

**Are you ready for a summer packed with fun, adventure and exploration?** Take our summer activity challenge and see how many you can accomplish before going back to school.

1. Take a trip to the library to pick out books to read this month.
2. Find a recipe and make a treat for a family member or a friend.
3. Invite friends over to swap books and challenge them to finish their books in time for the next one.
4. Create a special Reading Place and share your picture with us. #MyReadingPlace
5. Plan "readnic". Take your favourite stuffy, pack a picnic and pick a book.
6. Plan a book drive in your community and give books to those who have few or none. Book Drive Kit (<http://calgaryreads.com/organize-book-drive/>)
7. Find a Little Free Library in your neighbourhood and bring a book to give. Little Free Library Map (<https://littlefreelibrary.org/ourmap/>)
8. Have a screen free day. Turn off the TV and all digital devices and read your favourite story.
9. Have a paper airplane contest. See how many different designs you can make. Which one flies best?
10. Find a shady spot outside and read for 15 minutes or more.
11. Call, FaceTime or Skype a family member and have a chat.
12. Make chalk art. Ask a neighbour if they would like chalk decorations, too.
13. Ask someone special what their favourite book was when they were your age then read it together.
14. Create a fort, inside or outside, and read in it for 15 minutes or more.
15. Learn some new campfire songs. (<http://www.songsforteaching.com/campfiresongs/>)
16. Play a family board game.
17. Take a flashlight to bed and read under the covers.
18. Create an outdoor obstacle course in your backyard.
19. Rewrite the ending to a story you have read this summer.
20. Ask someone to tell you about when you were small.



- 21. Make homemade ice cream in a bag.  
(<http://www.geniuskitchen.com/recipe/homemade-ice-cream-in-a-bag-34257>)
- 22. Write a letter or an email to a friend and tell them about your summer.
- 23. Set up a lemonade stand or make homemade lemonade to share with a friend.
- 24. Invite a friend over and read together for 15 minutes or more.
- 25. Go to bed earlier and read twice as many books before it's light's out.
- 26. Make two bookmarks, one for you and one to give away to a friend.
- 27. Print out "50 Books to Read Before You Are 8". Start working your way through the list. (<http://calgaryreads.com/resources>)
- 28. Pull out some family photos and share stories about them. Who is in them? Where was it taken?
- 29. Create a letter hopscotch. When you land on a letter, identify the letter and a word with the letter sound.
- 30. Blow up some balloons and toss them around. Try to keep them from hitting the ground.
- 31. Make your own yogurt parfait. Fill a cup with layers of yogurt and berries.
- 32. Enjoy a slice of watermelon and count out the seeds.
- 33. Make pipecleaner animals and practice the sounds they make.
- 34. Play eye spy with your favourite picture book.
- 35. Think of animals and move around like they would. (Walk like a bear, slither like a snake...)
- 36. Play a family game like Connect 4, Snakes and Ladders or Twister.
- 37. Get ready to have some fun blowing bubbles.  
(<http://www.pbs.org/parents/crafts-for-kids/big-fun-with-bubbles/>)
- 38. Make play dough from a recipe.  
(<http://www.pbs.org/parents/crafts-for-kids/no-bake-play-dough/>)
- 39. Use a paintbrush and water to draw on the concrete and watch it disappear.
- 40. Fill a bag with random items. Remove items one at a time and use the item to create a story.

