The SummerQuest program helps kids of all ages have an awesome and active summer. York County Libraries is hosting lots of events (virtual and in-person) with this year’s theme, Tails and Tales. To explore events for all of our 13 libraries, go to YorkLibraries.org/SummerQuest. To be eligible for prizes, kids and teens should register with their free library cards. Early online registration begins May 16 and events begin June 1.

Check out our Virtual Kickoff June 5 featuring the alpacas from Painted Spring Alpaca Farm!

**LIBRARY EVENTS & ACTIVITIES (VIRTUAL AND IN-PERSON)**

You can do as many library events or activities as you want! Events and activities are coded by suggested age group, and there are many for the whole family to enjoy together. To access our free library of videos, go to our YouTube channel (search for YorkCountyLibrariesPA). While you’re there, subscribe and hit the bell to turn on notifications about our new content!

**GO YORK! HIKES (BROUGHT TO YOU BY WELLSPAN HEALTH)**

Starting June 1, the GO York! team will hide 30 themed carvings on posts in parks all over York County! Participants will get an instruction booklet to find the posts and a sheet to collect rubbings of the carvings. Join the GO York! Facebook group for updates.

**CRUSH THE 800-MINUTE CHALLENGE & WIN PRIZES!**

Can you log 800 minutes by August 22? Use the Beanstack mobile app to record everything you do! (Download the app from the Apple App Store or Google Play, or use the website, yorklibraries.beanstack.org). Each minute spent reading or being read to counts as one minute — you can use Beanstack’s timer to easily keep track. Each library event, activity and GO York! hike counts as 20 minutes. Prizes and badges will accumulate with minutes logged in Beanstack. If you finish the 800-Minute Challenge, keep tracking, because the top minutes earner in York County wins our grand prize!

**READING: A BIG PART OF SUMMERQUEST**

Reading is a great way for kids to keep up their skills during the summer. Visit us at the YCL Story Barn at the York State Fair from July 23 to August 1 to hear some great tales, and be sure to read on your own too! Check out some books, eBooks, and eAudios from your local library... and don’t forget to log all your story time and reading minutes!

**FEATURED VIRTUAL EVENTS FOR 2021:**
- Didgeridoo Down Under
- National Aquarium: Sharks!
- ZooAmerica: Animal Adaptations
- Meet Local Author Jared Reck
...and much more!

What is SummerQuest? It’s library events, Grab & Go activities, Digital Story Times, GO York! hikes, and more — FREE!

Current COVID Safety Measures are in place. Please be prepared.

PLATINUM PARTNER:
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PRIZE DONORS:
- Chick-fil-A
- Isaac’s Restaurant & Deli
- Lake Tobias Wildlife Park
- Maize Quest Fun Park
- Northern Central Railway
- Scouts
- York Revolution
- York State Fair

PROGRAM PARTNERS:

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Register: YORKLIBRARIES.ORG/SUMMERQUEST #YCLSummerQuest
Heads Up! Pop-Up & Bonus SummerQuest Events

As conditions continue to shift during the pandemic, York County Libraries may be able to offer additional events during SummerQuest. Any Bonus or Pop-Up events will be added to the event calendar at yorklibraries.org and also promoted via social media. Be sure to follow us on Facebook and Instagram (@YorkCountyLibraries) so you don’t miss any notifications!

Encouraging Teens to Speak Their Minds

This past March, YCL held our Part of the Story event via Google Meet. Teens met author Justina Ireland, received a signed copy of her book Dread Nation, and competed in a billboard design contest sponsored by Lamar Advertising Company. Justina Ireland was also the keynote speaker at our fall 2020 YES (Youth Empowerment Summit). High school students throughout York County attended online workshops on how to promote positive changes in our community. Follow @yclteens for more event info! Find out more about leadership, volunteering, test prep and careers exploration at yorklibraries.org/teens.

TEEN SUMMERQUEST EVENT JARGON: WHAT’S A TCG? 😬
TCG = Trading Card Game (like Pokémon)
Discord server = An app that allow members to meet virtually. Our Teen Forum server is available only during certain hours and only to YCL’s teen members. Teens can share and discuss videos, images, music, and more. Our server is a safe, monitored online space for teens to meet.
Tabletop RPGs = Role Playing Games (like Dungeons and Dragons)

Fun with Early Literacy & Sensory Story Time

Our 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program gives children ages 0-5 a smart start. GOAL (Grade One At the Library) introduces first graders to library services with their very own member card. YCL also offers Sensory Story Time where all are welcome and movement is encouraged. Explore all YCL has to offer children of all ages at yorklibraries.org/kids.

Calling all Scouts! Earn a special patch for participating in SummerQuest:

• Complete the 800 Minute Challenge
• Do at least 6 SummerQuest events/activities
• Complete 10+ GO York hikes
Log your progress in Beanstack. When you finish, pick up your patch at any York County Libraries location!

Get Outside York! Pick up your GO York booklet and rubbing sheets at any York County Libraries location after registering for SummerQuest. Ranging from easy to difficult, there are 30 total hikes in parks throughout York County. After you find a post, be sure to log its code in the “GO and Chase Your Tale” activity challenge in Beanstack to gain more entries into the GO York Grand Prize Drawing! Join the GO York Facebook group for updates and info.