

PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Houston Public Library

www.houstonlibrary.org/

Events:

www.houstonlibrary.org/about/news.html

Harris County Public Library

www.hcpl.net/

Events:

www.hcpl.net/calendar.php

Bellaire City Library

www.ci.bellaire.tx.us/index.asp?NID=10

Events:

www.ci.bellaire.tx.us/index.asp?NID=242



Fun Family Activities

1. **Take a nature walk:** When you get home, ask your child to write all the things you saw or collected. Young writers can draw the objects and adults can label the drawings with the “book” spelling of the words. “Collect” these words in a writer’s journal.

2. **Read aloud books** with outdoor or adventure themes. When you play outdoors, compare the scenes in the book with the kind of community and climate you live in. Read books in the great outdoors for variety and to show that reading can be done anytime, anywhere!

3. **Book-nic:** Pack a lunch, a blanket, and books for each member of the family. Head for a nearby park and settle in a scenic spot for an afternoon of reading in the great outdoors. On a rainy day, stay indoors and head for a cozy corner.

4. **Book Theme Dinners:** Pick a favorite book and make a dinner or snack based on the book such as an Alice in Wonderland tea party, berries and milk with Peter Rabbit and his friends! Let the kids help plan out the meal, and take turns reading the book after eating!

The Millionaire Club

HISD’s Summer Reading Program



Family Fun Activity Guide

WHY SUMMER READING?



Summer is approaching and that means it is time for HISD's Summer Reading Program – The Millionaire Club. Summer should be fun, with children reading, learning, and exploring new things to keep building on the hard work they did throughout the previous school year.

HISD's Millionaire Club is designed to help children retain the knowledge they gained during the past year. Research shows that children who do not read over the summer are more likely to lose two months of reading skills. The expectation is that each student in HISD read five (5) books between June and August. If all students read five books this summer . . . HISD students will have read 1 million books.

WHAT CAN I DO FOR FREE?

Use this Guide to help you celebrate reading and learning in your family. Go to the museum, several of them are free all the time, and others offer free days. Your local public library offers many family oriented activities that connect children to books. The Arboretum has nature trails and classes. Connect books and literacy to many aspects of your daily summer life and foster a love of reading in your children.

Buffalo Soldiers National Museum
FREE Monday 10 am - 5 pm
www.buffalosoldiermuseum.com/
1834 Southmore, Houston, TX 77004
Phone: (713) 942-8920

Houston Museum of Natural Science
FREE Tuesday after 2 pm
www.hmns.org
1 Hermann Circle Dr. Houston, TX 77030
Phone: (713) 639-4629

Children's Museum of Houston
FREE Thursday 5 – 8 pm
www.cmhouston.org/
1500 Binz, Houston, TX 77004
Phone: (713) 522-1138

The Health Museum
FREE Thursday 2 – 5 pm
www.thehealthmuseum.org/
1515 Hermann Drive, Houston, TX 77004
Phone: (713) 521-1515

The John C. Freeman Weather Museum
FREE Thursday 12 – 4 pm
www.weathermuseum.org
5104 Caroline St. Houston, TX 77004
Phone: (713) 529-3076

Museum of Fine Arts, Houston
FREE Thursday 10 am – 9 pm
www.mfah.org
1001 Bissonnet St. Houston, TX 77005
Phone: (713) 639-7300

Houston Arboretum & Nature Center
www.houstonarboretum.org/index.asp
Admission: FREE
4501 Woodway Drive, Houston, TX 77024
Phone (713) 681-8433

Holocaust Museum Houston
www.hmh.org/
Admission: FREE
5401 Caroline St., Houston, Texas 77004
Phone: (713) 942-8000

For more museums go to:
www.hisdlibraryservices.org/millionaire

