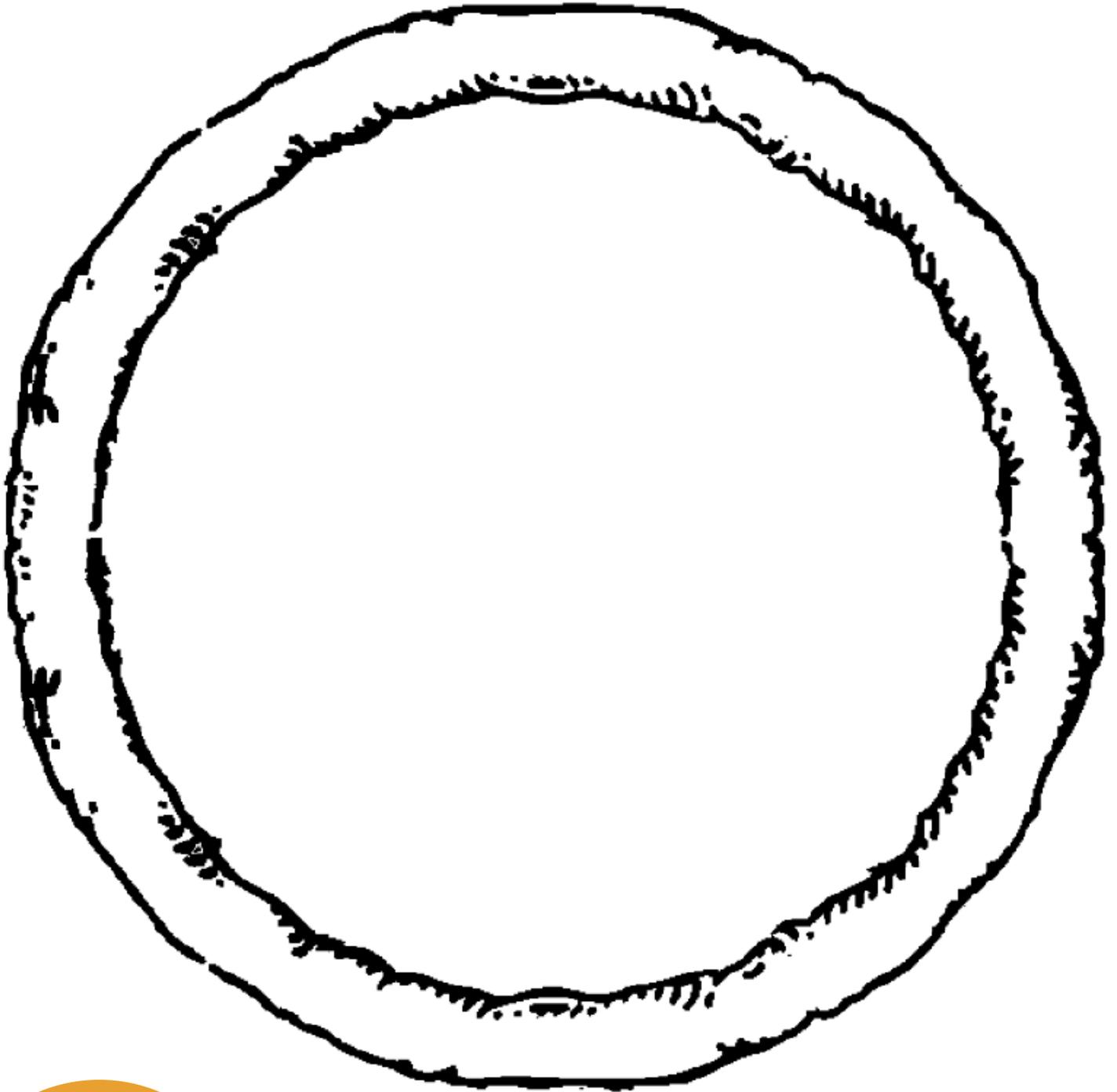
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Color your own pizza.

