

Nevada Public Library Presents:

Summer Quest 2020



Welcome to the Mystical Quest Log, fellow traveler. These pages contain a selection of quests waiting to be conquered by all who wish to join the Nevada Public Library in its Summer Reading Adventure, starting June 15, 2020.

How does it work?

First, select your **hero**.

Next, it's time to start tackling quests. Quests can be completed in any order or completely ignored if they don't tickle your particular fancy. You shape your own destiny. Once you've fulfilled a quest's requirements, you'll be rewarded with **experience points** (XP).

Claim your XP by coloring in the character sheet for your hero (each line = 10 experience). After each 100XP, your character will **level up**, and you'll get to bask in your victories and the knowledge that you are precisely that much more awesome.

- Level 1: Beginner
- Level 2: Apprentice
- Level 3: Scholar
- Level 4: Expert
- Level 5: Legend

Once you've fully leveled up your hero, you may choose another character to venture into the wilderness alongside.

There's space on the back of each character sheet for you to chronicle your adventures by writing down the different quests you've completed.

How many quests will you conquer? How many heroes will you level up? Who will be the highest level Summer Reading Adventurer in all of Nevada?

Your adventure awaits. Happy Questing!

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Reading Quests

- ❖ **Good Habits:** Read something. A fantasy novel. A comic book. A gardening tutorial. A picture book. Something. Anything. Feed your mind! **(10XP every day you read)**.
 - **Reading Streak:** Read every day for 7 days. Keep it up! **(30XP)**
 - **Major Reading Streak:** Read every day for a month. You're Awesome! **(50XP)**
 - **Legendary Reading Streak:** Read every day for the entire summer reading program. You rock! **(100XP)**

- ❖ **The Critic:** After finishing a book, write your review of it on the site of your choice (Goodreads? Facebook? Your new reading journal?). **(10XP)**

- ❖ **Genre Dabbler:** Read a book from the following categories **(20 XP per completion)**
 - Romance
 - Science Fiction
 - Western
 - Historical Fiction
 - Biography
 - Picture Book
 - Graphic Novel
 - Mystery
 - Horror
 - Nonfiction
 - Audiobook
 - Fantasy
 - Poetry
 - eBook

- ❖ **The Librarian's Friend:** Recommend/lend a book to a friend or family member. **(10XP)**

- ❖ **Book Party:** Attend a BYO Book(s) virtual program and/or a virtual book club. **(20XP)**

- ❖ **Good Reading:** Start a Goodreads account if you don't have one **(10XP)**
 - Follow NPL on Goodreads. **(10XP)**

- ❖ **The Quest for the Next Good Book:** Request personalized book recommendations from the library using our form! **(10XP)**

- ❖ **Follow-Up:** Choose another quest you've completed, one that gave you a lot to think about, and do some follow-up research. If you need help finding some related reading materials, ask a librarian! **(10XP)**

- ❖ **Journey to the Little Free Library:** Find a Free Library and read a book from it. **(20XP)**
 - **Book Trader:** Add a book to a Little Free Library. **(10XP)**

- ❖ **Read Harder:** Participate in Book Riot's [Read Harder Challenge](#). **(10XP for each challenge you complete)**
 - **The Champ:** Complete the entire challenge because you're awesome. **(100XP)**

- ❖ **Adaptation:** Read a book that was turned into a movie. **(10XP)**
 - **Film Buff:** Watch the movie. **(10XP)**

Nature Quests

- ❖ **The Way of the Leaf:** Go outside and photograph or draw 5 different plants in your yard/neighborhood. Next, use library books or the internet to identify each species (20XP)

- ❖ **Tree Whisperer:** Collect leaves from 5 different trees. Be sure to have permission if the trees are on someone's property. Using the internet or a book to identify what kind of leaves you have. The Interactive Tree Identification from ISU Extension could be helpful. www.naturalresources.extension.ia.state.edu/forestry/iowa_trees (10XP)
 - **Tree Tracer:** Do a tracing/rubbing of one or more leaves. (10XP)
 - **Sisterhood of the Traveling Tree:** Create a picture or card from your tracing and mail it to a family member, friend, neighbor or care facility. (service). Be sure to write a note to the person and sign your name. (10XP)

- ❖ **Star Gazers:** Look at sky chart to see what constellations are visible in Nevada right now (<https://skyandtelescope.org/interactive-sky-chart/>)
 - Go outside and identify them (at night, lol)
 - Draw and label the constellations you saw (20XP)

