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SUMMER 2021  
Virtual Program Guide



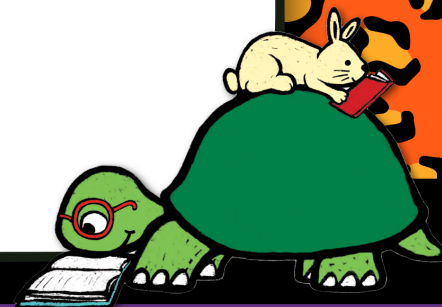
## Summer Reading Challenge

June 12 – August 7

Quickly & Easily Track Your Reading Online.

Earn prizes and enter prize drawings for  
even more chances to win!

Sign Up Online at [thegdl.org/beanstack](https://thegdl.org/beanstack)



# LIGHTS. CAMERON. ACTION!

Whether you aspire to be a magician, or just want to learn a few party tricks, tune in to *Cameron Zvara's Magic School!*

## ★ Episode 1 – Magic School

You will need: plastic drinking straw, piece of string, scissors  
*Featuring Special Guest: Ryan Tackabury, Digital Services Librarian*  
Wednesday, June 16 @ 6pm

## ★ Episode 2 – Try This at Home

You will need: dollar bill, rubber band, 2 paper clips  
*Featuring Special Guest: Marissa Boisclair, Youth Services Librarian*  
Wednesday, June 23 @ 6pm

## ★ Episode 3 – Betcha!

You will need: 3 plastic cups  
*Featuring Special Guest: Ivan Smith, Swartz Creek-Perkins Librarian*  
Wednesday, June 30 @ 6pm

## ★ Episode 4 – Magic School

You will need: deck of cards, handkerchief  
*Featuring Special Guest: Nancy Abbey, Montrose-Jennings Librarian*  
Wednesday, July 7 @ 6pm

## ★ Episode 5 – Try This at Home

You will need: small rubber band, large rubber band  
*Featuring Special Guest: Marissa Boisclair, Youth Services Librarian*  
Wednesday, July 14 @ 6pm

## ★ Episode 6 – Betcha!

You will need: index card, scissors  
*Featuring Special Guest: Chris Heron, Fenton-Winegarden Librarian*  
Wednesday, July 21 @ 6pm

## ★ Episode 7 – Magic School

You will need: 2 coins, glass  
*Featuring Special Guest: Shari Suarez, Genesee-Johnson Librarian*  
Wednesday, July 28 @ 6pm

## ★ Episode 8 – Betcha!

You will need: marker, piece of paper  
*Featuring Special Guests: Les Rout, Genesee Valley Center Librarian, Ryan Tackabury, Digital Services Librarian*  
Wednesday, August 4 @ 6pm





June 2021



## MARISSA'S Marvelous Story Time

### Tails & Tales Story Time

Join Miss Marissa virtually as she shares stories, songs, and movement activities all with some help from her live animal friends. Early literacy practices are modeled throughout this story time series empowering both children and their caregivers to be literacy leaders. (Ages Birth-5)

**Mondays, June 7, 14, 21, 28**  
**July 12, 19, 26**  
**@ 10am**

*\*Note: there will be no story time July 5*

### Virtual Playdates

Let's socially interact! Join Miss Marissa on Zoom for a continuation of story time including songs, a story, and an interactive virtual playtime. Register at [thegdl.org/events](https://thegdl.org/events) with your email address and we'll send you the zoom information to join. (Ages Birth-5)

**Mondays, June 7, 14, 21, 28**  
**July 12, 26**  
**@ 10:30am**

*\*Note: there will be no playdate July 5 and July 19*

### Chinese Market Tour with Chef Ming

Have you ever wanted to visit a Chinese Market? Take a virtual tour with Chef Ming Louie. Learn his food and product recommendations and suggestions for their use.

**Thursday, June 3**  
**@ 6pm**

### Baffling Bill's Spectacular Illusion Show

Witness the impossible with Baffling Bill as he takes you to his Illusionarium Magic Theater. Watch as he ignites the imagination with magic and laughter.

**Saturday, June 5**  
**@ 11am**

### Cooking with Ming: Hawaiian Tonkatsu

Cook supper with our favorite chef, Ming Louie. Ming will be making Hawaiian Tonkatsu. We'll supply the ingredient list ahead of time so you can purchase what you need when you shop. Then tune in at the scheduled time and cook supper with Ming. He'll answer your questions in real time. When the program is over, sit down and enjoy a delicious homemade dinner.

