



St. Bernard Parish Library

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News Release: *St. Bernard Parish Library presents 2020 Imagine Your Story Virtual Summer Reading Program.*

The St. Bernard Parish Library invites summer readers of all ages to take part in the **2020 Imagine Your Story VIRTUAL Summer Reading Program** which will run from June 1st through August 7th. The last few months have taught us that community is important; and that we can all make a difference when we do something together. That's what this summer's reading program is all about. Our virtual event is a way we can all read together, watch awesome programs together, do crafts together, and have fun together—all while we stay safe together.

Library friends can visit our new summer reading webpage at www.mysbpl.org/srp2020 to see what's happening each day. There is also a summer reading link on our regular website. In order to view our special guest programs, summer readers will need to join the library's Closed Facebook Group. Simply create a free Facebook account, if you do not already have one and then visit the library's summer reading webpage and click on the Program link. Anyone living within a zip code that the library serves will be given access automatically. All others can ask to join and will be granted admission by library staff. The Closed Facebook Group was created as a way to safely deliver content while also protecting our performer's creative rights. Anyone not wishing to maintain a Facebook profile can simply delete their account after summer reading ends. There is no charge for any of the programming the library offers and no other registration is required.

Streaming details for all programs being posted is included in the calendar information and Program Page. Patrons are encouraged to click on each date for a program description as well as to see how long a particular program will be available for viewing. Additional materials such as activities or craft supplies will be posted as well under the appropriate tabs.

The many artists who normally visit our library each summer have all transitioned to virtual performances which means 'the show will go on!' All of our special guest and artistic programs have been made possible by a grant from the Louisiana Division of the Arts, Office of Cultural Development, Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, in cooperation with the Louisiana State Arts Council, and as administered by the St. Tammany Commission on Cultural Affairs, St. Tammany Parish Government. Funding has also been provided by the National Endowment for the Arts, Art Works as well as a donation from Arlette and Wayne Nunez and the Shell Matching Funds Gift Program.

We are starting our program off with lots of fantastic shows! Week 1 features daily activities with Page Turner Adventures, an Emmy award winning team whose mission this summer it to make sure their viewers have the most amazing adventures they can imagine. Their first week's theme is Imagine your Fairytale story and they will need your help! Tune in and see just how crazy their Mixed-up Fairytale show is! And, making sure summer reading gets off to a hilarious start is Harvey Rabbit and Friends. Week 2 will find Riley and Kenny of Page Turner Adventures leading readers through Imagine Your Space Story week. Bringing the week to a close will be the Hampstead Stage Company with their virtual theatrical production of Alice in Wonderland. Please make sure to check our website and calendar for the streaming details for these and all of our shows.

Please invite your friends to read and watch and create with you this summer. Tell them about *your* St. Bernard Parish Library so that they can join in the fun too. Participate by sharing comments during programs. Leave posts telling what you are doing as a summer reader. Share pictures of your crafts. Let's makes this virtual summer reading event the best one it can be! For more information, please contact the library by calling 504-279-0448, by emailing us via the Contact Us button on our website at www.mysbpl.org, or messaging us through Facebook.