

# 100 Summer Reading Program Ideas

Provided by the Youth Services Department of Bethlehem Public Library

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	Program Name	Description	Ages	Space Needed	Website, resource, etc	Categories
1	Alien abduction lamp	A lamp from inexpensive supplies that depicts an alien abduction scene. To keep the cost down, get creative and use even cheaper items to create this project.	tweens / teens	Medium to large space needed.	<a href="http://dollarstorecrafts.com/2009/03/alien-lamp/">http://dollarstorecrafts.com/2009/03/alien-lamp/</a>	More than \$.02 but out of this world.
2	American Girl salon party	Change up that ordinary party by giving it a new theme. Try a hair salon party. Go over hygiene, the difference between doll and human hair, and some basic hairstyles. Have the participants make their own hair pieces for themselves and their dolls. Make sure to give them plenty of time to create new hair updos on their dolls and each other.	ages 5-9	Very little space needed.		Nearly free and lots of fun.
3	Animal hospital	Get your staff or volunteers on board to be stuffed-animal veterinarians. Invite the children to bring a favorite stuffed animal for a one-on-one check-up. Use old sheets, strips of paper, or streamers as bandages. If you have some available, use cheap band-aids. Give each animal's owner a prescription stating what was wrong with the animal and steps to make it feel better, such as give it a kiss, hug, read it a story, sing a song, etc. Talk to kids about how to keep their stuffed friends healthy and happy. If you have the funds, purchase a couple of kids' doctor kits to make it look more official. Make a waiting room section with some coloring sheets, books, or other activities to do. Read a few books on animals and the hospital or show Bark George.	ages 3-8	Medium to large space needed.		Free and easy.
4	Animal sleepover	It's a stuffed animal sleepover at the library. Each kid is allowed to drop off one stuffed animal to join in the nightly fun. Fill out animal nametags with owner contact information. Use (teen) volunteers to pose the stuffed animals having fun or with books and take the pictures of the event. Display the pictures on the library's website or in-house.	ages 3-8	No space needed!		Free and easy.
5	Animé club	Invite your teens and tweens to cosplay and enjoy their favorite animé at your library. Have some dvd and laptops available. Enrich it by learning about Japanese culture or Japanese language. There is a PS game that includes Taiko Drums, which can be kind of fun to try. If you have the funds, you can try some Japanese food.	tweens / teens	Very little space is needed.		Nearly free and lots of fun.
6	Are you an architectural genius?	Create a skyscraper that has the strength and stability to hold more weight than any of the others. Work alone or in groups. Your supplies: Newspaper. Some tape. Lots of brain-power.	ages 5+	Very little space is needed.		Nearly free and lots of fun
7	Are you smarter than a 5th grader?	Youth vs Adults. Display the game questions on large paper or project them on the wall/screen using PowerPoint. If you have the funds, this game is available on most gaming systems as well as on DVD. This is a great family game night activity.	families	Larger space is needed for game participants and audience.		Free and easy.

8	Attack of the Stay Puff Marshmallow	Divide the participants into groups. One is selected to be the marshmallow guy/girl, who will put on a cheap painter's suit and goes to stand on the opposite side of the room. Teams are given 100 balloons; they have 5 minutes to fully blow up as many as possible. As soon as a balloon is blown up and tied, a team member gets it to the marshmallow guy as quickly as possible. Each team member may only carry one balloon to the marshmallow guy at a time. Several team members may race to the opposite side at the same time. The marshmallow guy, who is not allowed to blow up or tie the balloons, will stuff those balloons into their suit. Only the marshmallow guy is allowed to put the balloons into his suit for safety concerns. At the ring of the 5 minute bell, the marshmallow man must waddle back to their team and back to their original spot (hopefully without popping any balloons). The number of balloons in the suit is then counted. The team with the most balloons in the suit that are still fully blown up wins the attack. Pair this game with other balloon games, some challenges from Minute to Win It or Silent Library for a hilarious good time.	tweens / teens	Larger space is needed. Take this outdoors.	For other balloons games, check out some balloon books or search online. Some ideas found at <a href="http://wilderdom.com/games/descriptions/games/balloons.html">http://wilderdom.com/games/descriptions/games/balloons.html</a>	More than \$.02 but hilarious fun.
9	Avengers	COSTUMES!!!! Invite your kids to come in costume of their favorite super hero. Have a contest- often local comics shops will give you some freebies to give away. Show Jeff Smith's video on making comics or watch a superhero movie.	kids	Very little space is needed.		Nearly free and lots of fun.
10	Battle of the books	Kids and teens read select books for their age category, then come together to battle it out over related book questions. Teams earn points for each correct answer. Team with the highest points wins the battle. Prizes: depending on budget - use donated books in excellent condition, donations from local businesses, certificates of victory, etc.	ages 8+	Larger space is needed for game participants and audience.		Free and easy.