**Tuesday, June 8**  
**@ 5pm**

### Gamers Among Us

Do you love Among Us? Come play in groups with other kids on Zoom. Register at [thegdl.org/events](https://thegdl.org/events) with your email address and we'll send you the Zoom information to join. (Ages 7-15)

**Tuesdays, June 1, 15, 29**  
**July 13, 27**  
**August, 10**  
**@ 4pm**

### Jackbox Game Night

Hang out with other teens while playing a variety of Jackbox games. Players will need a device to watch on (usually a computer or tablet) and a second device to play with (a phone works great). Register online at [thegdl.org/events](https://thegdl.org/events) and we'll send you the Zoom link. (Ages 13-18)

**Thursday, June 3**  
**@ 4-5:30pm**



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 Kids (2-8)    Teens (13-18)

**Prize Drawings: August 9.**



### Tech Tutoring by Appointment

You've got tech questions. Ryan's got answers.

**Call: (810) 230-3336**

## June 2021 continued

**Snakes of the World**

Learn all about the amazing diversity of snakes from around the world and see them in action in this upcoming virtual program hosted by the zookeepers at REPCO Wildlife Encounters.

**Thursday, June 10**  
@ 5pm

**Comedy and Magic with Cameron Zvara**

Back by popular demand. Magician Cameron Zvara brings his Comedy Magic Show right to your living room. Using a combination of mind-blowing magic, comedy, juggling, music, and audience participation through virtual communication, enjoy Cameron's show live online.

**Saturday, June 12**  
@ 11am

**Virtual Escape Room: Twisted Tales CSI**

You walk into the crime scene of fairy tales gone awry. Can you help set the stories straight and solve who committed the crime? Visit [thegdl.org/events](http://thegdl.org/events) to find the escape room link. (Ages 9 & up)

**Saturday, June 12**  
@ 1pm

**Paws for Reading**

Practice your reading with Miss Marissa and her adorable pet rats. Struggling readers, new readers, and bookworms alike can practice reading aloud to a non-judgmental audience, helping them develop reading skills, confidence and a love of reading. Kids can choose any book they'd like. Register for a 10-minute time slot at [thegdl.org/events](http://thegdl.org/events). (Ages 1-12)

**Monday, June 14**  
@ 6pm

**What Are You Reading?**

Join Genesee District Librarians as they discuss the books they've read recently. They can also give you personalized book recommendations.

**Tuesday, June 15**  
@ 2pm

**Madam CJ Walker with Miz Rosie**

Rosie Chapman, a.k.a. Miz Rosie, is a storyteller, author, poet, artist, therapist and school social worker who thrills audiences of all ages with storytelling. Rosie's interactive stories warm the heart and stimulate the mind. Watch as she becomes Madam CJ Walker right before your eyes.

**Thursday, June 17**  
@ 2pm

**Are You Smarter Than A Librarian?**

Join us for an evening of online trivia where librarians get to ask you the reference questions. Level of difficulty? Just challenging enough to be fun. Visit [thegdl.org/trivia](http://thegdl.org/trivia) to play, or join us on Facebook Live or YouTube.

**Thursday, June 17**  
@ 6pm

**STEAM On! Create a Creature Kit**

Learn about different animal habitats and how animals adapt to them, practice sorting animal crackers into their homes, then create brand new animals to thrive in each environment. Tune in to watch Marissa share a related story and model the activity. Reserve your kit at [thegdl.org/events](http://thegdl.org/events) while supplies last. (Ages 4-8)

**Friday, June 18**  
@ 1pm

**ARK Animal Encounters**

Cool animals will be presented in a show-and-tell style, blending education and entertainment.

**Saturday, June 19**  
@ 11am

**Fandom Fest**

Geek out with other teens on Zoom to share your favorite fandoms with crafts, trivia, and snacks. Whether it's your favorite anime, musician, superhero, game, etc. we want to celebrate it. Register at [thegdl.org/events](http://thegdl.org/events) to reserve your Fandom kit and receive the Zoom link. (Ages 13-18)

**Wednesday, June 23**  
@ 4pm

**Dewey's Virtual Puppet Story Time**

Join Dewey the Dragon and his puppet friends as they read and act out some of your favorite fairy tales. These zany puppets bring jokes, stories, silliness and all-around fun to keep kids entertained and playing.