- ❖ **Fellowship of the Wing:** Iowa birds have many colors! Can you find 5 different colored birds on your walk/hike? You can visit a park or walk the Nevada trail down by the creek and around the prairie. Find examples of 5 different colored birds. Take note of each bird's color, shape and size. When you get home try to identify each bird from a book or the internet. www.iowabirds.com / Iowa Ornithologists / www.audubon.org / www.allaboutbirds.org / Cornell Lab of Ornithology. Write the names of each bird down as you go because this quest may take more than one day. (20XP)
 - **Detect Feather:** Find a feather and try to identify the bird it came from. (10XP)
 - **A Golden Discovery:** Try to find Iowa's state bird. (10XP)

- ❖ **Tiny but Mighty:** Go outside and photograph or draw 5 different insects in your yard/neighborhood. Next, use the internet or a book to identify each species. (20XP)

Service Quests

- ❖ **The Sneaky Helper:** Surprise someone by helping them out. If you have chores divided up at home, do someone else's chore for them. Otherwise, get creative and find something nice to do for someone around you. Is your partner always doing the dishes? NOT TODAY, FRIEND. Is Dad always vacuuming? STEP ASIDE, PARDNER. OK, I think you get it. That sort of thing. **(10XP per sneak-assist)**

- ❖ **Vanquish Litter:** Take a walk around the block (or anywhere outside) to collect litter and put it where it belongs. Make sure you have proper protective gear - some gloves and a trash bag - and appropriate supervision. **(20XP)**

- ❖ **Ranged Support:** Donate to your favorite charity. **(20XP)** Some options:
 - Food Bank of Iowa: <https://www.foodbankiowa.org/>
 - Story Animal Control & Shelter: <https://bit.ly/2XTCMzB>
 - Cubbie's Cupboard: <https://www.nevadacubs.org/cubbies-cupboard/>
 - Harmony Closet: <https://www.facebook.com/HarmonyClothingCloset/>

- ❖ **Helping Hand:** Offer to pick up groceries or run an errand for a friend/neighbor/family member (but drop off at a safe distance). **(20XP)**

- ❖ **Superhero Recognition:** Do something nice for one of Nevada's public helpers. Write a thank you letter and include why they are important to you or leave a small treat (bottled water, a granola bar, make them a pan of rice krispie treats). **(20XP)**

- ❖ **Engage:** Register to vote and find your polling place. **(30XP)**

Physical Quests

- ❖ **Bendy-Body Sorcery:** Do yoga. That's it. **(10XP per daily session)**
 - Check out one of our yoga DVDs or get started with the resources below!
 - Yoga with MadFit: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sTANio_2E0Q
 - Yoga with Adrienne: <https://www.youtube.com/user/yogawithadriene>
 - Unicorn Yoga!: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DYbwE1HD9_8
 - Yoga for Kids with Alissa: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4ZpkRAcgws4>
 - Cosmic Kids Yoga: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=inyw6mM4xTU>

- ❖ **The Journey:** Go someplace new. When you get there, take a moment to sit and look around you. Try to notice 10 different things you haven't seen before, or you don't normally notice.
 - **Rolling Explorer:** Ride your bike, rollerblades, or any wheeled object someplace new. Please use your head and wear a helmet! Your brain is in there and we like that thing! **(10XP)**
 - **Perambulating Explorer:** Walk someplace new. **(10XP)**
 - **Trotting Explorer:** RUUUUUUUUUUUUUUN! **(10XP)**

- ❖ **Local Tourist:** Go on the Social Distance walking tour of Nevada's Historic Sites! There is more than one route to follow, so choose your own adventure, and see if you can hit them all! <https://www.goingthesocialdistancenevada.com/> **(10XP per route)**

- ❖ **Hero Training:** Create an obstacle course in the yard to complete, and level up your superhero skills! **(20XP)**

- ❖ **Workout Wizard:** Try out a new workout. The library has workout DVDs if you're looking for some inspiration! **(20XP)**
 - Keep at it! You got this! **(10XP for every follow-up workout)**

