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Adult Summer Reading Program 2021

(June 21 – August 26, 2021)

Activity Descriptions

Go to www.midlib.org to register, participate, and earn badges for chances to earn one of five prizes or the grand prize!

1. Folded Book Animal Craft Project

We have many, many donated books that have become orphaned (think Island of Misfit Toys in the Rudolph Christmas special) and we'd like to give them new life this summer. Sign up for a craft kit to make a Folded Book Animal; each kit will include instructions, and one book. Once your project is completed, post a picture of it on our Facebook page or send it to lfox@sailsinc.org and you'll earn one chance for a prize.

2. Tails & Tales

Complete any **two of the four** “Tails & Tales” activities described below and earn one chance for a prize. They are: 1. Read your child, grandchild or another child in your life a story that features a whale. 2. Describe what it was like when you were a child to have a story read to YOU. 3. Tell us about your favorite book as a child and what made it special to you. 4. Tell us about a favorite book you’ve read to your child, grandchild or another child in your life.

3. Books, Authors and More

Complete any **two of the four** “Books, Authors and More” activities described below and earn one chance for a prize. They are: 1. Tell us where and why you get recommendations on what to read next. From a friend/family member? A book review publication/website? Goodreads? Amazon? Your favorite librarian? ☺ 2. Read an author’s biography or autobiography. Tell us who you chose, and why. 3. Watch an author reading his/her work on YouTube. Tell us what/who you watched and why. 4. Find a favorite author on Facebook or Instagram, and like/follow their page. Tell us who you chose, and why.

4. Whale-Watching Activity

We live close to Plymouth and Cape Cod, both popular whale-watching ports of departure. Have you always wanted to go on a whale-watching tour and never done it? Make this the summer you make it happen. Schedule a tour and tell us a little bit about your experience. If you email a picture of yourself on the trip you’ll get an extra chance for a prize.

If you’ve already had the good fortune to take a whale-watching trip, tell us about it. Again, extra points if you have a photo from your trip you can email.

Send pictures to Libby Fox, lfox@sailsinc.org.



5. Novelist Activity

Visit the Novelist Plus page on our website and learn more about this fabulous resource. Pick one of your favorite authors and use the “read-alikes” feature to discover a few authors with books you might also enjoy. Enter **the names of your original author and two of the read-alike author names** you find on Novelist to earn one chance for a prize.

Go to www.midlib.org and click on the Novelist Plus link to get started.

6. Kahoot Online Trivia Activity

What the heck is a Kahoot, you ask? Kahoot is a trivia game that can be played by lots of people at once, as long as they receive an invitation. They can be live or spread out over several days or weeks.

We’ve prepared a Tails & Tales Kahoot on Fun Animal Facts, and will have spots for up to 50 devices (desktop computers, laptops and mobile devices). There's no limit on the number of people you can invite to play with you gathered around each device.

First, request an invite to play the Kahoot from Reference/Adult Services Librarian Libby Fox (lfox@sailsinc.org). After you’ve completed the game, email her your player name so she can give you credit for this activity. You’ll earn one chance for a prize. **You MUST complete this activity by July 18 when the game closes.**

7. Get to Know the Library Website

This activity invites you to learn more about features of our website that you may not be familiar with. Look for the answers to these questions and enter them to earn this badge. **You must provide all answers to all three questions to complete this activity for full credit and to earn one chance for a prize.**

- a. Log onto Consumer Reports through our website (you’ll need your library card number). Spend time looking through the site and tell us one thing you learned about a product you’re interested in buying that you didn’t know before.

- b. Find the link for the *Middleborough Antiquarian*. Find the November 1983 issue and tell us which two musicians are featured under the article headline, “Talented Musicians of Middleboro.”
- c. Find the link for “Library Newsletter” and tell us how many issues we published during the summer of 2020 -- including June, July and August.

Go to www.midlib.org to get started.

8. Atlantic White Shark Conservancy (AWSC) Program Attendance

Attend the July 19 AWSC program, “Awareness Inspires Conservation.” Email Reference/Adult Services Librarian Libby Fox, lfox@sailsinc.org, for the secret code and enter it to receive credit and earn one chance to win a prize.

9. Get to Know Middleboro History

This activity invites you to learn more about the local history section of our website that you may not be familiar with. Look for the answers to these three questions about Middleborough History and enter them to earn this badge. **You must provide answers to all three questions to complete this activity for full credit and receive one chance for a prize.**

- a. According to the 1904 annual report, how many volumes did the Library contain at that time? (Hint: look in the History of the Library.)
- b. Who was the vice principal of Middleborough High School in 1964 ? (Hint: look at the online yearbook collection.)
- c. What was the maiden name of Mary Hannah Sipolin’s mother? (Hint: look in the online Vital Records.)

