



# Tails and Tales

## Summer Reading 2021

- Summer Reading programming offers substantive content to address students' educational needs, as well as provide entertainment and fun!
- Summer Reading helps combat the "summer slide," when some students may lose as much as 20% of their school-year gains in reading and math.
- Summer Reading is offered at all 10 locations of the Huntsville-Madison County Public Library.
- Summer Reading is accessible and free to all!
- HMCPL coordinates with local schools to provide print, ebook, and audio copies of required and suggested Summer Reading titles.
- In a typical year (pre-pandemic), Summer Reading reaches over 40,000 children.
- In the Summer of 2020:
  - Summer Reading attendees enjoyed over 5,800 views of YouTube storytimes, craft demos, and STEM experiments.
  - 11,000 Take & Make Craft Bags were distributed.
  - 2,200 reading logs were returned.
  - 10 outdoor Pop-Events were hosted in partnership with Huntsville Parks & Recreation.
  - HMCPL partnered with several existing school feeding programs to pass out materials at food pack pickup sites, including distributing 2,500 free paperback books.

