



2026 TEEN SUMMER CHALLENGE

ACTIVITY LIST FOR TEENS

SUNDAY, JUNE 7 - SATURDAY, AUGUST 1

- Registration starts June 7. Paper logs accepted starting June 15.
- Join our Teen Summer Challenge by doing activities on this list!
- Log your activities by writing the corresponding activity number in the log boxes on the back. After completing five activities, bring this paper log to the Adult & Teen Services Desk for a prize drawing entry.
- You can also log anytime on Beanstack through the app or webpage.
- You can repeat the same activity; you do not have to do every activity.
- Every five activities you complete earns you a prize drawing ticket. Maximum of 10 tickets. Prize winners will be notified starting August 3.

1. Read a book or listen to an audiobook for an hour.
2. Read a graphic novel, comic, or manga for an hour.
3. Read an e-book or listen to an e-audiobook with our digital collection on Hoopla, LibriVox, Inkie.org, Palace Project, or Libby for an hour.
4. Plant a seed or tend to a garden or houseplant.
Tip: Check out our Seed Library! Return unused seeds in their original packaging for others to use.
5. Attend a program for Teens.
Tip: We have a series of special events just for Teens. Check the print Guide or the library website calendar for a full list of programs and events.
6. Read outside or in a new place for an hour.
Tip: Visit the New Lenox Commons and read under a shady tree, or find a cozy spot inside the Library.
7. Find and learn about cool bugs. Spend an hour outside looking for insects, observing them closely, and/or researching what you discover.
8. Create a nature journal, field diary, herbarium, or botanical sketchbook with at least one entry.
Examples: Draw or preserve plant specimens, create leaf rubbings, or describe your observations.
9. Cook, bake, or taste test a food from a book.
Examples: Peeta's Cheese Buns from The Hunger Games; Nina's favorite Waffles from Six of Crows; Emoni's "When Life Gives You Lemons; Make Lemon Verbena Tembleque" from With the Fire on High; Turkish Delight from The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe; or come up with your own!
10. Create art incorporating natural or recycled materials.
Examples: Press flowers, paint rocks, weave grass, or make something from reused materials.
11. Spend an hour doing something to help reduce food waste.
Examples: Cook or bake with food scraps, repurpose leftovers, start a compost pile, support a food rescue group, or research waste reduction policies at your school or in your local community.
12. Check out something from the Library besides a book, and spend an hour using it.
13. Go fishing.
14. Observe the outdoors for an hour. Go bird watching, bug hunting, cloud spotting, or take a mindful nature walk.
15. Donate to support your Library or community.
Examples: Donate a package of used or unused seeds to our Seed Library, add non-perishables to our Little Free Pantry, or contribute to our Care Cabinet.
16. Watch a movie or show based on a book.
Tip: Stream movies with your Library card via Hoopla, or check out a Roku from our Things2Go collection.
17. Visit a nature preserve, greenhouse, farm, or local, state, or national park.
Tip: Get special admissions offers for Cantigny Park, Chicago Botanic Garden, Forest Park Nature Center, and others with Explore More Illinois and Museum Adventure Pass.
18. Complete one chapter in Mango Languages.
19. Create a sticker using the Silhouette Cameo or Cricut in The Studio.
Tip: Get two free stickers per person during the Summer Learning Challenge dates (Teens Only).
20. Create a button using the button press in The Studio.
Tip: Get two free buttons per person during the Summer Learning Challenge dates (Teens Only).
21. Burn a CD using Studio software.
22. Make a custom keychain or charm bracelet.
Tip: Get free bracelet and keychain supplies in the Studio craft cabinets!
23. Use Novelist to search for similar titles to your favorite reads, or find books by "appeal factors" like genre, topic, mood, pace, and more.
24. Explore LearningExpress Library under Homework Help & Online Learning resources on the Library website.
Tip: Access test prep resources to avoid the summer slump, prep for college or the ACT, build a resume for summer jobs and internships, or explore occupations and get matched with a career.
25. Sign up for or renew a library card.



2026 TEEN SUMMER CHALLENGE ACTIVITY TRACKER FOR TEENS

- **Activities are listed on the other side of this page.**
- Track your activities anytime on Beanstack or by using this page. Write the corresponding number in the boxes below. When you complete five activities, bring this paper to the Adult & Teen Services Desk starting June 15.
- You can repeat the same activity; you do not have to do every activity.
- Every five activities you complete earns you a Beanstack badge and a prize drawing ticket. Maximum of 10 tickets. The more activities you complete, the more chances you have to win an awesome prize.
- See a full list of prizes at the Adult & Teen Services Desk or on Beanstack.

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