

# Opening the Gift

## Imagine Summer!

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Summer 2020 is coming! And although it will be like no other ~ Harford County Public Library offers digital stories to help imaginations SOAR!

<https://hcplonline.org/childrensdigital.php> Titles below marked with \* also available in print  
Have your HCPL Library card handy! Don't have one? Apply here: <https://www.hcplonline.org/>



**T is for Terrible** by Peter McCarty <https://hcplonline.org/bookflix.php>

**I'm Brave!** by Kate and Jim McMullan <https://hcplonline.org/bookflix.php> \*

**It Came With the Couch** by David Slonim <https://hcplonline.org/tumblebook.php>

**All the World** by Elizabeth Garton Scanlon <https://hcplonline.org/bookflix.php>

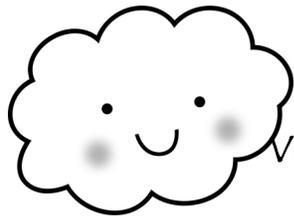
**When a Dragon Moves In** by Jodi Moore <https://hcplonline.org/storytimeonline.php> \*

**Harold and the Purple Crayon** by Crockett Johnson <https://hcplonline.org/bookflix.php> \*

**Hey-Ho To Mars We'll Go** by Susan Lendroth <https://storytimefromspace.com/hey-ho-to-mars-2/> \*

**The Very Fairy Princess** by Julie Andrews and Emma Walton Hamilton <https://hcplonline.org/bookflix.php> \*

## Nursery Rhyme: Hey Diddle Diddle Songs & Fingerplays to Share



Video: "How To Be a Cloud " by Kira Willey from *Yoga For Kids Vol 3*  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ky7iePRLjMA>

### Til the Virus Ends (TumbleTune)

*This new TumbleTune is a cheerful and hopeful song about the best ways to act (or not act!) while the world combats the coronavirus.*

*If we all work together, we can soon say  
"Buh Bye Virus! See ya, Never!"*

TIL THE VIRUS ENDS - Lyrics!

Don't touch your chin  
Don't rub your eye  
Don't pick your nose  
Or kiss good bye  
Just write a note  
Or call your friends  
But don't get close  
Til the virus ends!

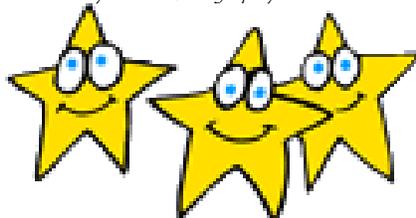
<https://hcplonline.org/tumblebook.php>



### Galaxy Stretch

Bend and stretch, reach for the stars,  
*(bend low and stretch high)*  
Here comes Jupiter, there goes Mars.  
*(point in one direction, then the other)*  
Bend and stretch, reach for the sky,  
*(bend low and stretch high)*  
Stand on tippy toes, oh, so high!  
*(tiptoe and stretch)*

*Adapted Traditional Rhymes  
1001 Rhymes and Fingerplays PTC J 793.40*



### Fly Like a Dragon

Fly like a dragon, doo, doo, doo.  
Fly like a dragon, doo, doo, doo.  
Fly like a dragon, doo, doo, doo.  
Fly like a dragon wherever you go.

Stomp like a dragon, dee, dee, dee.  
Stomp like a dragon, dee, dee, dee.  
Stomp like a dragon, dee, dee, dee.  
Stomp like a dragon wherever you go.

Breathe like a dragon, roar, roar.  
Breathe like a dragon, roar, roar.  
Breathe like a dragon, roar, roar.  
Breathe like a dragon wherever you go.

Wag like a dragon, back and forth.  
Wag like a dragon, back and forth.  
Wag like a dragon, back and forth.  
Wag like a dragon wherever you go.

Eat like a dragon, chomp, chomp.  
Eat like a dragon, chomp, chomp.  
Eat like a dragon, chomp, chomp.  
Eat like a dragon wherever you go.

<https://youtu.be/xT4f7T9QXlc>



## Activity Ideas:

**Shadow Drawing:** Here's a fun and easy art project for your kids to do at home that require few supplies. This is a great opportunity to teach them about sunlight and shadows. \* Let your children choose their favorite toys and lay them outside with paper and markers or crayons. After they've traced the shadows, leave the toy with the paper taped to the ground outside and have them revisit it a few hours later to see how the sun and shadows moved; shadows are longer in the morning and afternoon!



