

A photograph of children in a classroom setting, focused on using tablets. A large teal circle is overlaid in the center, containing the title text. The background is slightly blurred, showing the children's hands and faces as they interact with the devices. The overall scene is bright and educational.

Beyond  
e-Storytimes:  
Virtual Programs and  
Services for Youth





# Hello!

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# Overview

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Be a beacon of support  
with intentional  
messaging





**POSITIVE**

Brief increases in heart rate,  
mild elevations in stress hormone levels.



**TOLERABLE**

Serious, temporary stress responses,  
buffered by supportive relationships.

**TOXIC**

Prolonged activation of stress  
response systems in the absence  
of protective relationships.

*Infographic courtesy of The  
Center For The Developing  
Child at Harvard University.*





*There's a subtle expectation that parents must find creative ways to handle this on their own. My inbox, social media feeds, and countertops are filled with creative ideas for educating and caring for your kids. Workbooks, games, creative projects and experiments, virtual yoga, virtual doodling, virtual Zoo visits, virtual everything.*

*I honestly am too tired and stretched thin to read the suggestions, let alone try them. The few I have tried have been met with astounding and fierce rejection by my son.*

*"The Parents Are Not All Right," by Chloe Cooney for Medium  
(4/5/2020)*





*“The more we throw at parents with the message of ‘do this...it's good for your kids,’ the greater the stress and risk of shame we lay on families who are all just trying to do the best they can.*

*Remove our sense of privilege and try to see the situation from their perspective. Some parents are still working and having to homeschool their children. For some, access to the internet isn't a sure thing.*

*How are we supporting those families?”*

“Digital Storytime, Screen Time and Intentionality - Oh My” by Sue Abrahamson, Head of Youth Services at the Waupaca (WI) Area Public Library, for Youth Services Shoutout (4/6/2020)

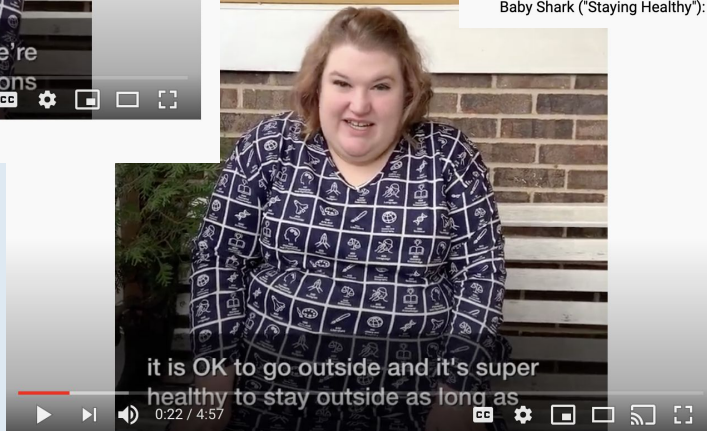




Our Emotions – Storytime Rhyme



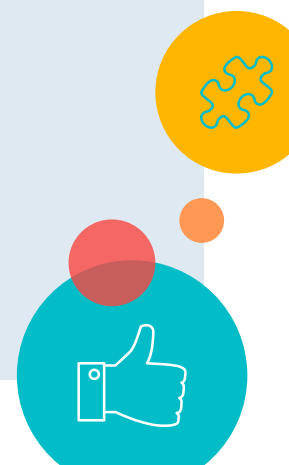
Baby Shark ("Staying Healthy"): Storytime Rhyme



Hippity-Hop and Hippity-Hay: Storytime Rhyme

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## Lincolnwood Public Library

April 7 at 10:00 AM · 🌐

Librarian Kevin is taking this opportunity to spend some special time with his baby, Nora. Do you have a baby at home? Does your older child have a favorite stuffed animal to use as their 'baby?' Would they like to 'play' at being your baby again? That's okay, let them join the fun—it's a good stress reliever for kids to want to pretend to be younger again. Join us, Tuesday mornings, for a new rhyme each week.



This is a challenging and emotional time for us all, but we are a strong and loving community . . . even though we are physically separated for an unknown amount of time, we will get through this together.

The resources provided below are intended to help you and your family manage the stressors of our present daily lives.

For questions/comments/etc., please don't hesitate to contact me directly at [asantori@lincolnwoodlibrary.org](mailto:asantori@lincolnwoodlibrary.org).

Sending you all a big, virtual hug!