11	Big BIG animals	Craft the biggest animals (tissue box whale, thumbprint giraffe, elephant, etc.).	ages 3+	Small space is needed.	Oriental Trading has a cute whale you can create at <a href="http://www.orientaltrading.com/pdf/PT892.pdf">http://www.orientaltrading.com/pdf/PT892.pdf</a> . Need some inspiration for the giraffe look at <a href="http://www.billybear4kids.com/Learn2Draw/FingerPrints/Giraffe.shtml">http://www.billybear4kids.com/Learn2Draw/FingerPrints/Giraffe.shtml</a> . Elephant ideas look at <a href="http://www.dltk-kids.com/animals/elephants.htm">http://www.dltk-kids.com/animals/elephants.htm</a>	Nearly free and lots of fun.
12	BIG friends	Host a friendship event as a single event or a continuing program throughout the summer. Invite people to create a link for your friendship chain and see how long you can make it. Include stories about friends or a fun movie like Disney's Toy Story or The Fox and the Hound. Make the chains out of paper strips and have participants write traits of good friends or names their good friends.	Families	Small space is needed.		Free and easy.
13	Big hair day / Crazy hair day	Do a storytime about big hair, crazy hair, silly hair. Then make a hat with fake hair or a face on a craft stick with crazy hair. Use tinsel, streamers, shredded paper, whatever you have around.	ages 3-6	Small space is needed.		Free and easy.
14	Big little animals	Make the littlest animals oversized.	ages 3+	Small space is needed.		Nearly free and lots of fun.
15	Big rigs	Most little kids love trucks and what's better than a big rig? Conduct a storytime on these oversize vehicles. Contact a local trucking company to provide your group with a truck to look at and enjoy. Construct your own big rig to use at a program using extra large boxes (refrigerator size max), paint, and other items, then have the kids go for a ride around the room.	ages 3-8	Medium to large space needed.		Nearly free and lots of fun!

16	Big top circus / carnival	Get your teens or other volunteers together to run a variety of carnival games. Use what you have on hand or can easily borrow for the following games: ring toss, ball and bucket toss, pin the nose on the clown, tin can toss, hula hoop contest, duck pond, and the popular pingpong ball and fish bowl toss. Give out tickets (homemade or purchased) at each game station, which can be redeemed at the prize table. Have a table to make animal masks, teach juggling, or paint faces. The whole event will be enjoyable for families with kids and teens of all ages, especially when you bring out the clowns (library staff or well known community members).	all ages	Large space is needed. Take this outdoors.	Sites like Oriental Trading have carnival game items and raffle tickets for purchase.	Nearly free and lots of fun!
17	BIG words	Online vocabulary contest- each week. Post a new BIG word and kids send in their most creative sentences. The winner will receive an extra summer reading treat and have his/her sentence posted online. Don't have the time to put it online? Try old-fashioned paper entries. This style of entering submissions could also be used for a poetry contest or a spooky stories contest .	ages 6-10	No space is needed!	Need an online version to view and copy, contact Bethlehem at youthservices@bplkids.org	No space needed.
18	Black light party	Get out those blacklights for a glowing good time. Make glow-in-the-dark goop to play with, serve glow-in-the-dark drinks, jello stars, etc. Make glow-in-the-dark charms or jewelry using glow-in-the-dark pony beads. Encourage participants to bring black t-shirts to decorate with glow-in-the-dark fabric paints. Participants can wear glow-in-the-dark, such as nail polish, lipsticks, hair sprays, and clothing. If you have a lot of natural light shining into the room, cover the windows using black tablecloth or paper.	ages 8+	Small space is needed.	Goop can be found at <a href="http://domesticcharm.blogspot.com/2011/1/0/glow-in-dark-slime.html">http://domesticcharm.blogspot.com/2011/1/0/glow-in-dark-slime.html</a> . To make the drinks use tonic water. Add tonic water to jello to make them glow. See <a href="http://www.ourbestbites.com/2010/09/kids-in-the-kitchen-glow-in-the-dark-food-magic-colors-and-giant-bubbles/">http://www.ourbestbites.com/2010/09/kids-in-the-kitchen-glow-in-the-dark-food-magic-colors-and-giant-bubbles/</a>	More than \$.02 by dazzling.
19	Board games come alive	Make the games we grew up playing big style by using your participants as "live"game pieces. Try a "live" big style game of checkers, chess, Clue, Monopoly, etc.	ages 5+ / families	Larger space is needed for game participants and audience.	For an example on how to do the Clue game, see <a href="http://www.cplrmh.com/clue.html">http://www.cplrmh.com/clue.html</a>	Nearly free and lots of fun.
20	Book bingo	Addendum to summer reading or a small replacement- create a bingo board (or email us for ours) that includes genres, suggestions and encouragement for reading. Have funds or items around that could be used for prizes for completed BINGO boards or raffle tickets for a drawing.	ages 5-10	No space is needed!	Save yourself time and use Bethlehem's BINGO card; request a copy at youthservices@bplkids.org	Free and easy.
21	Book buddies	Little Buddies (kids in grade K-5) read to big Buddies (teens) to build reading skills and self-confidence. Train teens (volunteers) to give tips for helping little buddies build self esteem and literacy skills.	teen / ages 5-11	Very little space is needed.		Free & easy.
22	Book swap	Bring a Book. Take a Book! Bring in your gently used books to swap with others.	all ages	Very little space is needed.		Free & easy.
23	Bookmark contest	Have your kids design and enter original bookmarks. Choose some winners to scan and print on cardstock- now you'll have bookmarks to give away. Winners get copies of their bookmarks and a congratulatory letter.	age 3-18	No space is needed!		Nearly free and lots of fun.
