

Pippinhoot

**Welcome to Tails & Tales,
your Summer Reading 2021 Adventure!**

Join us for stories, virtual crafts, book chats, visits with animal experts, and outdoor excursions! Check your calendar for the schedule.

Please use this link to meet us for the virtual crafts and book chat sessions: meet.google.com/ouh-nhtr-ffv

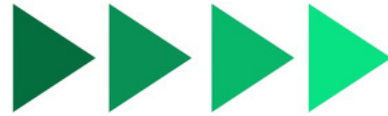
Please check the enclosed flyers for links to the virtual veterinarian and zoologist visits.



**CLEAR CREEK COUNTY
LIBRARY DISTRICT**



Early Learning – 2nd Grade



Week

1

ANIMAL BABIES

June 7
Monday

Begin tracking
reading minutes
and bingo cards
today!

June 9
Wednesday

Virtual
Pet Meet & Greet
10:30 am

June 10
Thursday

Virtual Craft
10:30 am

Hop online for virtual craft sessions and book chats at meet.google.com/ouh-nhtr-ffv

Stay after craft on designated days for a Pippinhoot book chat with Miss Honeybun, the Library District's storytime rabbit!

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AMAZING ANIMALS

June 17
Thursday

Virtual Craft
10:30 am
**** book chat
after craft ****

3

VET SCHOOL

June 23
Wednesday

Virtual Visit
CSU Vet School
2:30 pm

June 24
Thursday

Virtual Craft
10:30 am
**** book chat
after craft ****

4

BATTY FOR ZOOLOGY

June 30
Wednesday

Virtual Visit
Zoologist
10:30 am

July 1
Thursday

Virtual Craft
10:30 am
**** book chat
after craft ****

5

ANIMAL HOMES

July 8
Thursday

Virtual Craft
10:30 am
**** book chat
after craft ****

6

SAFARI

July 13
Tuesday

Habitat Hike
Idaho Springs -
8:45 am
Georgetown - 11 am

July 18
Sunday

Final day to
submit reading
minutes and
bingo cards!



**Tails
and
Tales**

Tune in for WILD stories!

Wednesdays on Facebook at 11:15 am
Thursdays on Facebook at 7 pm

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Week 1: Baby Animals

What's your favorite baby animal? Baby opossums are pretty neat! Opossums are *marsupials*, which means that opossum babies spend part of their early development in mama opossum's pouch. After about 100 days, the babies ride on mama's back. At 3 - 4 months of age, baby opossums can roam on their own!

Opossums' tails are *prehensile*, which means opossums can use their tails to grasp things. They can even hang upside-down from their tails for short periods of time!



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Baby Opossum Craft

Create your own baby opossum! Your baby opossum will have a prehensile tail that can grasp onto things – it could even hold your crayon or pencil, or hang from your finger!



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Baby Opossum Craft



1. Grab your opossum craft pack, glue, craft stick, paper plate, paintbrush, and paint. Don't forget a paper towel and a cup of water to clean off your paintbrush between colors.
2. Use your craft stick to put 2 medium size blobs of white paint on the paper plate.
3. Wipe your craft stick off. Now use one end to put a little bit of black paint next to one white blob, and a little bit of red paint next to the other white blob.

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Baby Opossum Craft

4. Mix the black paint with one white blob. Mix the red paint with the other white blob. Now you have gray and pink paint! Stir it well so it isn't too streaky.

5. Use your paintbrush to paint your cardboard tube gray. Set it on one end to let it dry.

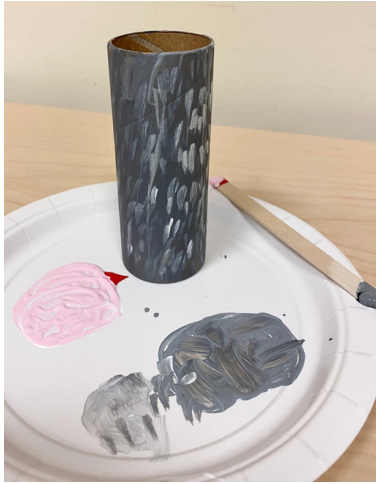
6. Paint your opossum's paws and inner ears pink.

7. While your paint is drying, glue the googly eyes and pompom nose onto your opossum's face.



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Baby Opossum Craft



8. Use your paintbrush to dab a little white paint on the edge of your plate. Add a bit of your gray paint to make light gray.