Food Quests

- ❖ **Plant Resurrection:** Did you know that you can grow a plant from only pieces of fruit or vegetables that you might throw out anyway? Use the top of a pineapple, the pit of an avocado or an old wrinkled potato to grow an entirely new plant. Other foods that could work include ginger, garlic, sweet potato, celery and onion. Can you find others? Explore the internet or a book. www.mrshappyhomemaker.com is a good place to start. **(20XP if anything grows at all)**
- ❖ **All the Cooks in the Kitchen:** Get the whole crew together and use teamwork to cook a meal. There are a lot of great ways to get younger ones involved, too, like measuring/counting ingredients, decorating, setting the table, and (of course) taste-testing :) Have fun! **(20XP)**
- ❖ **Culinary Pathfinder:** Pick a new ingredient/food you want to try, and research a recipe to use that food/ingredient. **(20XP)**
- ❖ **Potion Making:** Time to get creative and invent a tasty new concoction. The sky (and your imagination) is the limit! Maybe you want to dabble with a risky mix of sodas, or perhaps it's time to perfect your strawberry-banana smoothie by adding in some... what? Chocolate? (YES) Coffee? (I dunno about that...) Spinach? (Why not!). **(20XP)**
- ❖ **Potion Making - After Hours:** Alright grown-ups, let's give your creativity a chance to shine and invent that cocktail you've always thought should exist. **(20XP)**
- ❖ **A Special Feast:** Surprise someone in your family/friends by cooking them a special meal! **(20XP)**

Brain Quests

- ❖ **The Architect:** Try your hand at the 30 day lego challenge calendar. Available here: <https://thatbricklife.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/LEGO30daysofplay.pdf> or available as a printout from the library! **(10XP per day completed)**
- ❖ **Quest for the Babel Fish:** Learn 10 words in a different language. Using a book, an individual who speaks a language other than English (Spanish) or an online resource such as Transparent Language (available on the Nevada Public Library website) or www.wordhippo.com choose 10 words to learn. Write the words and the definitions down so that you have them handy to look at. Practice pronouncing the words by saying them aloud to yourself and family. **(10XP per day you practice)**
 - **The Conversationalist:** Use the word in a sentence and say the sentence aloud to someone else.. Example; My chapeau (hat) got wet in the rain. **(10XP per day you converse)**
 - **Write It:** Use all 5 (10) of the new words in one paragraph. Write the paragraph down and read it aloud to someone in your family/house. **(10XP)**
- ❖ **The Detective:** Check out a book where you try to solve the mystery (like Encyclopedia Brown or Two Minute Mysteries) and see how many of the mysteries you can solve. **(10XP for each hypothesis you develop, 20XP if you solve it!)**
 - Solve-It-Yourself Mysteries: <https://bit.ly/3eJQ9cy>
- ❖ **Crime Scene Investigator:** Set up a mystery/crime scene with clues for a friend or family member to solve. Then switch! Parents: this is a fun opportunity for lessons on forensics, crime scene science, and deduction! **(20XP for setting up the scene, 20XP for solving it)**
- ❖ **Code Master:** Learn to code! There are lots of fun websites with introductory coding activities for all ages, including: <https://www.tynker.com/#/join>. **(20XP each day you train)**
- ❖ **Brain Trainer:** Strengthen your brain by attempting a daily sudoku or crossword puzzle! **(10XP for each day you attempt to solve the puzzle)**
 - **I Did It!!:** Solve the puzzle without hints **(10XP)**
 - Daily Crossword: <https://www.washingtonpost.com/crossword-puzzles/daily/>
 - Daily Sudoku: <https://games.washingtonpost.com/games/daily-sudoku/>
- ❖ **The Puzzler:** Do a puzzle.
 - 1-499 pieces: 10XP
 - 500-999: 20XP
 - 1000 or more: 30XP
- ❖ **The Boardgamer:** Play a boardgame with your crew. **(30XP)**

Art Quests

Visual Arts

- ❖ **Fandom-onium:** Create some fan-art based on your favorite fandom. Use any materials you like (paint, draw, sculpt, sew). **(20 XP per creation)**
- ❖ **Art of the Day:** Try your hand at creating some art in response to these prompts - a different challenge for each day of the week **(10 XP per creation)**
 - **Mixed-Media Monday:** Create some art that uses more than one material.
 - **“You Do You” Tuesday:** Who are we to tell you what to create? You’re an artist. Make whatever you want. Do it for you.
 - **Watercolor Wednesday:** Bust out the watercolors.
 - **Thrifty Thursday:** Make art out of recycled materials.
 - **Fairy Tale Friday:** Make something based on a fairy tale.
 - **Still-life Saturday:** Look at something around you and capture it in art.
 - **Silly Sunday:** What’s the silliest thing you can create?
- ❖ **Paper Conjurer:** Make some Origami. **(10 XP per creation)**
 - **Origami Construct** - Next level: Create at least 5 items and use a hanger or dowel rods to make a mobile. **(10 XP)**
 - Check out one of our library books on origami or:
 - Origami Way www.origamiway.com
 - The Spruce <https://www.thesprucecrafts.com/origami-4162885>
 - Origami Spirit <https://www.youtube.com/user/OrigamiSpirit>
- ❖ **Fiber Fingers:** Learn how to finger knit. **(20XP)**
- ❖ **Stitchin’ Time:** Learn a new stitch/cast on/bind off using books from the library or YouTube or other online resources. **(20XP)**
 - Learn how to crochet a magic circle:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gEq48ABHRZo>
 - Make an amigurumi crochet bee:
<http://mohumohu.com/amigurumi-bee-free-crochet-pattern/>
- ❖ **Fiber-mancy:** Create your own pattern and make your creation. **(20XP)**
- ❖ **Crafty Inventor:** Teach yourself a new craft. No limits here, just find something you really wanna do and do it. **(20XP)**
- ❖ **Join the Party:** Attend a virtual Coffee & Coloring and/or Strings & Things program. **(20XP)**