24	Bottle cap keychain	Decorate bottle caps with sequins, beads, other embellishments, then seal them with resin. Make them into keychains or magnets. One bottle of resin goes a long way.	tweens / teens	Very little space is needed.	From the book Alternacrafts: 20+Hi-Style Lo-Budget Projects to Make by Jessica Vitkus	Nearly free and lots of fun.
25	Bubbles galore	Who doesn't love bubbles? This summer go big and have the kids make their own gigantic bubble wands simply using string strung through two straight straws. Use the straws as the handles to lower the wand into the bubbly mixture and see the enormous results. Pipe cleaners also make great wands. They could be molded into a variety of shapes or twisted with other pipe cleaners for a larger wand. Have fun creating other wands with materials you more than likely have lying around. Have a hula hoop and a plastic baby pool?	all ages	Take this game outdoors.	For more bubble wand ideas search online or check out these sites: <a href="http://babyparenting.about.com/od/activitie_sandplay/tp/bubble-wands.htm">http://babyparenting.about.com/od/activitie_sandplay/tp/bubble-wands.htm</a> ; <a href="http://www.ehow.com/how_4424021_make-bubble-wands.html">http://www.ehow.com/how_4424021_make-bubble-wands.html</a> ; <a href="http://www.creativekidsathome.com/activities/activity_100.shtml">http://www.creativekidsathome.com/activities/activity_100.shtml</a>	Nearly free and lots of fun.

26	Cake pops	Bake and decorate cake pops, then take them home or eat them on the spot. You'll need an electric cake pop maker or baking pans and an oven.	tweens / teens	Little space is needed. Oven may be needed.		More than \$.02 but delicious.
27	Catwalk / Fashion show / Walk of fame	Invite tweens and teens to wear their coolest or weirdest outfits, or to make some clothes out of duct tape, toilet paper, and other items you have lying around. They can strut their stuff on your stage or imaginary runway. You can even assign some teens to play paparazzi and get some cool shots of the models. Create the catwalk by outlining some space on the floor with a string of Christmas lights.	tweens / teens	Little space is needed.		Free and easy
28	Chess club	Learn and enjoy this classic game. Find some local teens or adults to be expert guests and invest in some boards. You can purchase cheap ones at the Dollar store or buy some nicer boards for longer term use. If you have some laptops, bring those in with chess games so they can play man vs machine.	kids or teens	Little space is needed.		Nearly free and lots of fun.
29	Constellations	On black paper draw a picture with white chalk, then stick on metallic gummy stars to turn it into a picture of a constellation. If you have more funds, purchase glow-in-the-dark paint.	ages 5+	Little space is needed.		More than \$.02 but sparkling.
30	Cooking	Look to local specialists to cook up a variety of foods with your kids. Contact local Food Co-ops or Cornell Cooperative Extension (Nutrition Educator) to be your presenters. Most times these outreach people provide all the ingredients to make your program scrumdiddlyumptious and free.	ages5+	Small space is needed. Kitchen appliances may be needed based on what is prepared.		More than \$.02 but yummy.
31	Cooks & books	Celebrate the Dog Days of Summer by making a treat for your furry friend. Make a great doggie pizza recipe without peanuts (allergies!) and meat, which is not hard to do and requires minimal cooking space. Paired it with Clifford or easily tie it into Wimpy Kid, Calvin Coconut or any other dog-crazy book character.	age 3-12	Little space is needed.	Dog pizza recipe found in The Ultimate Dog Treat Cookbook by Liza Palika.(Page52)	More than \$.02 but dazzling.
32	Craft-a-palooza	Have leftover craft items from previous programs? Have a mish-mosh of crafts for participants to make. This gets rid of those items you no longer want to store and makes room for upcoming program supplies.	ages 3+	Medium to large space needed.		Free and easy.
33	Crazy hat day	Schedule this when the Saratoga track season opens. There are lots of hat books for storytime; then make your own hats w/ construction paper or bowls.	ages 3+	Small space is needed.	Have the funds, Oriental Trading has top hats and cone hats to decorate. <a href="http://www.orientaltrading.com">http://www.orientaltrading.com</a>	Free and easy
34	Creative stitches	Participants learn the art of embroidery. Contact the Embroiderers' Guild of America to find their local chapter. They have wonderful youth programs and would possibly be willing to provide free training to your kids and teens.	ages 9+	Larger space is needed.	Embroiderers' Guild website is <a href="http://www.egausa.org/index.html">http://www.egausa.org/index.html</a> . The Capital District chapter is <a href="http://www.nycapega.org/">http://www.nycapega.org/</a>	Nearly free and lots of fun.
35	Cupcake cram	Bake and decorate cupcakes, and then eat them! Cupcakes can be decorated in themes and voted on for best-looking ones.	tweens / teens	Little space is needed. Oven is needed.		More than \$.02 but dazzling.
36	Dance & fitness	Local business owners and teachers would make fantastic presenters. Most will donate their time for library programs. Try contacting a local Balletone, Tai Chi, Yoga or Zumba instructor to get your kids, tweens and teens moving.	all ages	Large space is needed. Take this outdoors.		Free and easy.
