

SUMMER READING CLUB

EARN REWARDS FOR READING!

PLAY "SUMMER READING BINGO"!

- Use the BINGO cards in this activity book (pages 3–4).
- To achieve "BINGO," write the titles of the books you read in the corresponding BINGO squares. Parents may read aloud to young children.
- BINGO is five squares across (vertical, horizontal or diagonal) or four corners.

PICK UP A FREE BOOK!

Visit your local MCPL any time June–August to show your completed BINGO card to library staff and receive a free book as a reward!

BONUS: Earn a second "BINGO" to claim another free book!



SCAVENGER HUNT

FIND HIDDEN SHAPES TO DISCOVER THE SECRET WORD!

- Find these eight shapes hidden in this activity book: **airplane, boat, camera, globe, hot air balloon, sun, sunglasses, tent**
- Record the letter found on each shape on the matching lines below to finish the sentence.
- Once you discover the "secret word," show it to library staff to claim your reward!

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MARATHON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY SUMMER YOUTH EVENTS



TRAIL TALES

CHILDREN DROP-IN Families can explore Oak Island Park and enjoy picture books along the way!
6/1-8/31 @ Oak Island Park (Wausau)

RIB MOUNTAIN STORY TIME

CHILDREN Join us for a special story time at Rib Mountain State Park!
Sat., 6/1, 10 a.m. & 11 a.m. @ Rib Mountain (Wausau)

LEGO® PARTY

CHILDREN DROP-IN Get creative using LEGO blocks!
Saturdays, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.: 6/1, 7/6, 8/3 @ MCPL Rothschild

WEDNESDAYS

3–5 p.m.: 6/5, 6/19, 7/17, 7/31, 8/7, 8/21 @ MCPL Wausau
Fridays, 1–3 p.m.: 6/7, 6/14, 6/21, 6/28, 7/5, 7/12, 7/19, 7/26, 8/1, 8/8, 8/15, 8/22, 8/29 @ MCPL Marathon City

BACKPACK BUDDIES

CHILDREN DROP-IN String beads to create your own "backpack buddy!"
6/3–6/8 @ MCPL Stratford
6/17–6/22 @ MCPL Rothschild

7/1–7/6 @ MCPL Hatley
7/15–7/20 @ MCPL Athens
7/29–8/3 @ MCPL Edgar
8/12–8/17 @ MCPL Marathon City
8/26–8/31 @ MCPL Mosinee

FAMILY STORY TIME

CHILDREN Stories, songs and more for ages 6 and under!
Mondays, 10:30 a.m.: 6/3, 6/17, 7/1, 7/15, 7/29, 8/12 @ MCPL Athens
Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m.: 6/4, 7/2, 7/16, 8/6, 8/20 @ MCPL Edgar

Tuesdays, 11 a.m.: 6/4, 6/18, 7/2, 7/16, 8/6, 8/20 @ MCPL Edgar
Thu., 10 a.m.: 6/6, 6/13, 6/20, 6/27, 7/11, 7/18, 7/25, 8/1, 8/8, 8/15, 8/22, 8/29 @ MCPL Wausau

Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.: 6/6, 6/20, 6/27, 7/11, 7/18, 7/25, 8/1, 8/8, 8/15, 8/22 @ MCPL Marathon City

MY SUMMER ADVENTURE BOOK

CHILDREN Create a journal filled with summer memories!
6/3–6/8 @ MCPL Hatley
6/17–6/22 @ MCPL Stratford

7/1–7/6 @ MCPL Edgar

7/15–7/20 @ MCPL Rothschild
7/29–8/3 @ MCPL Spencer

SUNFLOWER WEAVING

CHILDREN DROP-IN Learn weaving techniques to make a sunflower craft!
6/3–6/8 @ MCPL Mosinee
6/17–6/22 @ MCPL Spencer
7/1–7/6 @ MCPL Athens
7/15–7/20 @ MCPL Marathon City
7/29–8/3 @ MCPL Stratford
8/19–8/24 @ MCPL Rothschild

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS

TEENS REGISTRATION Join us to play D&D! No experience necessary.
Register: www.mcpl.us/dd

Tuesdays, 2–4 p.m.: 6/4, 6/11, 6/18, 6/25, 7/2, 7/9, 7/16, 7/23, 7/30, 8/6, 8/13, 8/20, 8/27 @ MCPL Wausau

POKEMON CLUB

CHILDREN DROP-IN Gather with other Pokemon fans for activities and more!

