The Hoover Public Library has reimagined Summer Reading in light of COVID-19. Luckily, this year's theme is *Imagine Your Story*! We'll be focusing on our recommended reading lists on fantasy, fairytales, myths, and titles that foster imagination. That part hasn't changed. What HAS changed? Here's a quick breakdown of how it will work this year.

All of Summer Reading will take place online. Registration begins on Friday, May 1, 2020. Sign up and keep track of your books using Beanstack. There is also an app. We will be tracking minutes spent reading rather than the number of pages read. Enter into a prize drawing for every 2 hours logged, up to 40 hours. There will be several prize drawings per week. All prizes will be gift cards to local businesses. Students can earn additional chances for drawings by writing book reviews. The last day to log your books is Friday, July 31.

All of our recommended reading lists will feature titles available in our digital collections on Libby or Hoopla. There will be many lists featuring picture books, first chapter books, novels, graphic novels, and biographies.

All of our regular Library Theatre shows, storytimes, and special events that were scheduled to take place inside the library building have been cancelled. All of our programming will be online via Facebook. This will include storytimes, May the Fourth Star Wars activities, and many more fun and fantastical events. We will have online challenges via Facebook and Instagram, and the daily blog on the library's website will have even more ways to add books and imagination to your summer.

Remember, summer reading isn't just for kids! Use Beanstack to participate in the adult program and check Facebook for online events just for you!

**Wayside School Beneath the Cloud of Doom**

by Louis Sachar

Rejoice! 25 years later, Wayside School is still in session, and the children in Mrs. Jewls' 30th-floor classroom haven't changed a bit. Sachar's snappy comedic stride doesn't miss a beat in his series' fourth installment. Episodic though the 30 new chapters are, there are continuing elements that bind them.

Available on Libby and Hoopla.

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**Read-Aloud Roundup**

**Mañanaland**

by Pam Munoz Ryan

A boy journeys to self-discovery through the power of stories and traditions. Available on Hoopla.

**The Paper Kingdom**

by Helena Ku Rhee

An office at night is reimagined as a fantastical kingdom of paper complete with friendly dragons.
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Beastly Puzzles: A Brain-Boggling Animal Guessing Game by Rachel Poliquin
If you're given a list of features and characteristics, can you guess which animal they make? This might seem easy enough. But solving the puzzles in this book is deviously, outrageously, almost impossibly tricky! Though the thirteen animals included are easily recognizable --- such as polar bear, snail, ostrich, pufferfish --- the clues are unexpected.

Author Rachel Poliquin’s concept for this intriguing, one-of-a-kind book is a spin on early natural histories, which introduced new animals by describing them as a hodgepodge of parts taken from familiar creatures. Available on Hoopla.

Finding Narnia: The Story of C.S. Lewis and His Brother by Caroline McAlister
This picture book biography introduces the beloved creator of The Chronicles of Narnia to a new generation of children who see hidden magic in the world around them.

Read This, Not That

Fuel your imagination with one of these suggested Summer Reads.

The Adventures of Beekle: The Unimaginary Friend by Dan Santat
Anywhere Artist by Nikki Slade-Robinson
Boxitects by Kim Smith
The Cardboard Kingdom by Chad Sell
Claymates by Dev Petty
The Disastrous Magical Wishes of Classroom 13 by Honest Lee
Dory Fantasmagory by Abby Hanlon (#1)
Drawn Together by Minh Lê
The Evil Princess vs. the Brave Knight by Jennifer L. Holm & Matthew Holm
Flora’s Tree House by Gabriel Alborozo
Follow the Recipe: Poems about Imagination, Celebration, and Cake by Marilyn Singer
Haggis and Tank Unleashed: All Paws on Deck by Jessica Young (#1)
Henry and the Chalk Dragon by Jennifer Trafton
H.O.R.S.E.: A Game of Basketball and Imagination by Christopher Myers
Hum and Swishy by Matt Myers
Idea Jarby Adam Lehrhaupt
I'm a Frog by Mo Willems
Let's Do Nothing! by Tony Fucile
Making Friends by Kristen Gudsnuk (#1)
Mommy's Khimar by Jamilah Thompkins-Bigelow
Pete with No Pants by Rowboat Watkins
This Was Our Pact by Ryan Andrews
What If... by Samantha Berger
What the Dinosaurs Did Last Night: A Very Messy Adventure by Refe & Susan Tuma
When You Trap a Tiger by Tae Keller

Sit comfortably and lightly place a finger in each ear. Close your eyes. Breathe in through your nose. Hum softly as you breathe out. Repeat for 5-10 rounds.

BEE CALM AND BUZZ ON

BEE BREATH
Producing a sound while closing the eyes and blocking the ears makes it easier to bring your focus inward.