A Magical Journey

June 1 to August 15, 2023
All ages and all abilities!
Welcome
Greetings from Alameda County Library and welcome to the 2023 Summer Adventure: A Magical Journey! Let’s celebrate imagination and everyday magic in the world around us as we go on this Summer Adventure together.

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This is also a coloring book!

How To Participate

Try an Activity!
- Read something or be read to.
Set your own reading goals!
- Get inspired by any of the activities in this guide.
- Surprise us by creating your own activities.

Tell Us What You Read or Did
Fill out a submission form and share it with us:
Online aclibrary.org/summer
At the Library
Pick up printed forms at your library and enter them in the submission box when completed.

Book Gifts & Prize Drawings
Choose a book gift at the library after submitting your first activity! You will automatically be entered for all prize drawings throughout the summer. Enter more submissions to have more chances to win. Library staff will contact you if you win a prize.

Drawing dates: June 12, June 26, July 10, July 24, August 15
Create Your Own Magical Journey

Write or draw some of your plans and dreams for this summer. What would you like to do, read, and discover? Take your time and include as many as you can think of.

You can use these as inspiration to create your own activities!
Discover

Follow your curiosity and do all the activities that speak to you! Activities are meant to be adapted for all ages and abilities and interpreted in your own way. You can do the same activity as many times as you like.

🌟 Learn about something new.

🌟 Plant a seed and take care of it.

🌟 Discover a fairy tale or folktale you’ve never heard before.

🌟 Do something active that you enjoy or have wanted to try.

🌟 Examine your surroundings closely.

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🌟 If you complete an activity in this guide, fill this element in.
Create

- Make a map of your favorite real or imaginary place.

- Create a story featuring magic.

- Invent a new game or learn a game you haven’t played before.

- Learn how to fix, mend, or heal something in a new way.

- Creatively express how you’re feeling today.

Fill in this map however you like!
Connect

- Share kindness with someone.
- Teach someone a skill or have someone teach you.
- Take a quiet moment to breathe deeply and connect to yourself and the space around you.
- Learn a story from your family history, ancestry, or another cultural background.
- Do something that makes you feel brave or takes courage.
Library Resources

Get the most out of your summer by exploring all the free resources AC Library has to offer! Find links to all these resources and many more at bit.ly/sa23resources

Need book ideas? AC Library Book Match staff will create a customized reading list just for you! aclibrary.org/book-match

Need equipment for a home or garden project? Find what you need in our new Tool Lending collections!

Centerville Library has a wide range of gardening tools, while Irvington Library specializes in tools for building, repairing and tinkering! Tools must be borrowed and returned at their home libraries.

AC Library’s Education & Literacy Services are here to help youth and adult learners (7 years and up) improve their reading, writing, and English language skills! Call us at 510-745-1480 to get started or to join our team of Learning Partner volunteers. aclibrary.org/literacy

Looking for adventure? Borrow a State Parks Pass for free parking at participating state parks. Use your library card to access free or low-cost tickets to museums and other venues with Discover & Go (residency limits apply).

Make learning a new language fun with immersive lessons from Rosetta Stone and Pronunciator, for beginner and advanced learners! Enjoy read-along eBooks in over 50 languages with LOTE4Kids!

Explore the Curiosity Shop at Newark Library and visit Irvington Library for drop-in crafts!

Call the Listen Inn after each full or new moon to hear new stories, songs and more. Leave a message after our Summer Adventure prompts, and we may feature your answer! 833-990-BOOK (2665)

Explore our Libby Extras, including craft tutorials from Craftsy, musical instrument instruction from ArtistWorks, and lessons from The Great Courses.

Scan here!
Reading Inspiration

Whether you read on a screen or a page, through headphones or are read to, broaden your reading perspectives by trying these prompts, for all ages.

✧ Read a book set in a magical place.
✧ Journey through a book that includes a map.
✧ Try reading in a place you’ve never read before.
✧ Read a book with animal characters.
✧ Discover a new retelling of a classic story.
✧ Read a book by an author with a disability or who identifies as neurodivergent.
✧ Try a format you don’t usually choose (such as a graphic novel or audiobook).
✧ Find an author from a different cultural and/or gender identity.
✧ Read a book originally written in another language.

Reflections

My favorite book or activity...

Something I’ll remember...

Something I want to keep exploring...

Something I discovered about myself....

Check out our themed booklists at aclibrary.org/summer or ask library staff for recommendations!
Summer Adventure is Better Together!

Ways to spark creativity, connection, and community on your Magical Journey:

**Submission Showcase**
Get inspired by your fellow adventurers or share your journey to inspire others! Available online and at the library.

**Community Art Projects**
Contribute to a collaborative art project when you visit your library.

**Attend an AC Library Program**
Don’t forget to share what you did through a submission form.

**Visit the Website**
Check online for events, blogs, booklists, and all things Summer Adventure! aclibrary.org/summer

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