Tuesdays, 4 p.m.: 6/4, 7/2, 8/6 @ MCPL Wausau
Mondays, 4 p.m.: 6/17, 7/15, 8/19 @ MCPL Edgar

PLAY & LEARN

CHILDREN Books, music and crafts with Children's Wisconsin!
Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m.: 6/5, 6/12, 6/19, 6/26, 7/10, 7/17, 7/24, 7/31, 8/7, 8/14, 8/21, 8/28 @ MCPL Wausau
Mondays, 10:30 a.m.: 6/24, 7/22, 8/26 @ MCPL Stratford

CAMPING STORY TIME

CHILDREN A camping-themed story time with stories, songs and crafts.
Thu., 6/6, 10:30 a.m. @ MCPL Marathon City

READ TO A THERAPY DOG

CHILDREN DROP-IN Practice reading aloud to these well-behaved dogs!
Thursdays, 1–3 p.m.: 6/6, 6/13, 6/20, 6/27, 7/11, 7/18, 7/25, 8/1, 8/8, 8/15 @ MCPL Wausau
Thursdays, 5–6 p.m.: 6/6, 6/20, 7/11, 7/25, 8/8, 8/22 @ MCPL Rothschild

MOVIE MATINÉE "MIGRATION"

CHILDREN Rated PG.
Fri., 6/7, 2–4 p.m. @ MCPL Wausau

DIY SUN VISOR

CHILDREN DROP-IN Decorate your own foam sun visor using provided craft materials!
6/10–6/15 @ MCPL Spencer

MINI PAPER KITES

CHILDREN DROP-IN Create a fun, travel-size mini kite!
6/10–6/15 @ MCPL Stratford
6/24–6/29 @ MCPL Marathon City
7/8–7/13 @ MCPL Mosinee
7/22–7/27 @ MCPL Spencer
8/12–8/17 @ MCPL Rothschild
8/26–8/31 @ MCPL Hatley

DINOSAUR DIMENSIONS

CHILDREN Join us for this fun and interactive dinosaur puppet show!
Mon., 6/10, 10:30 a.m. @ Memorial Park (Athens)
Mon., 6/10, 1:30 p.m. @ River Park (Mosinee)

OUTDOOR STORY TIME

CHILDREN Bring your family for outdoor stories and activities!
Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m.: 6/11, 6/25, 7/9, 7/23, 8/13, 8/27 @ MCPL Hatley

TOM PEASE

CHILDREN Children's entertainer Tom Pease is back with his unique mix of music and humor!
Tue., 6/11, 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m. @ Oak Island Park (Wausau)
Tue., 6/18, 10 a.m. @ Marathon Elementary (Marathon City)
Tue., 6/18, 1:30 p.m. @ Oak St. Park (Edgar)

THE MAGIC OF ISAIAH

CHILDREN Join us for this fun magic show!
Wed., 6/12, 10:30 a.m. @ George St. Park (Rothschild)
Wed., 6/12, 1:30 p.m. @ Lions Park (Spencer)
Tue., 6/25, 10:30 a.m. @ Oak Island Park (Wausau)
Tue., 6/25, 1:30 p.m. @ MCPL Stratford

ADVENTURE STORY TIME

CHILDREN Join us for adventure-themed stories, songs and crafts!
Wed., 6/12, 10:30 a.m. @ MCPL Stratford

ZOOZORT

CHILDREN This fun and educational show features a wallaby, an armadillo and other animals!
Wed., 6/12, 1:30 p.m. @ MCPL Hatley

TIE-DYE

TEENS Tie-dye a free tote bag or bring your own items!
Wed., 6/12, 2 p.m. @ MCPL Wausau