Writing

- ❖ **The Chronicle:** Start your own diary, journal, whatever you want to call it. (10XP)
 - **Journal Journeyer:** Write in it every day for a week (10XP)
 - **Diary Devotee:** Write in it every day for a month (50XP)

- ❖ **Stories for Kids:** Write a children's picture book (10XP)
 - **The Illustrator:** Draw the pictures for it (20XP)
 - **The Performer:** Record yourself (or one of the brilliant kiddos in your life) reading your book and send it to the library so we can share it with the rest of our patrons? (30XP)

- ❖ **The Novelist:** Time to start that novel you've been thinking about, or keep up the work you've already begun! (20XP for completing your first chapter)
 - **Steady Wordsmith:** Keep going! The hardest part is starting. The also-hardest part is keeping at it day after day. (10XP for each day you write on your project)
 - **You Did It?!?** Wow. That's impressive. You finished your first draft of your novel! WAY TO GO. (100XP)

- ❖ **The Shorter Stories:** Not everything needs to be a novel. There's a lot of great short fiction out there. So give it a shot. Write your own short story. (20XP)

- ❖ **Panel by Panel:** Write and draw a comic book. (20XP)

- ❖ **The Poet:** Write a poem. About anything. In any style. (10XP)

- ❖ **The Researcher:** Write some non-fiction, whatever type you like. Could be an autobiography. Or a research essay on something you care about. Or instructions for how to make something cool. Or a recipe. Or... (20XP)

- ❖ **Fractured Fairy Tales:** Have you ever wondered what would've happened if things went just a bit differently in your favorite fairy tales? Now is your chance to take an old story and turn it into something new, exactly how you'd like to see it. Take a look at Deborah Underwood reading one of my favorite Fractured Fairy Tales and showing us how she does it: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LtOqTVFYGzY>. Then, try your own! (20XP)
 - **I Can Picture It:** Bonus points if you draw some pictures for it! (20XP)

- ❖ **Inspired:** Use writing to respond to any of the quests you've completed. Write a poem about the most interesting bird you saw. Or write a story about finding your favorite tree/leaf. Or write a recipe book for the potions you invented. (20XP)

Music

- ❖ **The Bard:** Learn a new song on any instrument. **(10XP)**
 - **The Videographer:** Make and record a music video for your song. **(30XP)**
 - ❖ **The Curious Ear:** Listen to a type of music you wouldn't normally listen to. Variety is good for the brain. Stretch yourself! You don't have to love it :) **(10XP)**
 - ❖ **Performance Check:** Sing a song or play an instrument on your porch or in your front yard! **(10XP)**
 - **Pop-Up Choir:** Extra points if you have another person join you in your music-making. **(20XP)**
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Junior Quests

- ❖ **Every Day Readers:** Read at least 1 board book a day with your baby/toddler **(10XP)**
 - **Reading Streak:** Read every day for 7 days straight **(30XP)**
 - **Major Reading Streak:** Read every day for a month **(50XP)**
- ❖ **Silent SpellCasting:** Help your baby or toddler learn 3-5 basic signs with American sign language. Signs can help little ones in lowering frustration levels and to communicate feelings as their verbal skills increase. Easy signs to start with might be "more", "finished" or "all done", "bird" or "drink". The library has several books and DVDs to help you in this quest. **(20XP every day you practice)**
 - The American Sign Language Dictionary can be found at www.handspeak.com
 - Or www.signingsavvy.com could also be helpful.
- ❖ **StoryTime Online:** Join us on our facebook page for our virtual storytimes. **(20XP)**
- ❖ **The Songbird Life:** Sing a song with your baby/toddler - aim for daily! **(10XP per day)**
- ❖ **Crafty Crafts:** Make something together. It doesn't matter what. Get out the playdough and sculpt an animal. Trace hands and turn them into space turkeys. Color all the things. Just have fun! **(20XP per day)**