Add your favorite toppings! Talk about your pizza. What kind of toppings do you like on your pizza? What kind of toppings don't you like? Who would you share your pizza with?



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Caregiver Corner - Something for you!

Did you know the library is also offering adult programming this summer? Participate in the adult reading challenge (yes, all of those pages you read with your kiddos count), register for an at-home art project, or compete in the weekly trivia contest for adults.



Week 5

Word Building

Explore letters and words this week! The more words kids know, the more success they'll have when starting school.

TALKING



Pick a letter of the day. Talk about all the things that begin with that letter.

Singing



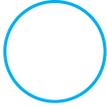
Sing the ABC song together. Get silly and sing loudly, softly, as an opera, or as a rap.

Writing



Spread cool whip on a table top in your home (or outside) and use your fingers to write letters, words, and shapes.

Reading



Set up a special reading spot in your home. Use cushions and blankets to make it comfortable.

Playing



Lead a favorite activity for a doll or stuffed animal like a dance class, tower building, or a storytime.

Counting



Count how many letters are in words. How many letters are in your name?



Week 6

STEAM Explorer

Science! Technology! Engineering! Art! Math! Kids are natural scientists. Let them explore this week!

TALKING



Talk about the different types of weather. What is different about what we wear or what we do?

Singing



Enjoy singing a classic like "5 Little Ducks"! Counting backwards from 5 to 0 is an important early literacy skill.

Writing



Make an animal collage using pictures of animals.

Reading



Read a book about a STEAM concept such as building, counting, shapes, or science together.

Playing



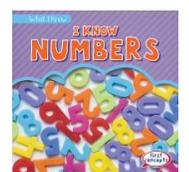
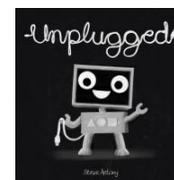
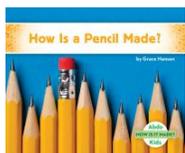
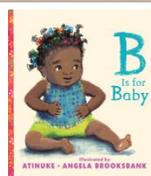
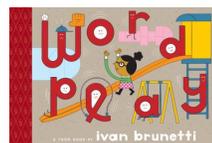
Create a science lab! Gather different cups and tools from around your home and run experiments.

Exploring



Go on a walk in your neighborhood. Look for and identify as many shapes as you can find.

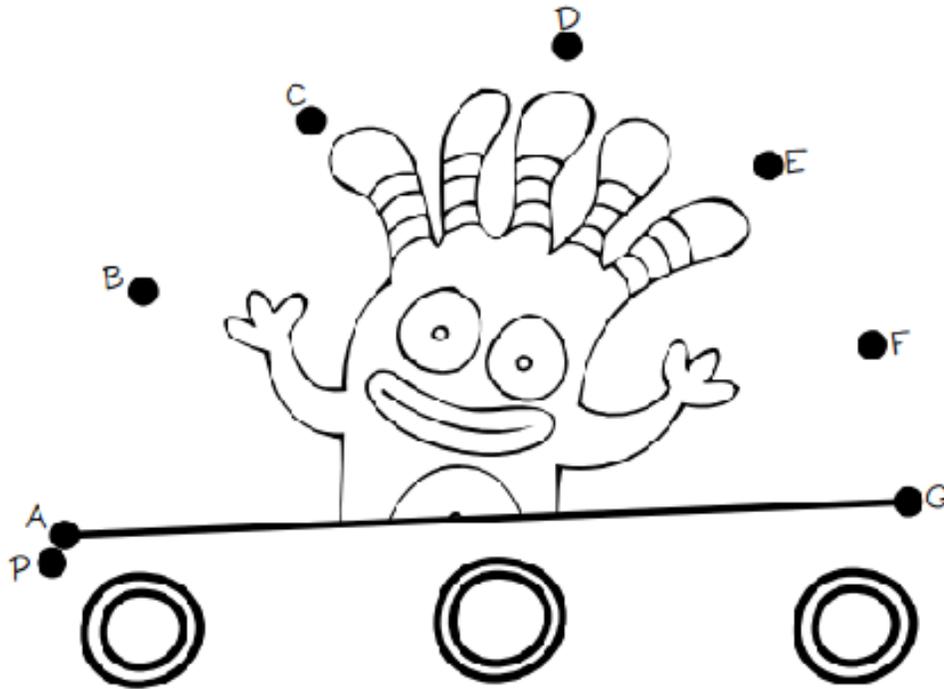
We recommend these books:





Connect the dots

Connecting the dots allows kids to follow a sequence. Draw a line to connect the letters A-P to complete the picture below. Talk about what letters aren't included, letters that feature in your child's name, or what other words feature those letters.



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L

K

I

H

M

J

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Week 7

Nursery Rhyme Trivia

Answer these questions based off Nursery Rhymes then complete the related activity!

TALKING



Who is considered the "mother" of all nursery rhymes?
Talk about words that rhyme

Singing



This character had a little lamb.
Sing the song and other songs featuring animal noises.

Writing



Name the character who fell off a wall. Draw a picture of your cracked character and the wall.

Reading



Where do you "row row row a boat?"
Read a book talking about travel

Playing



These characters went up the hill to fetch a pail of water.
Act out this favorite nursery rhyme.

Exploring



Hickory Dickory Dock! Who runs up the clock?
Talk about time: clocks and calendars.



Week 8

Art Party!

Unleash your inner artist with these (sometimes messy) activities to do together.

TALKING



Talk about the different tools used for arts and crafts. What are some family favorites?

Singing



Using some finger paints, sing while your child paints to the music.

Writing



Use crayons, markers, and paints to create a picture. Touch the drawing to feel the different textures.

Reading



Find a craft to complete together.
Read through the instructions.

Playing



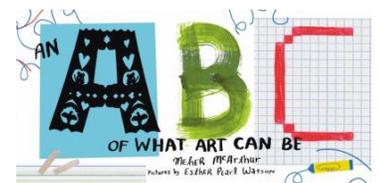
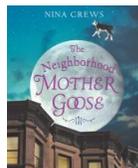
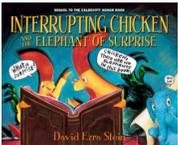
Play with shaving cream on a tray. Add some food color and create away.

Socializing



Make an art project for a friend or family member then mail it to them!

We recommend these books:



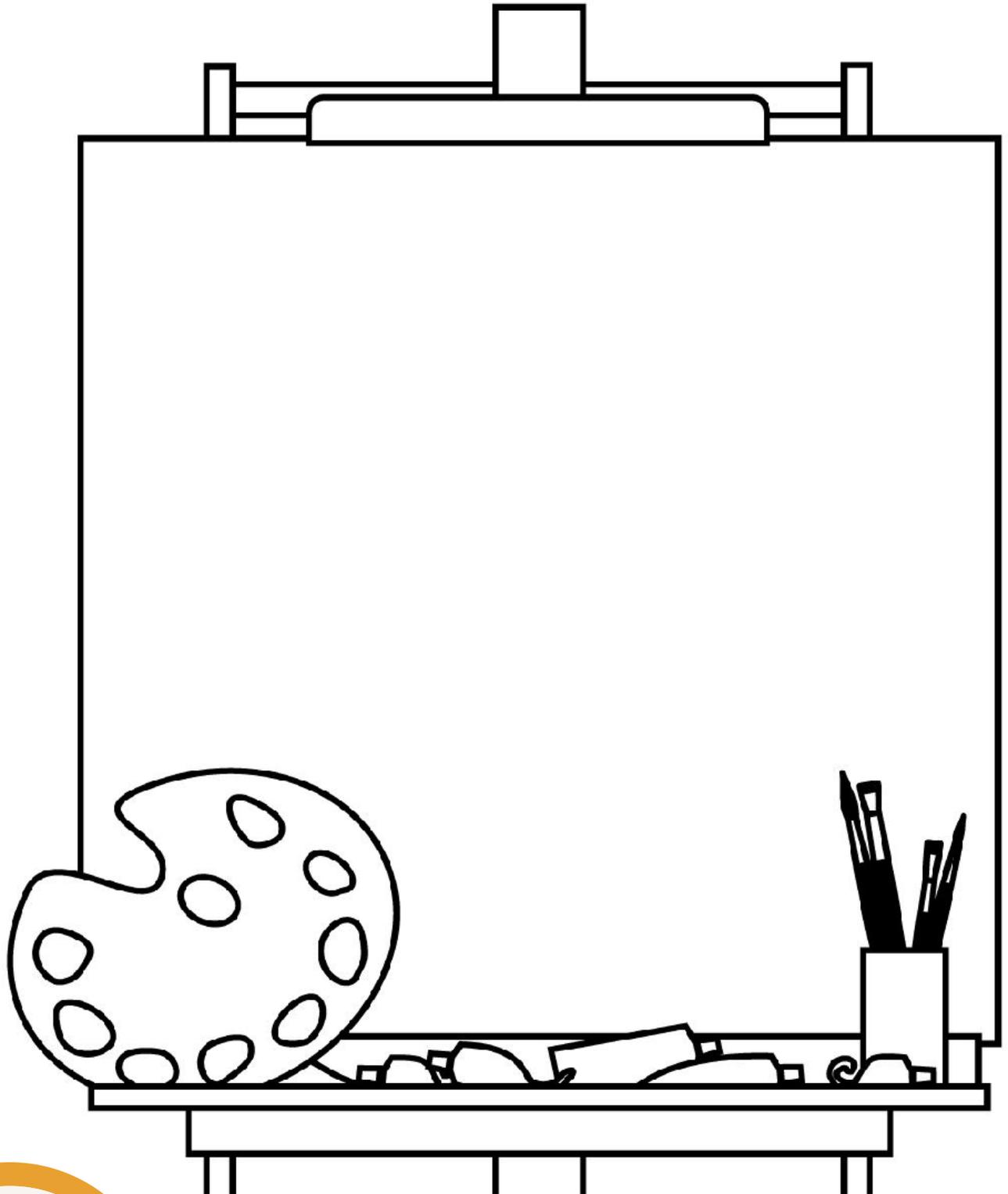
Week 7 Trivia answers:

1. Mother Goose 2. Mary 3. Humpty Dumpty 4. Gently down the stream 5. Jack & Jill 6. Mouse



Be the Artist

Create your own masterpiece below! Talk about why you created what you did. Why did you choose the colors you did?



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Everyone is an artist! Take pictures of your week (the good and the bad). At the end of the week, share your favorite photo (whether from a favorite moment or just the way the picture came out) with family and loved ones.



Week 9

Around the World

Explore your world, your neighborhood, and your home.

TALKING



Play a game of I Spy. Take turns asking questions and guessing.

Singing



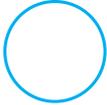
Listen to music sung in a language you don't speak at home. What do you think the song is about?

Writing



Draw a map of your neighborhood. What are places you like to visit?

Reading



Read a book featuring a person from a different state or country than you. What do you have in common?

Playing



Go exploring around your home. How will you travel? What will you find?

Socializing



Look at a map or globe. Can you find where you live? Have you been anywhere else? Point out locations.



Week 10

Space Race

3 - 2 - 1 - Blastoff! We explore even further as we look at our solar system and beyond!

TALKING



Talk about planet Earth and all the components that make it up. Land, water, and air are great starting points.

Singing



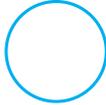
Sing a favorite song as an alien using beeps and boops instead of the words.

Writing



Draw a picture of the night sky using dark paper, crayons, glue, stickers, or whatever else you have.

Reading



Read a book featuring a rocket ship, a planet, or even the moon!