Love you and miss you,

Ms. Ann

## Helpful Resources

**The confusion and uncertainty of this time can be especially hard on children. Here are some resources for helping your child(ren) through:**

["Supporting Children in the Struggle Against COVID-19" webinar](#)

["How To Talk To Your Kids About Coronavirus"](#)

[Breathe Like a Bear: 30 Mindful Moments For Kids To Feel Calm and Focused Anytime, Anywhere by Kira Willey](#)

[Breathe, Mama, Breathe by Shonda Moralis](#)

[Meditation Is An Open Sky: Mindfulness For Kids by Whitney Stewart](#)

[Britannica for Parents](#)



Lincolnwood Public Library

March 31 at 4:30 PM · 🌐

Give me a break! Check out our new, bi-weekly video series where Lincolnwood Library's Early Literacy Specialist, Ms. Ann, shows you how to harness the benefits of free play for your child(ren) with simple set-up instructions that will leave you free to take a much-needed self-care break!



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**Ideas for Free Play with Ms. Ann: Ribbon Pull Lids**

A bi-weekly series video series where Lincolnwood Library's Early...



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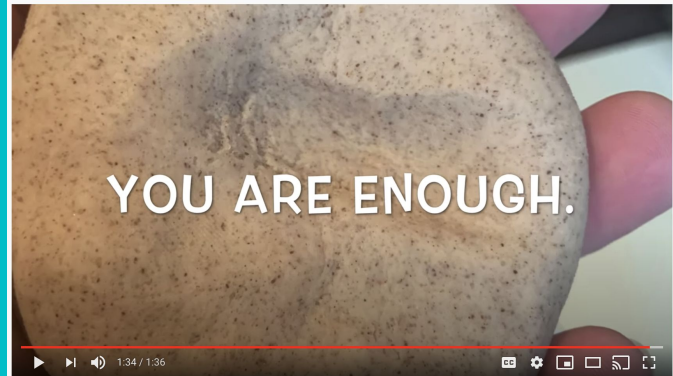


Ideas For Free Play With Ms. Ann: Animal Tape Rescue  
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Create a program that  
has minimal time  
requirements for  
families





## Personal Inspiration: Working during a pandemic

Balancing act  
Additional workload  
Information overload  
Feelings of inferiority  
Mental stress  
Monotony of daily schedules



# GOALS

Provide activities that require the least amount of time for families

Personally reconnect with individuals

Make people happy







**CHALK DOODLE FOR YOU**







# ENGAGEMENT

1. Write personalized chalk messages from our own homes and share them via email
2. Write general messages to the public and share them via social media
3. Encourage patrons to share their messages back to us



# PURPOSE

Patrons: Easy and quick 5-question form

## Chalk Doodle for You

Request a special hello from a friendly face at Vernon Area Library for your family.

Just send your children's name(s) and favorite things. We'll create a sidewalk chalk message personalized for them and send you a photo via email. (Limit 3 children per request, please.)

Fulfillment takes about a week (weather and chalk supply permitting!)





# PURPOSE

- Patrons: Provide individualized service in time of impersonal virtual connection
- Staff: Provide work activity for non-programming library staff



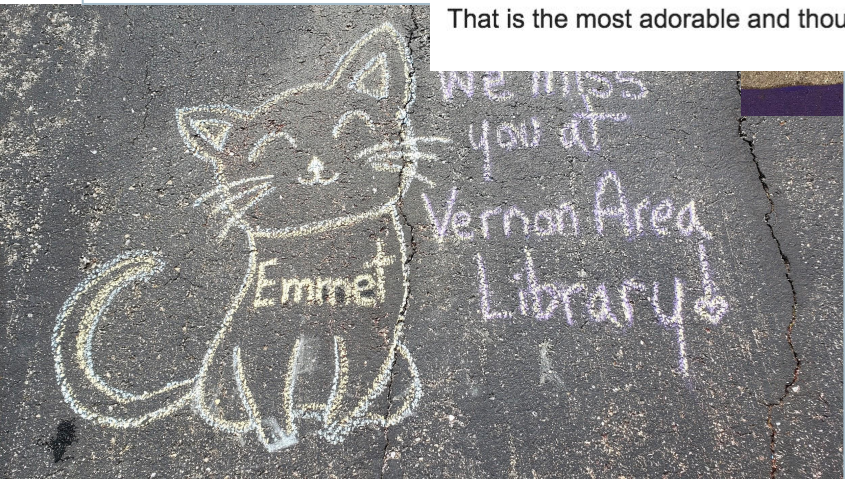




Margaret [REDACTED]

