

FAMILY LITERACY CHALLENGE BINGO

1. Print this Bingo “card” (first page)
2. Select randomly and complete OR follow along with any daily/weekly challenges (beginning the week of April 20th).
3. **FREE**: Please record your activity. You can repeat a square.
4. Descriptions are found on the pages that follow the Bingo card.

Flashlight Friday	Telephone Story	Poem in Your Pocket	Unplugged Coding	Found Story
Time Travel	Cursive Writing	Family History Interview	Secret Code	Dialogue
Write a Letter	Poetree	FREE	Family Game Night: Boss of the Rules	Learn a New Skill
Read Nature	A New Ending	Blackout Free Verse Poetry	Fractured Fairy Tale	Fort Day
Comic Day	Memorize and Recite	Story Starter	Spine Poetry	Master Chef

Flashlight Friday: Find a cozy place in your home, turn out the lights and read by flashlight, reading light or headlamp for 30 minutes. You can only do this on a *Friday*, because there is no Fruesday or Faturday (but Funday would be a great name-change....)

Telephone Story: Grab a piece of paper and begin by having the first person write *one* sentence to start the story, then pass this to the next person. The second person reads the sentence and draws a picture to match. This person *folds the first sentence behind and out of view* and passes the sheet to the third person. That person must write the sentence they think matches the illustration. They fold the illustration behind, and the next person must create an illustration to match the sentence and so on. Continue passing the sheet and either illustrate the sentence or write the sentence to match the picture until you have filled the sheet. Open the entire sheet and enjoy! Warning: May cause giggles.

Poem in Your Pocket: Make up a short poem or find one of your favourites from a book and write it on a little piece of paper. Put it in your pocket and be prepared to share it. Your family may want to have a “Poetry Café” recitation session, or you may want to read it to a grandparent or another special person over the phone.

Unplugged Coding: Go to the Coding section under the Online Learning tab (www.carisbrookeschoollibrary.weebly.com). Click on the Unplugged Coding link and have fun!

Found Story: Ask someone in your house to gather up four (or more if you wish) random objects from your home (e.g. A sock, a

stuffy, a ball, and an apple). Invent a story that includes all of the objects. Write or record your story and share with others.

Time Travel: Research what was happening in the world on your birthday 100 years ago, or research major events in the year 1920. You may want to add categories such as sports, music, politics, health. Record your findings in any way you choose.

Cursive Writing: If you are in Grade 3 or above, practice your cursive writing. How neatly can you sign your name (you may need to sign a contract or other such document someday). Can you read cursive writing? Have your parents handwrite a message for you, or, better yet, see if they have any old letters around that you can read. If you are in K-2, practice your neatest printing.

Family History Interview: Ask your parent(s) if they have any old family photos, heirlooms or stories. Ask questions, record information, and create a Family Treasure that can be kept and shared with future generations.

Secret Code: Check out the Online Learning/Coding section on the Library website and go to the first option under coding for a list of six unplugged activities. The 6th is a suggestion for how to create your own secret code for sending messages. You can create a simple one, or to challenge yourself, look for more complicated codes online.

Dialogue: Elephant and Piggie books by Mo Wilems are a great example of how to create and record dialogue between two (or more) characters, as are Monkey and Cake, by Drew Daywalt. Select your two favourite characters (drawings that you have created from your imagination, or illustrations of your two favourite stuffies or a pet or two) and create a book using only speech

bubbles. For an extra challenge, use quotation marks instead of speech bubbles.

Write a Letter: Think of someone who does not live with you. Write a letter....on paper (!) with a pencil or pen. Include a greeting, then tell this person about your day, a special event, even a joke or funny story. Sign your name. Look up their address, write it on an envelope. Ask your parents for a stamp and mail the letter.

Poetree: Choose a poem or a book in rhyme, find a tree near your house and read (silently, or out loud). The tree will appreciate it. 😊

Family Game Night: Boss of the Rules: Become the Boss of the Rules by taking the time to read all (yes, ALL) the rules for a new-to-you or not-so-familiar family game. Consider it as a way to gain an advantage over your competitors.

Learn a New Skill: Why not take advantage of this time at home to learn a new skill? Literacy is not just the written word, it can also be following oral and visual directions. Ask a parent/guardian if they can teach you how to knit, crochet, build, sew, cook or bake, paint, do a new move or trick in whatever sport or physical activity you enjoy, play a new instrument....the possibilities are endless. You may only learn a task from someone you know, either at home or virtually via a chat/video platform.

Read Nature: Choose a view of nature from one of the windows in your home. At the same time each day for five or more days in a row, sit for 15 minutes and make note of any plants or wildlife (flora or fauna) that you see. It can be a simple list, e.g. 4 robins, light pink blossoms on the cherry tree, one tulip. Once you have recorded notes for at least five days, read back and look for any

patterns or changes. For extra challenge, you could do two lists/day at different times (e.g. 8am and 4pm every day). Do you see different wildlife? Are the birds more active in the morning or the afternoon?

A New Ending: Yes, you are correct. Choose a favourite story of yours and rewrite the ending. You can either choose a picture book or rewrite the final chapter in your favourite novel or series. You have complete control! Save and share with someone.

Blackout Free Verse Poetry: Find a magazine or book that your parent/guardian has given you permission to use (and by use, I mean, it will be permanently altered). Choose a page and carefully rip or cut it out. Read the entire page. Using a pencil, lightly draw a rectangle around words to create a sentence. Your goal is to select no more than two from any one line, and they may not be beside each other. Your sentence must make sense (therefore it can only flow from top to bottom). Once you are satisfied with your sentence, use a black felt, Sharpie, pencil crayon to black out all the other words on the page *except* the ones in your poem. *Take a photo and save for a callout for a Photo Challenge. **For a visual description of this challenge, please go to Storytime With Miss Toms and look for the April 21st posting.

Fractured Fairy Tale: Choose a favourite Fairy Tale and change things up (think The True Story of the 3 Little Pigs by Jon Scieszka). Your story will need a beginning, middle and end. You may also wish to include some common Fairy Tale elements, such as things happening in three's, magic, and good and bad characters.

Fort day: Build yourself a fort using materials from your house like bed sheets, blankets, pillows, and cushions and hunker down

with a good book or audio book. You may want to do this solo, or have a family member, stuffy or pet join you.

Comic Day: Be inspired by the many graphic novels we have in our library and try creating your own comic character or your own comic strip or panel. There are many online directed drawing sites, including Mo Wilems (under the More, Funtivities, Art tab) if you are looking for inspiration on creating your own character.

Memorize and Recite: Do you have a favourite poem, or passage in a book? Have you ever challenged yourself to memorize something other than math facts? Find a short poem or passage, read it over and over, then line by line, try to memorize your selection. Ready to perform? Choose an audience (human, pet or stuffy) and present.

Story Starter: Click on the link below, or in the Writing section. Pick a genre, then spin the wheel for a randomized prompt that includes a style of writing, a unique protagonist, and an interesting situation. Write your story and share with others.

<http://www.scholastic.com/teachers/story-starters/>

Spine Poetry: Using books around your house, stack them so that the titles combine to create a little poem. Snap a photo and save for a callout for Photo Challenge entries.

Master Chef: Find a new recipe, read it with a parent and try it out. Bonus? Prepare a main AND a dessert. EXTRA bonus? Write out the menu for your “customers” and place at each table setting. EXTRA EXTRA bonus? Welcome your customers, introduce yourself as their server, take their orders and serve. (You may or may not receive a tip).

