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Summer Reading Programs at Nacogdoches Public Library

(Nacogdoches, TX) – While the interior of the Nacogdoches Public Library remains closed to the public, library customers can still access the digital and physical collection. Library customers may place an order for books and DVDs by telephone or the library’s website. Pick-up is in the meeting room by appointment to maintain safe social distancing between customers.

“The summer reading program will look different this year due to safety considerations in light of COVID-19. The library staff has worked hard to create story times, online programs, and take-home crafts that revolve around this year’s summer reading theme, *Imagine Your Story*,” said Mercedes Franks, library director.

Each week during the summer season will be an exploration of a classic fairy tale through readings and fun at-home activities. Videos will be released weekly on the library’s Facebook and Youtube channel. And beginning June 15th, craft kits will be available for pickup in the lobby. Kits are limited to one per family, while supplies last.

“Despite the unusual circumstances of this summer, we want to make sure that everyone, especially children, has access to books to prevent the loss of reading skills during the summer months and has an opportunity to experience the wonderful fairy tale-themed activities the staff has created. While we encourage ordering ahead of materials, we have created some *Grab & Go Book Bags & Singles* of children and adult books for an easy check-out experience. Our library staff will also select reading materials for anyone that needs a little assistance or can’t think of what to get since the collection is still closed to the public. We also have Spanish-speaking staff that can help our Spanish-speaking families get books for their children,” continued Franks.

During Phase One the library’s interior remains closed to the public and all library programs are online. Customers may continue to access the library’s electronic eBook and eAudio book collection. For more information, please contact library staff at 936-559-2970 or online www.ci.nacogdoches.tx.us/library.