37	Design your own pillowcase	Have participants bring a pillowcase to decorate. Have a variety of fabric paint, markers, and embellishments to use. Have glow-in-the-dark fabric paint on hand to use.	ages 8+	Small space is needed.		More than \$.02 but dazzling.

38	Dog days of summer (Paws to read)	Invite kids to cuddle up and read with a lovable dog for a "pawsitive" experience. Provide books of all reading levels. Contact Therapy Dog International for referrals to certified therapy dogs and handlers in your area.	ages 5+	Very little space is needed.	<a href="http://www.tdi-dog.org/">http://www.tdi-dog.org/</a>	Free and easy
39	Drama-rama	It's show-time. Find a college theatre major to run your program (or do it yourself). Recruit some teens or older kids to stage a show. There's almost always a skit in the summer reading manual or you can troll the 800's for a play (make sure to check public performance rights). Great program that covers multiple sessions and the final performance can be a fun family event. Costumes are easy to do when performers are responsible for putting together their own. Animals in the play - have the performers make simple face masks with a variety of items you have on hand or get out the face paint.	ages 9+	Larger space is needed for players and audience. Take this program outside.		Free and easy
40	Dream journal	Buy composition books and decoupage them with anything and everything (pictures from magazines or scraps of this and that), provide markers and pens for doodling. If you can't afford composition notebooks, make your own using paper, cereal boxes for a sturdy cover, and staple or tie together.	ages 5+	Very little space is needed.		Nearly free & lots of fun
41	Dreamcatchers	Make your own dreamcatchers. You can make this from yarn and beads or buy some kits. Bring in some books about dream interpretation and talk about some myths that can ensure good dreams. No peanut butter before bedtime! (or is it you should eat it? I can never remember)	kids or teens	Small space is needed.		More than \$.02 but dazzling.
42	Dreamscape craft	The littlest ones can make cottonball sheep, the older ones can illustrate their dreams with collage.	ages 3+	Small space is needed.		Nearly free and lots of fun.
43	Embellishly chic	Create one-of-a-kind fashion prints using markers, fabric swatches and decorative embellishments. Bring a plain t-shirt to decorate.	all ages	Not a lot of space is needed. Bring this project outdoors.		Nearly free and lots of fun.
44	Facepainting	Learn the basics of design and color when painting faces. Have the kids create their designs on paper first and then work on transferring to skin. Have plenty of facepainting books on hand.	ages 5+	Very little space is needed.		Nearly free & lots of fun
45	Fancy Nancy stargazer party	Build your program around Stellar Stargazer. Make star mobiles and constellation pictures using black paper, chalk to draw a shape, then place gummy stars on it to make it a constellation. If it glitters or has feathers you can make it Fancy!	ages 3-8	Very little space is needed.		Nearly free and lots of fun.
46	Fictionary	Are you good at bluffing? Bring your thinking cap and your stone face as you try to bluff your way through this game of made-up word definitions. Participants make up definitions of unfamiliar words found in a dictionary. The person leading the game will write down the correct definition. This person then reads them all out, while the others try to guess which one is the correct answer. Find some of those bizarre words in popular fiction books.	ages 8+	Very little space is needed for a small group. A larger space is needed for participants and audience if you would like to make it a game show.		Free and easy
47	Frozen Ts	Divide the participants into teams. You will need a frozen t-shirt for each team. A day or two before the program, submerge a t-shirt in a tray or container full of water, and freeze. The first team to have a team member put the t-shirt on over their own shirt will be the winner. Don't have a t-shirt to use? Try socks, with each pair divided and frozen separately...only one may be chiseled or smashed out at a time. Make up your own rules on what they can and cannot do to get the item out of the ice, such as smashing it against the building or sidewalk. Pair this with other fun outdoor games.	ages 8+	Take this game outdoors.		More than \$.02 but a chillin' good time.

48	Fuse beads	Create your own glow-in-the-dark bead art.	ages 5 and up	Very little space is needed	Search for "Perler Beads Glow in the Dark Activity Bucket" online	More than \$.02 but dazzling.
49	Game on! Gaming program (or You got owned!)	Use whatever games you have available. Board games, consoles, computers and action games. Everything is fair play. Allow free play and intersperse it with challenges. If you don't have any games, start small and slowly build up your collection. Asking for donated family games will also help you to build up a wide range board games. Your library system may have some gaming consoles available for loan.	all ages	Larger space is needed		Free and easy
50	Gaming for grandparents	This is a great collaborative program Adult Services department or a local retirement community. Invite your teen volunteers or tech-savy older kids to be technology teachers for seniors in your community. Put out laptops with access to common social networking sites like Facebook and Twitter, use any gaming equipment you have (your library system may have some for loan) and have some quick reference guides for texting terms.	ages 11+	Medium to large space needed.		Free and easy
51	Glow jars	For glow jars, add ink from a highlighter into a jar filled with water, seal tightly with the lid. Do the highlighter ink craft with older participants, for some inks may be toxic if swallowed. There is also another version in the Teen section of the SRP manual.	ages 10+	Small space is needed.	Online searches will also result in numerous directions, such as <a href="http://www.cometogetherkids.com/2011/07/glow-in-dark-firefly-jar.html">http://www.cometogetherkids.com/2011/07/glow-in-dark-firefly-jar.html</a>	Nearly free and lots of fun.