9. Paint little lines on the gray tube. Does it look like fur?

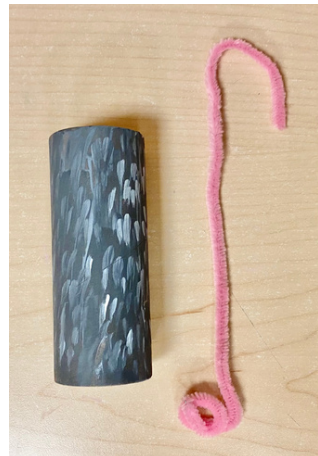
10. Add another coat of pink paint on your opossum's paws and ears.

11. When that paint is dry, add a third coat of pink paint on the paws and ears. Paint little light gray lines on the arms and legs.



12. Dab a bit of glue to the bottom edges of the ears, and glue them to your opossum's face.

13. Next, bend one end of the pipe cleaner into a hook, and the other end into a swirl. Tape the swirled end inside your cardboard tube. (If you know a grownup with a glue gun, they could also use hot glue to secure the tail into the tube.)





14. When your opossum's legs are completely dry, you can trim tiny triangles from the paws to make little toes. Be very careful only to cut tiny little bits out.

15. Glue your opossum's face to the body. Really press down to make sure it stays.

16. Dab a bit of glue to the end of the hind legs and glue them to the back of the tube.



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Baby Opossum Craft

17. Glue the front legs onto the body. Make sure your opossum's thumbs are on the inside! (Like humans, opossums have opposable thumbs, which allows them to grasp onto things.)

18. Hooray! Now you have your very own baby opossum. Use its prehensile tail to hold objects or hang upside down!

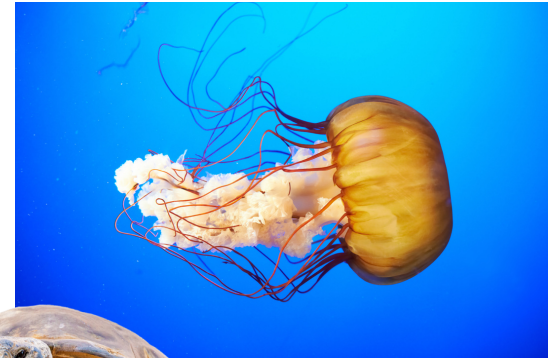


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Week 2: Amazing Animals

Blue whales. Fireflies. Boa constrictors. Snowshoe hares. Great horned owls. Jellyfish. Tortoises.

Think of how differently each of these creatures looks, moves through, and interacts with the world. Over many, many years, animal species' bodies change in ways that help them survive.



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Week 2: Amazing Animals

Rabbit ears are a great example of an amazing animal adaptation! Big ears help bunnies hear and avoid predators. Rabbits can hear noises up to 1.8 miles away! Imagine sitting outside John Tomay Memorial Library and hearing someone eating a sandwich by Georgetown Lake.

Have you ever wondered why rabbits have fluffy tails? Zoologists (scientists who study animals) think their fluffy tails help rabbits escape during a chase. Rabbits run from predators in a zigzag pattern, and the fluffy white underside of their tail might confuse predators when the rabbit abruptly changes direction.





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Bunny Ears and Tail Hat

Let's craft a hat with bunny ears and a fluffy tail!

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1. Grab your bunny craft kit, crayons, glue, paint, and paintbrush. Remember to grab a paper towel and cup of water to clean your paintbrush.
 2. Open your plate and place it so the edge is curving down toward your work surface (if you were eating off the plate, it would be upside down on the table).



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Bunny Ears and Tail Hat

3. Decide what you'd like your rabbit's coat (fur) to look like. Rabbit coats can be many different colors and patterns!



Oops! How did a chocolate bunny get in here?!



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Bunny Ears and Tail Hat

4. Miss Holly decided to give her bunny a coat like the rabbit pictured above.



5. Grab your crayons and start coloring in your rabbit's fur!

6. Once you are happy with how your rabbit's coat looks, it's time to add pink to the inner ears.

7. You can use paint or crayons. To mix pink paint, use your wooden craft stick to put a medium-sized blob of white paint and a small blob of red paint on the plate you use for a palette.

8. Mix the red paint into the white paint, a little bit at a time. If you want your pink to be darker, you can always add more red.



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Bunny Ears and Tail Hat

This ear is colored in with pink crayon



This ear is colored in with pink paint

Miss Holly painted over the pink crayon with pink paint to see what it would look like.



9. Put a small blob of glue on your pink pom-pom and press it down on the plate to make a bunny nose.

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Bunny Ears and Tail Hat



10. Apply a medium-sized blob of glue onto a cotton ball and press it firmly to start your tail. Repeat with the other cotton balls.

11. Squeeze a medium-size blob of glue between the cotton balls, and then press them together so they look like one tail.