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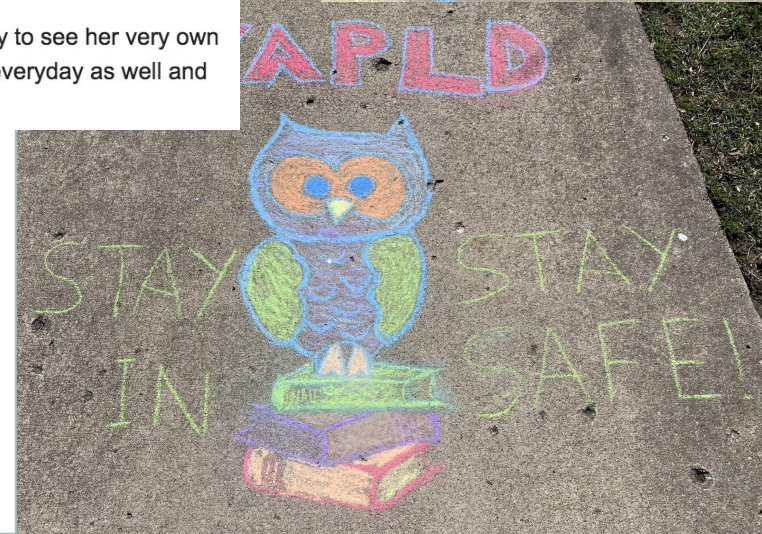
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to me ▾

Thank you very much. We really appreciate it. Elyanah is so happy to see her very own Elyanah-A-saurus. We have been watching the virtual story time everyday as well and really appreciate everything you guys are doing for us.





# PEN PAL WITH A LIBRARIAN



# PURPOSE

Anticipation upon arrival, tangible connection with a physical letter

Connect families back to the library by replicating informal conversations that they would share when visiting the library.

Share a favorite e-book or e-resource in each letter based on the child's interest or age.





OVERCOMING  
OBSTACLES

Privacy of  
employees

Privacy of  
patrons

Supplies



Seamlessly transfer  
in-person programs  
to virtual programs





# SPRING READ & SHARE

MARCH 17 - JUNE 30





## Spring Read and Share Overview

- READsquared
- All Ages
- Share Books and reviews
- Missions for further engagement





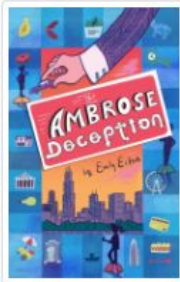
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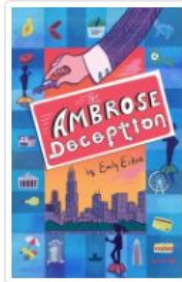


### Youth - Bluestem Award 2021 eAudiobooks

These books are great for kids in grades 3-5. These eAudiobooks can be downloaded from Axis 360. The Bluestem Young Readers' Book Award is an annual award ...

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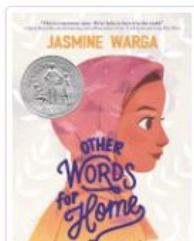


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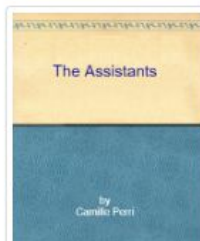
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### Youth - Poetry & Novels-in-Verse

This list contains ebooks and eaudiobooks for kids of poetry and novels-in-verse from our Overdrive and Axis 360 collections.



### Adult ebooks on Overdrive

Ebooks for adults on the Libby Overdrive app recommended by librarians.





# Participant Reading Recommendations

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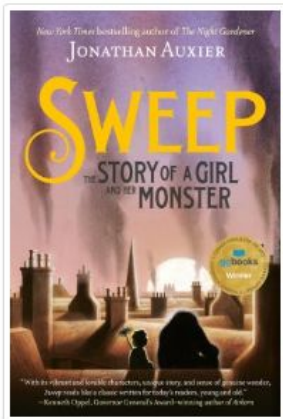
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All Reviews ▾

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**(Book reviews must be approved by the library before they become available)**



## Sweep The Story Of A Girl And Her Monster

by Jonathan Auxier



What a delightful historical fantasy. This book is featured on the Bluestem list this year, and I can see why the committee chose it. It is action driven, has delightful characters, including the sweetest monster named Charlie, and the setting is well imagined. I recommend it for kids and adults alike!

[View in Library Catalog](#)

[GoodReads Reviews](#)






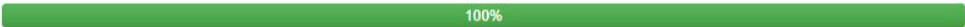
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### Missions

Our librarians have put together several activities to do at home.


 **Celebrate National Poetry Month**

Pick one of these activities to complete to celebrate National Poetry Month from home!