52	Glow-in-the-dark art show	Artwork using black paper and G-I-D chalk, play dough, paint, or beads.	all ages	Very little space is needed.	Martha Stewart makes a G-I-D glitter	More than \$.02 but stunning.
53	Glow-in-the-dark firefly jars	Create fireflies in a jar to light your room at night. Use jars of any size and flick glow-in-the-dark paint inside. Don't have jars? Use clear plastic party cups. Can also be Stars in a Jar craft: make star shapes inside the container. If you have the funds, a cute firefly jar (with glowstick) craft kit can be purchased from Oriental Trading	ages 5+	Small space is needed.	Online searches will also result in numerous directions, such as <a href="http://www.cometogetherkids.com/2011/07/glow-in-dark-firefly-jar.html">http://www.cometogetherkids.com/2011/07/glow-in-dark-firefly-jar.html</a> . For the kit, see <a href="http://www.orientaltrading.com/firefly-jar-craft-kit-a2-48_6737.fltr">http://www.orientaltrading.com/firefly-jar-craft-kit-a2-48_6737.fltr</a>	Nearly free and lots of fun.
54	Glow-in-the-dark storytime	Conduct a storytime while using blacklights. Wear clothes that really stand out under them. Use glow-in-the-dark felt board pieces to tell your stories. Have participants create their own glowing artwork using glow-in-the-dark beads, paints, etc. Give each child a glowing bracelet or necklace. Great as a night storytime. If held during the day and there is a lot of natural light shining into the room, cover the windows using black tablecloth or paper.	age 3+ with families	Small space is needed.		Nearly free and lots of fun.
55	Godzilla stomp	Who's bigger than Godzilla? Share the symbol of Japanese pop culture with a Godzilla night. (Make sure the movie is covered by your library's public movie license.) Have a trivia contest and award some prizes before the monster wreaks havoc on your library.	ages 8+	Large space is needed.		Nearly free and lots of fun.
56	Head, Shoulders, Knees, & Toes competition	Great for your pre-school kids or younger grade-schoolers. Have them practice this dance during storytime programs or at home and host a competition. Be creative- see who can dance the fastest, the slowest, lying down, on one foot, jumping or walking. Not challenging enough? Try it in another language. Make sure you have a hydration station for breaks and certificates for the winners. Do a family round and get those adults on the dance floor with the kids.	ages 3-8 / families	Larger space is needed for participants and audience.	Bethlehem has a great simple graphic of the moves if anyone would like a copy.	Free and easy
57	Healthy decathlon	Great for a healthy kids series or just a way to have fun. Set up 10 stations that test physical and mental wellness. Simple things like jumping jacks and sit-ups require no equipment and are free, or use jump ropes and hula hoops. Mental activities can include food models for creating balanced meals, memory games and scenario challenges. Everyone who completes all 10 activities receives a certificate of wellness.	ages 4-11	Larger space is needed. Try taking it outdoors.		Free and easy

58	Henna	This program can be tons of fun for a low price. You can buy henna powder pretty cheaply. Find some cool designs online and print them in black and white on regular paper. If you print very darkly you can apply a little baby oil to your skin and the ink will transfer making a nice stencil. the longer you leave the henna on, the darker the color gets and the longer it will last. Daub it with lemonade to help keep the paste from flaking until you're ready to take it off. Alternatively, talk to a local Hindu or Muslim temple or salon to see if someone would be willing to give a presentation and demonstration of the art of mendhi.	ages 9+	Very little space is needed.		Nearly free and lots of fun.
59	Home alone safety	The end of August heralds National Safe At Home week. Invite your local youth officer or other police personnel to talk about staying safe in your own home and how to prevent accidents and injury from outside forces. You can even follow-up with a little bingo to get the message home!	ages 5-10	Very little space is needed.		Free and easy
60	I Forgot Day	July 2nd is I Forgot Day. This is the day we send out greeting cards for all of the holidays and birthdays we missed over the year. Using construction paper or cardstock as a base, you can put out left-over craft supplies from all of your themed programs throughout the year. Have some leftover shamrocks or witches? Perfect place to use them. Also a great time to show kids how to address an envelope. If you have money to spend, pay the postage for each child to send 1 card.	all ages	Small space is needed.		Free and easy
61	Improv	What's better than a spontaneous free-flowing program? Host an Improv comedy show performance. Include a mix of scenes, games, characters, and hilarity for your participants and audience members. Gather some props for the participants to use. Never seen an improv show? Watch the hilarious tv improv show Whose Line Is It Anyway on Youtube.	tweens / teens		Example of Whose Line Is It Anyway? skits at <a href="http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_games_from_Whose_Line_Is_It_Anyway%3F">http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_games_from_Whose_Line_Is_It_Anyway%3F</a>	
62	International Spy Day	Spies are super cool! You can purchase decoder rings and crack codes (or make your own decoder wheels). You can pull out the old costume chest and have your kids put together super disguises. Use a combination of cocoa powder and scotch tape with some make-up brushes and you have a homemade fingerprinting kit. Try some look-and-find puzzles to work on observation skills.	ages 5+	Very little space is needed.	Try this site for some fun spy gadgets, crafts, and more! <a href="http://www.topspyssecrets.com/">http://www.topspyssecrets.com/</a>	Nearly free and lots of fun
63	Kindergarten bootcamp	Kindergarten readiness is a huge undertaking so look to running a program series or have individual sessions. Set up a circuit training room where each station builds a skill that is important for kindergarten. Everything from alphabet and number practice to tying shoes and buttoning coats is fair game.	pre-K	Very little space is needed.	If you are interested in Bethlehem's activities, contact <a href="mailto:youthservices@bplkids.org">youthservices@bplkids.org</a>	Free and easy
64	Lego club	Either set aside some funds to invest in some legos or put out a call to your community for donations. Host regular gatherings. There are a couple of local lego-stars that might be willing to visit and talk about building basics or your teen volunteers might be good at that. Want to keep this program open to all ages, look at having Megabloks (extra large size) available for the little ones.	ages 5+	Larger space is needed.		More than \$.02 but super popular.