**Saturday, June 26**  
@ 1pm

**Cooking with Ming: Hawaiian Spam**

Yep, you read that right. Spam. Our favorite chef, Ming Louie is going to make a Hawaiian staple. We'll supply the ingredient list ahead of time so you can purchase what you need when you shop. Then tune in at the scheduled time and cook supper with Ming. He'll answer your questions in real time. When the program is over, sit down and enjoy a delicious homemade dinner.

**Tuesday, June 29**  
@ 5pm





July 2021



## Build It Challenge: Tails & Tales

We challenge you to build something that fits the theme Tails & Tales. Use any materials you like: Legos, blocks, recycled materials — get creative. Submit a photo of your structure at [thegdl.org/builditchallenge](https://thegdl.org/builditchallenge) and we'll showcase it on our social media. (Ages birth–18)

July 1–31

### Jackbox Game Night

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Thursday, July 1

@ 4–5:30pm

### What Are You Reading?

Join Genesee District Librarians as they discuss the books they've read recently. They can also give you personalized book recommendations.

Tuesday, July 6

@ 2pm

### Cooking with Ming: Sweet and Sour Chicken

Cook supper with our favorite chef, Ming Louie. Ming will be making Sweet and Sour Chicken. We'll supply the ingredient list ahead of time so you can purchase what you need when you shop. Then tune in at the scheduled time and cook supper with Ming. He'll answer your questions in real time.

Tuesday, July 6

@ 5pm

### What's Your Love Language?

Learn all about love languages. Terrance Shulman walks you through the five love languages (gifts, touch, acts of service, words of affirmation, and quality time) and highlights how to apply them to ourselves, our loved ones, and to the world at large.

Thursday, July 8

@ 5pm

### Fantastical Beasts

Dreaming of dragons, gryphons, and other fantasy creatures? Look no further than your own backyard for beasts of myth and legend. Explore the magical adaptations of Michigan's wildlife with this virtual animal presentation that includes native birds, mammals, and reptiles, presented by Howell Nature Center.

Saturday, July 10

@ Noon

### Paws for Reading

Practice your reading with Miss Marissa and her adorable pet rats. Struggling readers, new readers, and bookworms alike can practice reading aloud to a non-judgmental audience, helping them develop reading skills, confidence and a love of reading. Kids can choose any book they'd like. Register for a 10-minute time slot at [thegdl.org/events](https://thegdl.org/events). (Ages 1–12)

Monday, July 12

@ 6pm

### Larry Castleberry Children's Program

This engaging storytelling event will captivate children as Larry Castleberry weaves folk and fairytales to educate and entertain.

Tuesday, July 13

@ 11am

### Tea Dragon Tea Party

Discover the whimsical world of tea dragons through The Tea Dragon Society trilogy by Katie O'Neill. Join other tweens on zoom to paint a mug, learn simple recipes, and gush over how cute the Tea Dragon universe is. Register at [thegdl.org/events](https://thegdl.org/events) to reserve your kit and receive the Zoom link. (Ages 9–12)

Wednesday, July 14

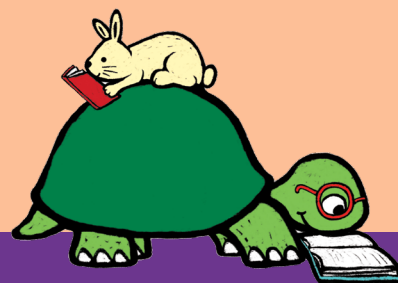
@ 4pm

### Those Were the Days Concert

Sing along to Sandor and Laszlo Slomovits' rendition of Pete Seeger, Bob Dylan, Joni Mitchell, Joan Baez and Simon and Garfunkel. Everyone loves Gemini and their captivating music.

Thursday, July 15

@ 3:30pm



July 2021 continued



## Join the Summer Reading Challenge

June 12 – August 7

Complete activities and read for a chance to win some of these great prizes!



### Babies (Birth–2)

- Rubber Ducks
- Board Books

### Kids (2–8)

- Completion Prize: Book
- Prize Drawings

### Tweens (9–12)

- Completion Prize: Book
- Prize Drawings

### Teens (13–18)

- Completion Prize: Book
- Prize Drawings

### Adults (18 & up)

- Completion Prize: GDL Cloth Book Bag
- Prize Drawings

Sign up at [thegdl.org/beanstack](https://thegdl.org/beanstack) to see more prize options.

