While school is out, Denver area youth can continue to learn and grow through Summer of Adventure, a free Denver Public Library program. Participants can choose their own learning path by selecting fifteen “Read, Make, or Explore” activities. For more information go to denverlibraryadventures.org

Who can participate?
All children and teens, birth through 12th grade are encouraged to participate in the Summer of Adventure program. The program runs from June 1–August 8.

How to register
Online using a computer or mobile device at denverlibraryadventures.org or call 720-865-1111.

Keeping track of your READ, MAKE, and EXPLORE activities:
The Adventure Guide will help keep track of your activities and provide instructions for playing. Upon registration you will receive a Summer of Adventure brochure, Adventure Guide, and Foldscope. The Foldscope is a paper microscope that you can build and use to explore the world around you.

When you register online you can opt to print materials at home or have them mailed to you. If you come into a branch location you will be asked to register online using your mobile phone or one of our computers. Once registered, you will be provided your materials. The last day to register is July 31.

The Importance of Summer Learning
Why is it important to keep actively engaged during the summer months? Denver Public Library’s annual Summer of Adventure is a great way to prevent what’s known as “summer slide”. It is estimated that youth lose between 1-3 months in academic skills, when not engaged in summer learning opportunities.

Summer of Adventure helps make summer vacations impactful for youth by keeping them engaged in activities that are of interest to them. This not only provides them with a positive summer experience but it also helps to maintain and even increase skills.
Program Perks

Upon registration, each participant will be entered into weekly drawings for a chance to win gift cards to local businesses or family passes to popular cultural and recreational institutions. Once participants complete their fifteen activities, they can come into any Denver Public Library branch location on or after July 31 to pick up a brand new book. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, pick up dates are subject to change. For more information go to denverlibraryadventures.org or call 720-865-1111 to speak with library staff.

SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES FOR PARTICIPANTS

READ
Read a book or ebook
Read out loud to someone else or a pet
Listen to an audiobook
Write a new ending to a story you read
Looking for something else to read? Request a personal reading list at denverlibrary.org/reads

MAKE
Grow an indoor or outdoor plant, vegetables or flowers
Make art - draw, paint or sculpt
Cook something and share it
Build, make, or create something and upload it to the Maker Challenge

EXPLORE
Find virtual tours of museums from around the world
Try something new like food, a hairstyle, sport, etc.
Go geocaching.
To get started, visit denverlibrary.org/geocaching
Use your Foldscope to find and document plants and wildlife. Upload them to iNaturalist.org

Youth Serving Organizations
We welcome youth serving organizations, including daycare groups and non-profit organizations, to take part in the Summer of Adventure program. For a great experience, contact us at 720-865-111 or your local library branch. Please note that we will not offer programming at our branch locations for large groups this summer including youth serving organizations. For branch locations, hours, and contact information please visit: denverlibrary.org

Summer Meals Program
During the summer, select branch locations will offer healthy and delicious lunch meals for youth 18 and under.

MY Denver Card
The MY Denver Card gives youth ages 5-18 that are residents of Denver access to Denver Recreation Centers, pools and cultural facilities and also doubles as a library card. Restrictions and limitations vary for cultural attractions.

Elements of Summer of Adventure are subject to change based on the evolving COVID-19 response, please visit denverlibrary.org/COVID-19 for the most up-to-date information.