65	Llama Llama Red Pajama storytime	Have a real llamas on hand after the story; contact a local farm and ask for a visit.	up to age 6 with families	Very little space is needed. Take it outdoors, especially if getting real llamas.		Free and easy
66	Make your own video	Microsoft Movie Maker is free. Make book trailers with the kids, tweens, or teens. Provide markers, construction paper and scissors for making props. Or upload photos on Animoto.com to create a super easy video slideshow with music and special effects. Don't have digital cameras or video recorders? Most of today's youth have them or have some sort of recording device on their cell phones.	ages 8 and up	Very little space is needed.	Movie maker: <a href="http://explore.live.com/windows-live-essentials-movie-maker-get-started">http://explore.live.com/windows-live-essentials-movie-maker-get-started</a>	Nearly free and lots of fun
67	Metallic sharpie art	Use silver and gold metallic sharpies on dark colored paper to make metallic artwork. Hold an artshow of the creative designs.	ages 5+	Very little space is needed.		More than \$.02 but amazing.

68	Minute to Win it	Compete in silly 60-second challenges based on the TV show.	tweens / teens	Medium to large space needed. Take it outdoors.	NBC has video demonstrations, list of required items, and instructions at <a href="http://www.nbc.com/minute-to-win-it/">http://www.nbc.com/minute-to-win-it/</a> Wikipedia has a list of challenges.	Nearly free and lots of fun.
69	Monster Mash	Do a monster storytime, then craft some scary or silly monster masks and hold a "Monster Mash" dance. Invite those monsters in the closet out for some fun.	ages 3-6	Small space is needed.		Free and easy.
70	Moon day party	Celebrate the anniversary of the landing of Apollo 11 on the moon on July 20, 1969 by throwing a moon party. Make moon cakes, have a guest speaker, or design a stepping stone of one's foot to symbolize Neil Armstrong's first step on the moon's surface. Use some activities from the SRP manual. The possibilities are endless....moon walk, anyone?	ages 5+	Larger space is needed.		More than \$.02 but out of this world.
71	Musical squirts	Give a spin on the classic game musical chairs. Have the group sit in a circle on the ground. Play really bad music. As the music plays, one participant will be given a water squirter to pass around. This squirter must always be in motion and may not be squeezed. When the music stops, the person with the squirter has the fun of squeezing it twice. They may either squirt the person on either side once or squirt one of their neighbors twice. The person being squirted is taken out of the game to watch. The game circle grows smaller as the game continues. Feel free to add additional squirters to the game. All participants will be squirted except the winner. Pair this with the Frozen Ts game or other outdoor games.	ages 4+	Take this game outdoors.	Oriental Trading has a variety of squirters at <a href="http://www.orientaltrading.com/api/search?Ntt=squirts">http://www.orientaltrading.com/api/search?Ntt=squirts</a>	Nearly free and lots of fun.
72	National Fresh Breath Day	Celebrate National Fresh Breath Day on Aug. 6th. Add something new to a storytime about teeth and the dentist by inviting a local dentist or hygienist to visit and talk about dental health. You may find a dental practice that might be willing to give you toothbrushes, floss, and other goodies for all of the kids.	ages 3-8	Very little space is needed.		Free and easy.
73	No-bake treats	Pudding pies, popcorn balls, fruit salad and sculptures are great options for food programs at your library. Even libraries with kitchens may be low on oven space and no-bake items are a stellar way to go.	kids or teens	Larger space is needed.		More than \$.02 but delicious.
74	Nocturnal animals	Contact local wildlife preserve, nature conservatory or local wildlife organization for a nocturnal animal program. Many organizations will provide a program for free or for a small fee. Pair this program with a nocturnal animal craft. This would also work for any type of nature program.	families	Small space is needed.	Try Dyken Pond ( <a href="http://dykenpond.org">http://dykenpond.org</a> ), Five Rivers ( <a href="http://www.dec.ny.gov/education/1835.html">http://www.dec.ny.gov/education/1835.html</a> ), or an environmental education centers near you.	Nearly free and lots of fun.