<https://kidsactivitiesblog.com/137133/how-to-make-shadow-art-with-kids/>



**Visit a Museum:** Even if you can't go in person, you can take a tour from home!

<https://www.romper.com/p/10-museums-with-virtual-tours-for-quarantined-kids-who-need-a-field-trip-22628260>

**Go to a Virtual Zoo:** Many zoos offer free online tours and animal cams. From the article *Help for frazzled parents: 20 virtual field trips to keep your kids occupied (and learning)*

<https://www.marketwatch.com/story/20-virtual-and-educational-field-trips-that-might-help-keep-your-kids-occupied-2020-03-30>:

### San Diego Zoo

The [San Diego Zoo](#) has an entire site for kids with live cams, animal facts, activities and games. Check out favorites like the polar bear cam and the baboon cam for an experience that almost feels like being there.

### Houston Zoo

Every weekday at 11 a.m. Central time, tune into the [Houston Zoo's Facebook](#) page for behind-the-scenes livestreams of daily zoo life, including zookeepers bathing elephants, taking a cheetah on a walk or feeding giraffes.

### Cincinnati Zoo

Similarly, the [Cincinnati Zoo](#) has begun hosting Home Safari Facebook Live events daily at 3 p.m. EST. The zoo highlights one animal a day and includes a related activity that you can do at home. Viewers can even ask questions about each animal in the comments during the live event.

### Atlanta Zoo Panda Cam

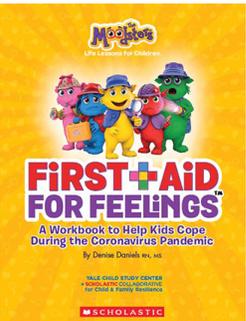
There's nothing more cheerful than a couple of pandas noshing on bamboo or soaking up some sun in real-time. Below the [livestream](#), guests can learn more about giant pandas and even see what it's like to be a keeper for a day.

**Car and Truck Fans!:** Ford automotive designers from around the world have teamed up to create coloring book pages, activity mazes, dot-to-dot activities and more at: <https://corporate.ford.com/ford-for-kids-activity-book.html>

## Digital Book of the Month:

**First Aid for Feelings: A Workbook to Help Kids Cope During the Coronavirus Pandemic**

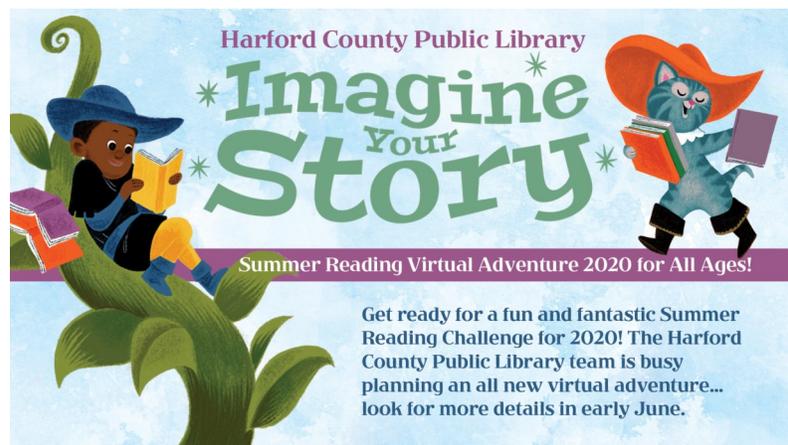
Denise Daniels, a leading child development expert, has teamed up with Scholastic and the Yale Child Study Center to help children, families, and educators cope during this pandemic. This free valuable workbook can be downloaded and is available in both English and Spanish. <https://hcplonline.org/childrensdigital.php>



## Road to Reading Tip:

Although story time visits to home daycares in Harford County, along with all library services, were cut short this year, it was so much fun while it lasted! This summer will be a season for creativity & imagination & READING! Stay tuned for more information on the HCPL website

<https://www.hcplonline.org/>



Get ready for a fun and fantastic Summer Reading Challenge for 2020! The Harford County Public Library team is busy planning an all new virtual adventure... look for more details in early June.