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Bunny Ears and Tail Hat



12. For the final touch, paint eyes on your rabbit.

13. Once the paint is dry, you can add a little white dot on each eye to make them look sparkly.

14. Now, put on your hat and hop around!

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Week 3: Vet School

Veterinarians are doctors who help animals. They learn all about animals to understand how to keep them healthy and happy. In vet school, students study medicine, anatomy (animal bodies), surgery, diseases, and more.

Many vets learn how to help animals like cats, dogs, and other pets. Some vets specialize in helping farm or zoo animals!



**Weds
June 23
2:30 pm**

Veterinarian Visit

Meet a real veterinarian!

Joining this virtual visit will enter you into a prize drawing!

Meet us online at meet.google.com/qsv-omvp-uvi

Clear Creek County Library District is excited to welcome Yoshua Goodman, a third-year veterinary student attending Colorado State University, for a special Summer Reading visit. Bring your questions about the path to vet school, Yoshua's typical day helping animals, and the types of animals he cares for.

Yoshua was born in Mexico and grew up in Las Vegas. He earned a degree in Pathobiology and Animal Science in 2019. His interests include small animal medicine, soft tissue surgery, and business.

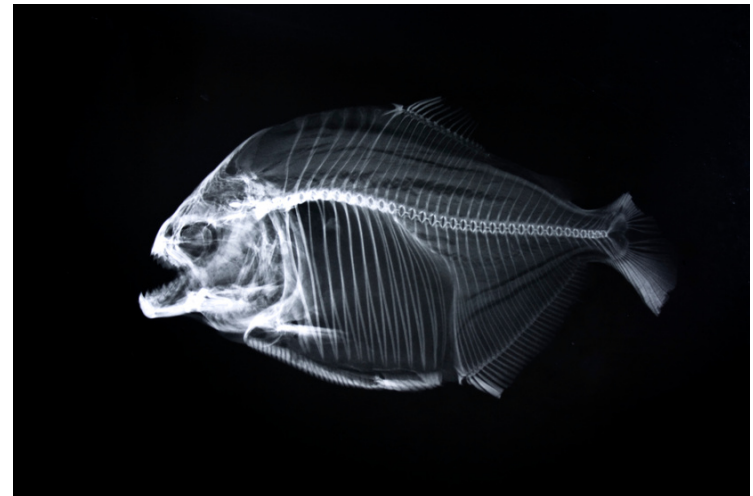
Yosh's favorite animal is one of the critters pictured at right! Can you guess which one? Come to the virtual visit to find out!



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X-ray Fish Craft

Scientists can photograph bones and some internal organs using an X-ray machine. Your dentist has probably taken X-ray images of your teeth and jaws. X-rays help doctors see whether bones are normal or irregular, intact or broken.

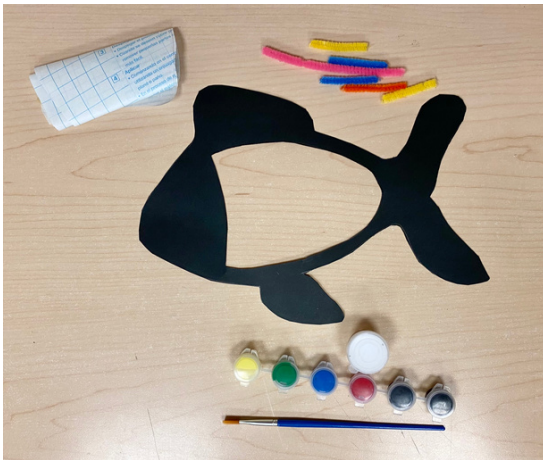




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X-ray Fish Craft

Let's create a fish that you can see through!



1. Grab your X-ray fish craft pack and your paints. Be sure to get a cup of water and paper towel to clean your paintbrush between each color.



2. Paint your fish as you would like.



3. Peel the backing off one piece of the clear adhesive. This is tricky, so ask for help if you need it!

4. Stick the adhesive to the **BACK** of your fish, so the sticky side is facing up toward you. You can't really see it in the second picture, but the adhesive is on the back side of the fish.

5. Lay out your fish's bones (the pipe cleaners) to form a skeleton. The longest pipe cleaner is your fish's spine. The short pipe cleaners are ribs. Stick them down onto the sticky adhesive.

** NOTE: Wait for your paint to dry before this step! Miss Holly didn't, so she will have to go back and fix that smeared paint.

6. Peel the backing off the second piece of adhesive.

7. Press the adhesive sticky-side down.



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X-ray Fish Craft



8. Add more paint, if you'd like to.

9. Your fish is finished! Good job!

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Week 4: Batty about Zoology

Zoologists study animals. Some zoologists observe animals in their natural habitat, and others work in zoos, aquariums, and laboratories. Would you like to travel to the rainforest to learn about sloths? Or feed a baby leopard living at a zoo?