75	Open mic night	Read or sing your own work, favorite poem, or passage from a book. Go big this year and get some friends or audience members to act out your selections.	tweens / teens	Very little space is needed.		Free and easy
76	Photo scavenger hunt	Create a list of items or concepts found in the library for participants to capture on camera. Want to take this program even further? Have participants make a collage of the found items and upload to your library's facebook wall. Have your facebook friends "like" the collages. The collage with the most "likes" could win a best collage award.	tweens / teens	No space needed!		Free and easy
77	Pokemon & Bakugan program	Fans of collecting cards and having card battles love this program. Show a Pokemon movie, invite kids to bring all of their cards and action figures to show, meet and play with other enthusiasts. Have a laptop set up in the corner for instructional videos and quick references for new players. Pull out your gaming consoles if you have them and make sure there's wi-fi for the DS gamers.	ages 5+	Larger space is needed.	<a href="http://www.pokemon.com/us/pokemon-trading-card-game/">http://www.pokemon.com/us/pokemon-trading-card-game/</a>	Free and easy
78	Preschool picnic	Invite your families to pack a lunch for an indoor or outdoor picnic. If you are indoors you can show a movie and provide coloring sheets or simple crafts. Outside you can tell stories or share puppets with simple games.	ages 2-6 with families	Medium to large space needed.		Free and easy

79	Read-In	Have a day for kids to come in and read all day! Participants can stay as long or as briefly as they like. Count total pages or minutes read throughout the day. If you have the funds, provide refreshments or get donations from the community.	ages 5+	Small space is needed. Take it outdoors.		Nearly free and lots of fun.
80	Retro Gaming Day	Gather some old gaming systems from coworkers and friends and play vintage video games on their original consoles, like Nintendo, Super Nintendo, Sega Genesis, etc.	tweens / teens	Larger space is needed.		Free and easy.
81	Scoopalicious - Scream big for ice cream	July 15th is National Ice Cream Day. Make ice cream in a bag. Stewarts gives out free ice cream party packs once a year to non-profit organizations.	all ages	Small space is needed. Take it outdoors.	Ice cream in a bag directions found at <a href="http://familyfun.go.com/recipes/homemade-ice-cream-in-a-bag-684806/">http://familyfun.go.com/recipes/homemade-ice-cream-in-a-bag-684806/</a>	Nearly free and lots of fun.
82	Scrap art	Art from found and household objects is environmentally friendly, uber-creative and super cheap. One simple but awesome idea is to collect old magazines, cereal boxes and other paper-based items and create a flower mural. Cut circles and then fringe the edges. Stack them for different flower effects. Add beads for more 3-d effects. Kids can create a single picture, or you can Dream Big by stringing together poster-board or large paper and have each child add a flower to a mural for an indoor garden.	ages 3+	Small space is needed. Take it outdoors.		Free and easy
83	Silent library	Play the MTV show Silent Library. Compete in a group challenge to do weird things while staying completely silent. Modify the challenges to be acceptable for your library.	tweens / teens	Medium to large space needed.	MTV show site <a href="http://www.mtv.com/shows/silent_library/series.jhtml">http://www.mtv.com/shows/silent_library/series.jhtml</a> . More info at <a href="http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Silent_Library_%28MTV_series%29">http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Silent_Library_%28MTV_series%29</a>	Nearly free and lots of fun.
84	Silent rave	Bring your own music player (iPod, MP3, whatever) and a flashy light source. Provide glow sticks. As the main lights go out, enjoy the rave lights and music (ear buds or headphones are required). All is "silent" around you as you feel the rhythm move you...who knows - dancing may ensue. If you have the funds, serve refreshments.	tweens / teens	Larger space is needed.	Various dollar stores sell glow sticks, bracelets, necklaces, wands, etc.	Nearly free and lots of fun.
85	Star dazzle	In this show-and-tell program, kids bring pictures, books and movies about their favorite stars and musicians and talk about why they like them. Not only is it fun to share, but it gives us some inside information about what's hot with the kids in our community. Use these favorites to create a collage artwork, a short story, or a star walk of fame.	ages 5+	Little space is needed.		Free and easy.
86	Star treatment: spa day	Create your own spa experience. Find some soothing music and a few cucumbers, and teach your kids how to pamper themselves. If you have some funds, you can make aromatherapy salt scrubs, lotions, eyemasks and lip gloss for the participants to take home.	ages 8+	Small space is needed.	Spa Princess Cookbook by Barbara Beery has some good recipes. Also, lots of different directions and recipes found in other books and online.	More than \$.02 but dazzling.
87	Star Wars!	While Star Wars day is technically in May (May the 4th be with you!) there's no reason not to include it in Summer. Show films, create light sabers out of pool noodles, have costume contests- the ideas are endless. Does your school have a fencing club? Recruit the teacher and club members to teach the participants some real sword-fighting moves. Invite a local Star Wars chapter to show up in costume. The Force is strong with this program.	ages 5-11	Large space is needed.	For the local villain chapter visit <a href="http://www.501st.com/">http://www.501st.com/</a> <a href="http://www.rebellegion.com/">http://www.rebellegion.com/</a> or if you're on the side of the good guys visit <a href="http://www.rebellegion.com/base.php?b=1">http://www.rebellegion.com/base.php?b=1</a>	Nearly free and lots of fun.