### How to Draw Manga & Graphic Novels Workshop

Kids and adults who love drawing, regardless of skill level, will love this chance to learn from Mark Crilley, whose popular videos have made him a YouTube sensation. (Ages 8 & up)

**Thursday, July 15**  
@ 6pm

### STEAM On! Kites

Learn about flight and kite design by constructing your own kites out of recycled materials. Tune in to watch Miss Marissa share a related story and model the activity. (Ages 4–8)

**Friday, July 16**  
@ 1pm

### Comedy and Magic with Cameron Zvara

Magician Cameron Zvara brings his Comedy Magic Show right to your living room. Using a combination of mind-blowing magic, comedy, juggling, music, and audience participation through virtual communication, enjoy Cameron's show live online.

**Saturday, July 24**  
@ 11am

### Comic Art Animals

Mickey Mouse, Garfield, Scooby-Doo, Snoopy and others have entertained children of all ages for decades. Join Marvel Comic illustrator, Jerry DeCaire as art and fantasy are created in this fascinating live drawing program. (Ages 6 & up)

**Saturday, July 24**  
@ 1pm

### Professor Snoopenheimer

The brilliant but kooky Professor Snoopenheimer will take you on a journey snooping out mysterious hidden legendary animals like Bigfoot and Nessie. Do they exist? Or are they tall tales?

**Thursday, July 29**  
@ 2pm

### Bee Amazed at the Amazing Life of Honey Bees

Don't miss this fun and fast paced presentation of an observation hive with a live Q & A from bee expert, Don Snoeyink.

**Saturday, July 31**  
@ 11am



# August 2021



## We Rate Pets

Submit a photo of your pet and we'll share it on Facebook. Take turns creating funny captions in the comments and awarding other people's pets with awards such as fluffiest, grumpiest, silliest, etc. Submit your photo at [thegdl.org/weratepets](https://thegdl.org/weratepets). (All Ages)

August 1–31

## Blues Concert with Greg Nagy

This multifaceted blues artist has been named Best New Artist from the Blues Foundation in Memphis. You'll love his renditions of bluesy favorites and original songs.

**Tuesday, August 3**  
@ 6pm

## Pet Talent Show & Tell

Show off your pets! Join us on Zoom to tell us about your fur babies, share your funniest stories, or shock us with unbelievable facts and talents. Register at [thegdl.org/events](https://thegdl.org/events) and we'll send you the Zoom link.

**Thursday, August 5**  
Ages Birth–12 @ 4pm  
Ages 13–18 @ 4:45pm

## Sojourner Truth with Miz Rosie

Rosie Chapman, a.k.a. Miz Rosie, is a storyteller, author, poet, artist, therapist and school social worker who thrills audiences of all ages with storytelling. Rosie's interactive stories warm the heart and stimulate the mind. Watch as she becomes Sojourner Truth right before your eyes.

**Saturday, August 7**  
@ 2pm

## What Are You Reading?

Join Genesee District Librarians as they discuss the books they've read recently. They can also give you personalized book recommendations.

**Tuesday, August 10**  
@ 6pm

## Cooks & Books

Join Marissa on Zoom to learn a few simple recipes, get comfortable in the kitchen, and talk about some of your favorite books. The ingredient list will be posted ahead time if you'd like to cook along with Marissa. (Ages 13–18)

**Wednesday, August 11**  
@ 1pm

## Are You Smarter Than A Librarian?

Join us for an evening of online trivia where librarians get to ask you the reference questions. Level of difficulty? Just challenging enough to be fun. Visit [thegdl.org/trivia](https://thegdl.org/trivia) to play, or join us on Facebook Live or YouTube.

**Thursday, August 12**  
@ 6pm

## Ming the Magnificent: Magic Show

Magical tales and tails with Ming the Magnificent, Stanley the mind reading snake, Izzy the Duck, Barney the Bear, and Madam Fifi La Flea, the high-dive diva of the Foostamazoola Flea Circus. All ages will enjoy this laugh out loud, fun magic show.

**Saturday, August 14**  
@ 11am

## Cooking with Ming: Tamales

Cook supper with our favorite chef, Ming Louie. Ming will share his secrets for the best Tamales ever. We'll supply the ingredient list ahead of time so you can purchase what you need when you shop. Then tune in at the scheduled time and cook supper with Ming. He'll answer your questions in real time. When the program is over, sit down and enjoy a delicious homemade dinner.

**Tuesday, August 17**  
@ 5pm

## Closing Dates

**Independence Day:** Saturday, July 3; Sunday, July 4; Monday, July 5

