Pre-Reader Talk, Sing, Read, Write, Play Bonus Activities

- Use a wordless picture book and create your own story. (Read, Talk)
- Read a story with friends, family, or a caregiver in the park. (Read)
- Try a seek and find book. We have a whole section of them at the library! (Read, Play)
- Play a memory game with your family. (Play)
- Put together a puzzle. (Talk, Play)
- Visit a museum and talk about what you see with your family. (Talk, Play)
- Try a tongue-twister. (Talk, Play)
- Sing or chant nursery rhymes together. (Talk, Sing)
- Play hide-and-seek with family, friends (or with objects you hide!). (Play)
- Create a story that puppets or plushies can play out. (Talk, Play)
- Take turns drawing pictures and having the other person guess what you’re drawing. (Write, Play)
- Come up with your own neighborhood scavenger hunt with your family and see how many things you can find. (Talk, Play, Write)
- Learn a joke! (Talk)
- Learn something new about a favorite thing (like an animal) or a place (like the ocean!). (Read)
- Sing a song together in the car, at bedtime, or on a walk. (Talk, Sing)
- Do an outdoor activity such as camp, play in a park, swim, play sports, or gaze at the night sky. (Play)
- Read together using a book with a mystery or a twist in it. (Read, Talk)

Reader Bonus Activities

- Listen to a podcast for kids (one of our favorites is Smash Boom Best!).
- Read a mystery or something from our summer booklists on our website.
- Try a new hobby.
- Play a board game with your family.
- Go screen-free for a day.
- Learn a fun fact about a person, animal, or place, and share it with us at the desk!
- Tell us a joke or riddle.
- Play a puzzle-based video game.
- Check out a Wonderbook.
- Try a craft from CreativeBug (look on our website!).
- Help your family cook a new recipe you haven’t tried before.
- Check out one of our kits that you’ve never checked out before.
- Read out loud to your parents or a sibling.
- Try a science challenge. We can help you find inspiration or you can check out ideas at msichicago.org/science-at-home.
- Visit a museum.
- Do an outdoor activity such as camp, play in a park, play sports, swim, or go stargazing.

Mark a space for every day you read (or someone reads to you). Audiobooks and Wonderbooks count! Color in a “program” space if you attend any library summer program. Mark off an extra space for any activity you do from the bonus activity list on the back of this booklet.

Every time you reach a clue space (pictured below) come to the library to collect a small prize and an entry ticket into the drawing of your choice. Reach the Mystery Box space at the end and get your game in by the end of the day on August 9 to get your final prize and final entry into one of our drawings.

Reader’s Name: __________________________
Phone: __________________________

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