88	Starscape / Star field	Make a star field or starscape by using ultra green glow-in-the-dark paint (glows brighter) and ultra blue glow-in-the-dark paint (close to the color of stars) and jumbo size sheets of paper. These creations could be hung on a bedroom ceiling. Create a matching glow-in-the-dark light switch to go with it.	ages 5+	Medium to large space is needed.		More than \$.02 but spectacular.
89	Steampunk filigree	Create your own Steampunk jewelry using basic jewelry-making techniques & old costume jewelry, keys, watches, chains, beads, charms and other embellishments. Steampunk jewelry pairs mechanical found objects with Old World Victorian-style filigree, charms, chains, gems and beads to create one-of-a-kind pieces that blend technology, romance, and attitude. Not into the jewelry? Create other Steampunk wear.	teens	Larger space is needed.	Examples and ideas on Steampunk wear at <a href="http://www.instructables.com/tag/type-id/category-technology/channel-steampunk/">http://www.instructables.com/tag/type-id/category-technology/channel-steampunk/</a>	More than \$.02 but unique.

90	Story readers	Recruit some teens or older elementary school children to assist with storytime by reading stories, doing fingerplays, using the feltboard, etc. Have a training session and allow them to present in groups. It's a great way to make use of teen volunteers, make them feel valued in the community. Teens are positive role models for the preschoolers, who are sure to be engaged with this program all summer.	pre-k/ teens	Small space is needed.		Free and easy.
91	Super-sized Fly Guy	Give Fly Guy his own program and hope he doesn't end up in some sort of mischief. Make him into an oversized craft and enjoy endless stories of his adventures. Just hope a super-sized swatter is not around.	ages 3+	Small space is needed.		Nearly free and lots of buzzing fun.
92	Swirl-n-twirl paper curls	Create a variety of scrollwork pieces through the old art of curling strips of paper known as quilling. Use tiny strips of paper for the older kids and teens, while the preschool kids utilize large strips of paper. The ideas are endless.	all ages	Small to medium space is needed.	For younger children, make a lion mask and curl the paper for its mane, such as that found at <a href="http://www.dltk-kids.com/animals/plionmask.asp">http://www.dltk-kids.com/animals/plionmask.asp</a> . For participants ages 10+, use the book Twirled Paper: Make almost anything with simple paper strips by Jacqueline Lee.	Nearly free and lots of fun.
93	Talent show	Send out a call for talented youth. This might be a great end-of-summer party idea and it's free! Encourage them to be creative with their talents.	all ages	Larger space is needed. Take it outdoors.		Free and easy.
94	Teen reviewers	Give teens ARCs to read and review, post reviews on your website or facebook page. They can create book trailers, shelf talkers or videotaped booktalks.	tweens / teens	No space is needed!	Baker & Taylor has an ARC program where they will send you a box of ARC books each month to be reviewed.	Free and easy.
95	Toilet paper races	Take some rolls of toilet paper and get to work. Have the kids work in teams to create the best looking TP zombie, TP prom dress or other stylish outfit. Finish it off with TP mermaid races: wrap only the legs and hop across the room. Have some fun prizes or make it a zonk and let them take home a roll of toilet paper. (This is a free program if you're willing to raid the janitor's closet.)	ages 8+	Small to medium space is needed.		Free and easy.
96	Web junk-a-thon	In the mood for a good laugh? Make crazy snacks to eat as you watch a marathon of teen-friendly viral web clips.	teens	Larger space is needed.	Have teens recommend web videos prior to the event so you can review them first.	Nearly free and lots of fun.
97	When I get big: career day	Invite local professionals to show and tell about their professions. The kids really like people who wear uniforms, but teachers, lawyers, sanitation workers and other professionals can be just as exciting. Perhaps the police, firefighters, or EMTs will bring their vehicle to show off as well. Add activities or read stories about these professionals. Your guest may even be willing to read a book or two.	ages 3-8	Small space is needed.		Free and easy.
98	World UFO Day	The army airfield in Roswell, NM issued a press release in July 1947, stating they had uncovered a flying saucer that had crashed in the desert. The following day they retracted their story, 'Did we say flying disc? Oh we meant weather balloon. Nothing to see here. Definitely not aliens.' Celebrate World UFO Day (July 2nd) with alien crafts, stories, and more. Sculpt your own alien using clay, playdough, or salt dough. Popsicle sticks or pipe cleaners work great for the arms and legs. For tweens/teens, make the alien abduction lamp listed earlier.	ages 5-11	Very little space needed.		Nearly free and lots of fun.
99	Yo-yo dance-off	Learn a variety of yo-yo tricks, then choreograph them to music.	tweens / teens	Larger space is needed. Take it outdoors.	Grab all of your yo-yo books and check online ( <a href="http://yoyoexpert.com/learn/">http://yoyoexpert.com/learn/</a> ) for some fun tricks. The better quality yo-yos perform tricks better.	More than \$.02 but it's no sleeper.

100	Zombie makeover	Zombies are very popular for teens, but even kids would get into this program. Buy some face paints, have some old clothes that you don't mind tearing, use tissues or toilet paper and work on your moans and dragging gait. The newest Stink book is about zombies so that is a perfect tie-in for this summer.	kids or teens	Small space is needed.		Nearly free and lots of fun.
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