**Weds
June 30
10:30 am**

Zoologist Visit

Meet a real zoologist!

Joining this virtual visit will enter you into a prize drawing!

Meet us online at meet.google.com/ned-vubp-qeq

Clear Creek County Library District is excited to welcome zoologist Deedra McClearn for a special Summer Reading visit! From running a research station in Costa Rica to studying animals in Kruger National Park, Deedra has traveled widely to learn about some of the world's coolest animals, including BATS!

Bring your questions about Deedra's path to a career in zoology and her amazing animal encounters.





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Bat Rocket Activity

Bats are the only mammals (animals with fur or hair) that can fly! (Flying squirrels glide through the air, but they do not fly.) For this craft, let's make a bat rocket that "flies" ... with a little help from you!

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Bat Rocket Activity



1. Grab your bat rocket kit and your crayons. You will also need scissors and tape.
2. Color in your bat. What colors will you make your bat? Bats in nature can be black, gray, brown, tan, orange, and reddish ... but you can make your bat whatever color you want!



3. Cut out your bat.

4. Tape one of your plastic pipettes to the back of your bat. The narrow part should be facing down.

5. Insert your straw into the pipette.

6. Your bat is ready to fly! Hold the straw above your mouth and blow into it. How far can you make it go?

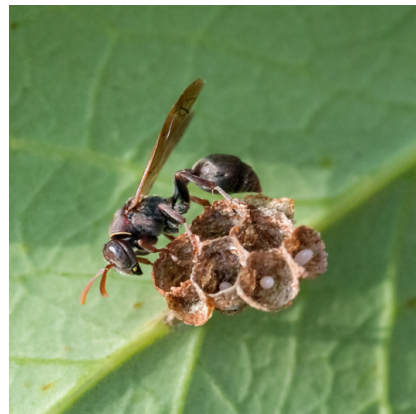
7. Now, craft your other bat!



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Week 5: Animal Homes

Animals have all kinds of amazing homes. Some animals even build their own homes. Prairie dogs and moles dig underground tunnels and burrows. Beavers collect sticks and mud to build their dams and lodges. Paper wasps chew up wood and plant fiber to create paper nests.



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Build-a-Birdnest Activity

Many birds build nests. They can use leaves, grass, sticks, mud, clay, feathers, and items made by humans (like yarn, paper, and plastic) to build their nest. Different types of birds build different types of nests. A nest should be a good, safe place to sleep, lay eggs, and raise babies. Some birds even decorate their nests!



Can you make a nice nest using clay and feathers? How could you decorate your nest? What sort of bird might like to live there?



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Build-a-Birdnest Activity



1. Grab your Play-Doh and the Ziploc bag with feathers, beads, and glitter.
2. Take out your Play-Doh.
3. Roll the Play-Doh between your hands to form a ball.
4. Squish your thumbs into the middle of the ball to start forming a hollow.



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Build-a-Birdnest Activity

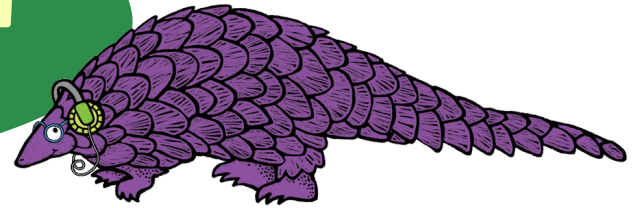


5. Pinch the Play-Doh around the edges to build up the sides of your nest. If you don't like how it looks, you can roll the Play-Doh back into a ball and start over.
6. When you are happy with your nest, decorate it! Can you find items around your room or outside to bedazzle your nest? Think like a bird and look for grass, leaves, and twigs.
7. When you are done with your nest, remove the decorations, roll the Play-Doh up, and put it back into its container to play with in the future.

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Week 6: Safari

Face masks are required!



Tuesday, July 13

• Idaho Springs Safari

- 8:45 am: Meet at Idaho Springs Public Library
- 9 am: Departure from ISPL
- Approximately 10:15 am: Return to Idaho Springs Public Library

• Georgetown Safari

- 11 am: Meet at John Tomay Memorial Library
- Approximately 12:30 pm: Return to John Tomay Memorial Library

A "safari" is an expedition to find animals in their native habitat. This week, join our Library Director, Libby Caplan, on a special Clear Creek safari! Enjoy fresh air and exercise while learning about local animals.

Parents of Pippinhoots preschool age and younger: we recommend that you plan to join your child(ren) for the full safari.

Parents of Pippinhoots entering kindergarten or older: it's up to you whether you join your child(ren) on the safari — you are the best judge of whether they will need you on this adventure.

Remember to wear sunscreen and comfortable walking shoes! Bring a water bottle if it's hot.