

PMSD Library News



Summer Reading Program

Our District has gathered many resources to help keep children reading throughout the summer. Elementary students may challenge themselves with the Scholastic Summer Read-A-Palooza and the Pizza Hut “Book It!” reading challenge. We have also gathered resources for our high school students.

On our website, we have provided links to all of the Monroe County public libraries. Did you know that Tumblebooks are available on the library sites without a library card? If you do have a library card, you are able to enjoy all of the other eBooks available on the websites. [Click here](#) to access PMSD’s Summer Reading website.

POWER Library provides access to educational resources such as e-resources, eBooks, primary source digitized materials, the statewide union catalog of materials in libraries throughout Pennsylvania, and access to a librarian 24/7 via the [Ask Here PA](#) chat with a librarian service. You can access all of this through your public library’s website.

OverDrive eBooks and audiobooks are available through your school library or your public library. You need to download the **Sora** app from either [Google Play store](#) or the [Apple App store](#) for free. Look up your school name and log in with your school ID and password. Browse the **Explore** tab and borrow a book. Your book will open so you can start reading/listening right away. Don’t forget you can search *OverDrive* from your public library as well. **If you're using Sora for Android or iOS, books automatically download to the app so you can read or listen offline. A help video is available by clicking [here](#).

Literacy Games

Elementary students may like to visit [Geronimo Stilton World](#) or check out the reading games available through [PBSkids](#).

Resources for Online Learning

[DK Find Out!](#)

This is a free online resource that provides fun facts for kids about a variety of subjects. It also includes videos and quizzes.

[Scholastic’s Learn At Home](#)

Through Scholastic, you are able to access mini-lessons that link to free eBooks through Bookflix. Fun lessons are available for grades K-9.

[Follet’s Summer Reading Packet](#)

Follett has provided a free printable packet with activities to promote summer reading.

Just for Fun! Virtual and Digital Escape Rooms

The links below will bring you to some free digital escape rooms. Do them by yourself or with someone else! If you like puzzles and trivia, these are for you!

[Bank Heist](#)- Created by the owners of Expedition Escape, an escape room in Philadelphia, this escape is simple, yet surprisingly satisfying to solve. You’re a member of the most successful crime syndicate in America, and today you’re attempting a heist at Valley Isle Bank. Solve the puzzles to crack the safe—but you only have 20 minutes.

[Hogwarts Digital Escape Room](#)- Created by Sydney Krawiec, a youth services librarian at Peters Township Public Library in McMurray, PA, this Harry Potter-themed digital escape room is hosted on Google Forms. You’re a first-year at Hogwarts, have been sorted into your dream house, and enjoyed dinner. You head to your common room, when the house prefect announces a team-building activity that’s all the rage with muggles: solving puzzles to escape a locked room without using magic.

[Minecraft Escape Room](#)- Created by Laura Escamilla, a youth services librarian at the Regency Park Library in New Port Richey, FL, this Minecraft-themed virtual escape room is a

perfect brain teaser for your Minecraft enthusiast! Bonus: It's hosted on Google Forms, so it can be accessed at any time and there is no time limit.

Shrek Themed Escape Room- This simple, yet satisfying escape game throws it back to the popular animated movie from 2001. In the game, you're a magical creature, and as such, have been banished to live in an ogre hut. But Lord Farquaad accidentally leaves clues behind to unlock the hut so you can gain your freedom.

Oscar's Stolen Oscar- Something fishy is going on at the National Aquarium! Oscar, the fish from Shark Tale, is missing his Academy Award and needs your help to find it! By answering a series of trivia questions about various aquatic life, you'll proceed through the puzzle to solve the caper. The game is hosted on Google Forms, so it can be accessed at any time and there is no time limit.

Unlock Disney World- Created by Elizabeth Wilson, this escape Disney World game is perfect for Disney-lovers of all ages! Hosted on Google Slides, the premise of the game is, you fell asleep in Country Bear Jamboree and were locked in the amusement park. In order to get out, you have to (virtually) visit different attractions—including Pirates of the Caribbean, Haunted Mansion, and Splash Mountain—and answer trivia questions, solve puzzles, and more to unlock six locks and gain your freedom.

Welcome to the Snow Ball- In this Stranger Things-themed virtual escape room, hosted on Google Form, you and your friends are trapped in the gym during the dance, and in order to escape, you have to solve the riddles, answer trivia questions, and more.

Cabin Fever- A digital escape room created by Alex Graves, Teen Librarian at Manchester City Library in New Hampshire.

Dog Man- A digital escape room created by a school library media coordinator.

Escape from Wonderland- (Alice in Wonderland themed) digital escape room created by Erin Honeycutt, Children's Librarian at Moultrie-Colquitt County Library System in Georgia.

Ketterdam Heist- (The Six Crows themed) digital escape room created by Abigail Hsu, Young Adult Librarian at the Morristown & Morris Township Library in New Jersey .

The Minotaur's Labyrinth- A digital escape room created by Karen Liu, Teen Librarian at Riverton Library in Utah.

Spy Apprentice- A digital escape room created by Lauren Rura and Felicia Brock, Adult Service Librarians at Washington-Centerville Public Library in Ohio.

Escape from Starkiller Base- A "Star Wars" themed digital escape room created by Richmond Hill Public Library.

The Mandalorian Escape Room- An old bounty hunter friend needs your help to rescue someone...You can complete this escape room as a family or individual. You can even compete against friends and try it multiple times. Just make sure you have fun! This Escape Room Experience was created by the Manchester Community College Library in Manchester, New Hampshire.

Marvel's Avengers: Escape from Hydra Island- Created by: Richmond Hill Public Library Digital Escape Room.



We wish you all a wonderful summer! Keep reading, stay safe and enjoy your break! ☺