Go to www.midlib.org to get started, and click on the “Local History” tab.



10. Friends of the Middleborough Public Library

Did you know a majority of the programs and services that you and your family have enjoyed over the years are made possible thanks to the generosity of our Friends of the Middleborough Public Library group?

Find their contact information on our website and request an information brochure, or pick one up the next time you visit the Library. Look through it and let us know about two specific activities or services that their fund-raising supports. You'll earn one chance for a prize.

You also can find this information in our "Library Lines" e-newsletters. If you don't already subscribe, consider doing so. You can read search through past issues here and sign up here: <https://www.midlib.org/library-newsletters>.

11. Niche Academy

Visit Niche Academy, one of the Library's online offerings. You'll find short, manageable video tutorials on everything from using LinkedIn for job seekers and accessing family genealogy records in Ancestry.com to learning about PowerPoint or Publisher to Twitter for People Who've Never Tweeted. Look around the site, choose something interesting that you'd like to learn more about and watch one or more videos about it. When you're finished, tell us a little about your topic and something new that you learned. You'll earn one chance for a prize.

Get started here: <https://my.nicheacademy.com/midlib>

12. Scary Tales

Tell us about a favorite ghost story or scary tale you heard as a child or told to kids as an adult around a campfire, late at night during a storm, or just to give someone else the willies. No need to repeat the whole story; just give us an idea of the storyline and what made it so scary for you. Your description will earn one chance for a prize.

13. Love Your Virtual Library

Complete any **two of the three** virtual library activities described below and earn one chance for a prize. They are: 1. Have you noticed that our online newsletter, “Library Lines,” has a new look? Tell us your favorite thing about the new look of the newsletter. If you need help remembering what the old ones looked like, compare the June 24, 2020 and the July 8, 2020 issues at <https://midlib.org/library-newsletters>. 2. Submit a program suggestion to Adult Services Librarian Libby Fox (lfox@sailsinc.org) for someone or something you'd like to see us offer here virtually. A favorite author? A how-to crafting session? All ideas welcome. 3. Check out an e-magazine from our newly expanded OverDrive magazine collection. Start at our website www.midlib.org and click on the OverDrive logo.

14. Family Staycation/Vacation Plans

With so many of us getting back to traveling now, tell us about someplace special to you and/or your family that you're looking forward to visiting again soon. If you prefer to “staycate” at home, let us know that, too. You'll earn one chance for a prize, and, **one extra chance if you email a photo of your special place, whether it's far away or in your own backyard. Pictures should be sent to Libby Fox, lfox@sailsinc.org.**

15. OverDrive/Libby App Usage

Check out a book (it can be an audio book or an e-book) using OverDrive through the Library's website at www.midlib.org or through the Libby app, which can be downloaded from your device's App Store. List the title of the book and a one- to two-sentence description of it to receive one prize chance for this activity.



16. Potpourri of Library Activities

Complete **two of the four** potpourri of Library activities and earn one chance for one prize. They are: 1. Write a review of a book about an animal (fiction or nonfiction) and email it to lfox@sailsinc.org. (With your permission, we may use it on our Facebook page.) 2. Stream a movie/TV series about animals (real or fictional) from OverDrive and let us know which one you watched and whether or not you'd recommend it to someone else. 3. Encourage a non-Library user you know to sign up online for a Library card and let us know if he/she did. 4. Check out a bird-watching guide from our collection and let us know what birds you spotted using your guide.

17. Adult Coloring Sheets

Request the owl, crow and hummingbird adult coloring sheets from Libby Fox, lfox@sailsinc.org, or pick them up at the Library. Complete all three sheets and drop them off or email them back to Libby. Let us know if you give us permission to display your artwork in the Library, and if so, with or without your name. When we've received all three, you'll earn one chance for a prize.

18. Social Media Activity

Complete **one or more of the four** social media challenges described below and earn a chance for a prize. They are: 1. Put a "Why I love my Library" post on your Facebook page and use the hashtag #IloveyMPL. 2. Tweet something you love about the Library using hashtag #IloveyMPL. 3. Post a Library-related photo on your Instagram account with the hashtag #IloveyMPL. 4. Make a TikTok video and post it using hashtag #IloveyMPL.

19. Post-Pandemic Lessons

Now that the COVID-19 pandemic seems to be more in our rear-view mirror than something we're facing many more months of, we can reflect a little on what that time was like. Tell us in one paragraph something you learned that will change the way you live your life, going forward. Earn one chance for a prize.

Thank you for your interest in the 2021
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For questions or more information, please
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Librarian Libby Fox at 508/946-2470 or
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