



- Relax with a breathing exercise—ask for books with ideas for adults and kids
- O Do something helpful for someone
- Choose a word of the day and cheer every time you hear it
- Create art from your favorite book, show, or movie
- Tell a librarian which Summer Reads book you're most excited about
- Be your own DJ—make a playlist
- Plant something
- Read something that's not a book
- Write a summer haiku
- O Play I-Spy—choose a color and point to or name objects matching the color







- Read a book from one of our Summer Reads list
- Write an acrostic poem (use your name or "summer reading" or "skokie")
- Make a shopping list together—write the list or draw pictures of the items while your grown-up says what is needed
- Take a walk and count the signs you see
- Take the time to appreciate the sunrise or sunset
- Draw or describe something that you see every day
- Make up a jump rope rhyme or song
- Talk to someone about an animal
- Learn some words in a language you don't already know
- O Design or create a game









- O Create and use a secret code
- Tell someone at the Kids desk about a book you love
- Take an alphabet walk (find something that starts with each letter of the alphabet)
- O Give a friend or neighbor a compliment
- Host a storytime at home (can be for stuffed animals or pets)
- Read a book in a tree
- Take a moment to think about what makes you content
- Draw the setting of one of the Summer Reads stories you read
- Write or sing a summer song
- Redesign a cereal box



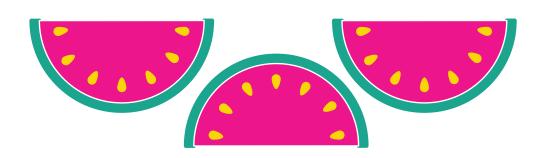








- O Count how many steps you take while on a walk
- See how many words you can make out of the letters in your name
- O Play an outdoor game
- Read a picture book
- Go bird-watching
- Make ice cream or popsicles
- Play Memory—put some random objects on a tray and give a partner 20 seconds to look at it and see what they can remember
- O Describe a sunny day activity in *only* 5 words
- O Jot down your favorite quote from one of the Summer Reads books and share it with us
- O Sing a silly song in a serious way









- Play your favorite word game
- Make a tent out of blankets
- Watch an adaptation of a book (TV show, movie, video game, etc.)
- Read a type of book you don't usually read (ask us for suggestions)
- Write a letter or postcard
- Have a picnic
- Recommend a book you think other kids would like to read
- O Design a mascot for Skokie
- Make or use a pinwheel and try blowing on it using different breaths
- Create music using something unexpected



