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## Summer of Learning 2021: Even more activity ideas!

**Need inspiration for more activities to do? Here are some ideas for each of our different learning tracks. You're also free to come up with your own activities that explore these themes.**

### Learn a new skill

What amazing new skills will you learn this summer? No dragon's ever too old to learn new tricks! You could learn to:

- Tie your shoe
- Parallel park
- Ride a bike
- Sew a button
- Map the constellations in the sky
- Juggle
- Practice a foreign language
- Edit a video
- Drive a stick shift
- Fix your bike chain
- Count to 100
- Tell time on a clock with hands
- Dunk a basketball
- Write in calligraphy
- Do a cartwheel
- Tackle your newspaper's crossword puzzles
- Write a computer program
- Find your way using a compass
- Wash your hands World Health Organization style
- Moonwalk

...or decide what you want to learn.

### Attend a virtual library program

Subscribe to Durham County Library on [YouTube](#) and follow us on [Facebook](#) to catch online storytimes, crafts, and more.

### Try an experiment

Get to tinkering this summer! Make awesome discoveries!

- Try a new recipe
- Make slime
- Start a container garden
- Find the best paper airplane design
- Play "will it sink or float?"
- Build a sculpture with household items
- Change your haircut
- Take a different route to get somewhere you go often
- Design the ultimate marble run
- Invent a secret code language
- Blow up a balloon with baking soda and vinegar
- Take a hot pepper challenge
- Make tie-dye
- Grow flowers to make your own bouquet
- Record the moon phases
- Vegan-ize a recipe
- Build and fly a kite
- Start your own home compost setup
- Try a new workout
- Find a citizen science project to help out with

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### Share, create, communicate

It's the perfect time to reach out to friends, family, and neighbors. Make new plans, share memories, and learn from each other.

- Make a card to send to a friend
- Document your walk on Instagram
- Swap recipes with a neighbor
- Learn family stories from a relative
- Make a list of 20 things you're grateful for
- Send a thank you-note to a healthcare worker
- Call a classmate
- Write a friendly note in sidewalk chalk for others to find
- Send messages in Morse code
- Create your own zine ([learn how](#))
- Do karaoke over video chat
- Play MadLibs
- Record an original song or poem
- Browse your family's yearbooks or old photos
- Start a newsletter
- Write a letter to [Xolo](#)
- Make a time capsule
- Research one of your ancestors
- Make a field recording of sounds near you
- Start a book club

...or find your own way to connect.

### Take a virtual tour

...of a museum, library, park, or other cultural institution. Explore new and familiar worlds online.

- Explore the [Google Arts & Culture](#) app
- View the [NCMA art gallery](#)
- Browse the archives of the [North Carolina Collection](#)
- Take a video tour of a botanical garden
- Participate in a digital workshop with the [Smithsonian National Portrait Gallery](#)
- Visit [Anne Frank's secret annex](#)
- Attend a virtual concert
- Explore [Atlas Obscura](#)
- Learn about animals at the [North Carolina Zoo](#)
- Take a field trip to [Ellis Island](#)
- Tour [Yellowstone National Park](#) (or any of the others)
- Visit the [Louvre](#)
- Learn to [identify neighborhood trees...](#)
- ...[or birds](#)
- Join [The Lab@Home](#) from Museum of Life & Science
- Go [dogsledding](#)
- Follow a [bear cam](#) throughout the summer
- Step aboard the [International Space Station](#)
- Join the Morehead Planetarium for a [skywatching session](#)
- Explore the [National Museum of African American History & Culture](#)

...or set out on your own journey!