Playing



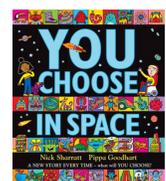
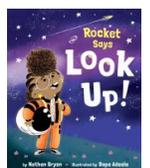
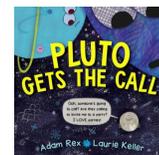
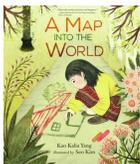
Blast off into space as you pretend to be an astronaut!

Exploring



Compare and contrast how items of different size and weights move using ramps or by dropping them.

We recommend these books:





Color by Shape: Rocket Ship

Color in the rocket ship according to the key:



star:
yellow



oval:
blue



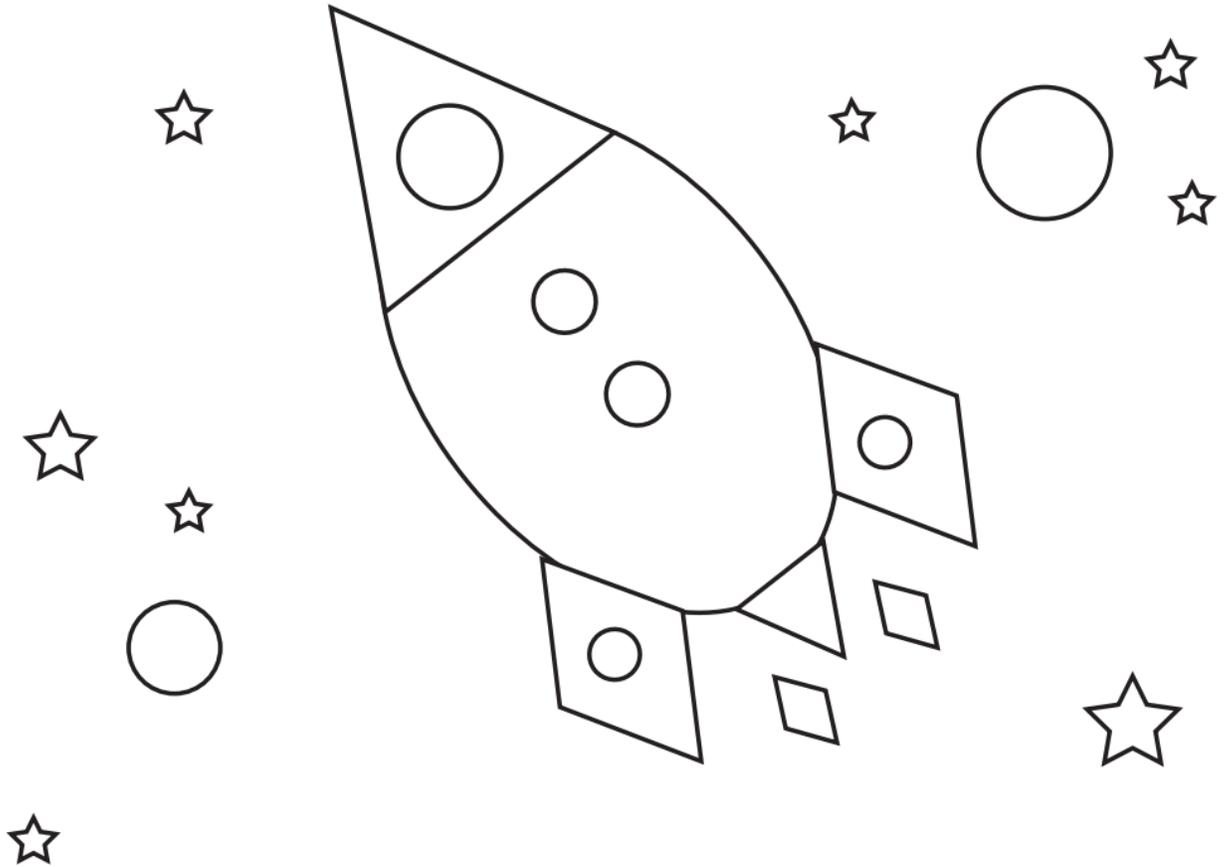
diamond:
red



circle:
orange



triangle:
green



My rocket is headed to _____.