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# Missions



## Youth

Create a rainbow out of shapes (such as hearts, circles, triangles, etc) to put in your window

Read a graphic novel and create your own four-panel comic

Can you find a robin during a walk? Watch the robin until it finds a worm

## Teen

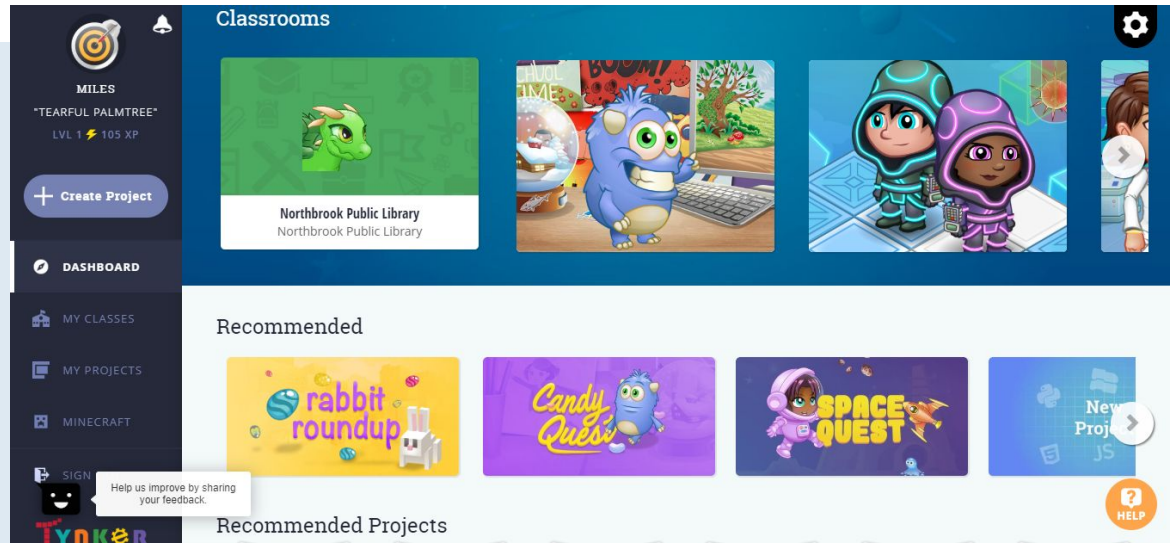
Host a virtual party for your friends

Listen to an audiobook on Hoopla

Submit to teen zine



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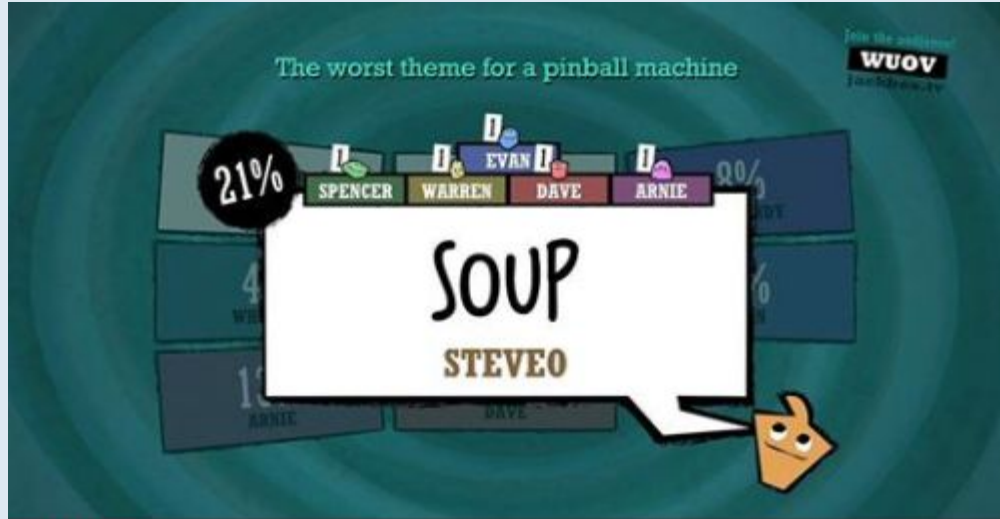


Grants available for schools and libraries:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSebnn8LJ4rCJgUeRAhGDB-2Aqh7j6Xx9lbOXRmB7CtxCHqfug/viewform>



# Gaming



THU, APR 9

## Virtual Jackbox Games (Grades 4-12)

Northbrook Public Library · Northbrook

★ Interested

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Gaming



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# Thanks!

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