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Looking for a career change or job hunting? The library has resources available for free on our website at <https://www.scottlib.org/793/Jobs-Careers>.

JobNow has resume assistance, online job coaches and connections to local resources. Lynda.com has self-paced tutorials to help you learn new skills.



Week 11

Making Music

This week is all about exploring sound and music!

TALKING



Talk about the different instruments and the sounds they make.

Singing



Make your own home-made maracas by filling a toilet paper tube with rice or beans and duct tape the ends. Sing and shake together.

Writing



Draw to the music. Play some upbeat music and have your child draw. Change the music and see how their drawings change.

Reading



Take a favorite book and try to sing it as a song!

Playing



Have a freeze dance party. Play any kinds of music. Dance to the music and freeze when it stops.

Counting



March to the beat of the music. Count your steps as you march along.



Week 12

Animals

Oink! Meow! Roar! There are so many types of animals to learn about. Find a new favorite this week!

TALKING



Talk about the different sounds animals make.

Singing



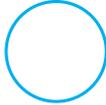
Sing "Old MacDonald had a farm" and add as many animals as you can think of; make their sounds.

Writing



Draw a picture of your favorite animal.

Reading



Read a book with a pet (real or stuffed).

Playing



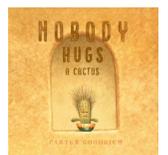
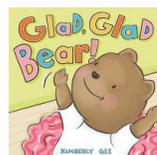
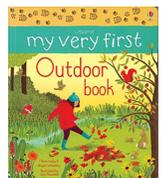
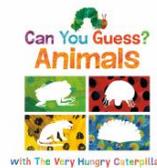
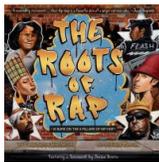
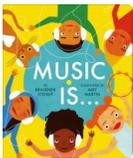
Build a mini-obstacle course. Pretend to be different animals and go through the course (a bear, a snake).

Exploring



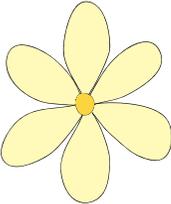
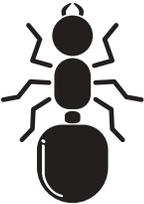
Compare and contrast animal features like number of legs, where they live.

We recommend these books:





Nature BINGO!

 Tree	 Fly	 Branch/Twig	 Lizard
 Rock	 Flower	 Bird	 Leaf
 Spider Web	 Butterfly	 Squirrel	 Cloud
 Ant	 Pine Cone	 Feather	 Sun

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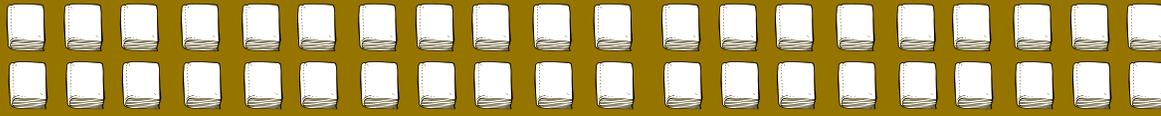
Caregiver Corner - Something for you!

Thank you for including Scott County libraries in your family's life. We enjoy being there along the way as your kiddos grow from babies to teens and beyond.

Have a fun summer and remember: You are doing an amazing job!

500-BOOK challenge

Did you finish your 100 Book Challenge (see page 2) early? Keep reading (you can repeat a books as many times as you like - repetition is important!). Read an additional 400 books and earn a second entry into the end of summer drawing! Mark off each book as you read.



140!



180!



220!



260!



300!



340!



380!



420!



460!



500!



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Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____ Age: _____

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Favorite book from summer: _____

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