SNAKE DISCOVERY

CHILDREN Learn about reptiles and amphibians found in Wisconsin!
Thu., 6/13, 10 a.m. @ Marathon Elementary (Marathon City)
Thu., 6/13, 1:30 p.m. @ George St. Park (Rothschild)
Thu., 6/13, 6 p.m. @ Oak Island Park (Wausau)

YOUNG ADULT BOOK CLUB

ADULTS & TEENS Discuss "Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children" by Ransom Riggs!
Thu., 6/13, 5:30 p.m. @ MCPL Stratford

MOVIE MATINÉE "MEAN GIRLS"

TEENS Rated PG-13.
Fri., 6/14, 2–4 p.m. @ MCPL Wausau

STORY TIME IN THE PARK

CHILDREN Join us at Wausau's parks for stories, songs and more!
Mon., 6/17, 10 a.m. @ Oak Island Park (Wausau)
Mon., 7/8, 10 a.m. @ Brockmeyer Park (Wausau)
Mon., 7/22, 10 a.m. @ Sylvan Hill Park (Wausau)
Mon., 8/5, 10 a.m. @ 3M Park (Wausau)
Mon., 8/19, 10 a.m. @ Alexander Airport Park (Wausau)



LATER EVENTS ▶

MAD LIBS

Complete the story below by asking friends or family members to provide the types of words needed for each blank. (Don't read them the story until it's done!)

One _____
adjective summer day, my friends and I decided to explore
a _____
adjective island that we had heard about from a _____
noun.

We packed our backpacks with _____,
noun _____,
noun
and _____,
noun and set off on our adventure.

When we arrived at the island, we were amazed by its _____
adjective beauty.
We decided to _____
verb into the _____
adjective forest to see what we could
find.

As we walked, we heard a strange _____
sound coming from the trees.

Suddenly, we stumbled upon a _____
animal covered in _____
adjective vines.

We felt so _____!
emotion We carefully released it and behind it found a
hidden _____.
noun We also discovered a map that led to a _____
noun.

Excited by our discovery, we followed the map and came across a _____
noun
guarded by a _____.
noun We had to _____
verb past the _____
noun
to reach the treasure, but it was worth it! Inside the _____,
noun we
found a chest filled with _____.
noun We couldn't believe it!

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After our adventure, we headed back home, eager to tell everyone
about our _____
adjective day on the _____
adjective island.

SUMMER READING BINGO!

YOUNGER CHILDREN (PRESCHOOL–GRADE 2)

B	I	N	G	O
<p>READ A BOOK to a stuffed animal.</p>	<p>READ A BOOK with a one word title.</p>	<p>READ A BOOK in your pajamas.</p>	<p>READ A BOOK about nature.</p>	<p>READ A BOOK that has green on the cover.</p>
<p>READ A BOOK in the bathtub.</p>	<p>READ A BOOK about your favorite animal.</p>	<p>READ A BOOK at the park.</p>	<p>READ A BOOK that rhymes.</p>	<p>READ A BOOK about transportation.</p>
<p>READ A BOOK about a pirate or treasure.</p>	<p>READ A BOOK with a color in the title.</p>	<p>VISIT THE LIBRARY! </p>	<p>READ A BOOK about superheroes.</p>	<p>READ A BOOK with a dog on the cover.</p>
<p>READ A BOOK that is silly.</p>	<p>READ A BOOK about a favorite TV or movie character.</p>	<p>READ A BOOK about how something works.</p>	<p>READ A BOOK with a yellow cover.</p>	<p>READ A BOOK in the car.</p>
<p>READ A BOOK at the library.</p>	<p>READ A BOOK that was published this year.</p>	<p>READ A BOOK that takes place in a different country.</p>	<p>READ A BOOK about outer space.</p>	<p>READ A BOOK based on a fairy tale.</p>

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SUMMER READING BINGO!

OLDER CHILDREN (GRADE 3+)

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B	I	N	G	O
<p>READ A BOOK outside on a sunny day.</p> <hr/>	<p>READ A BOOK that takes place in a different country.</p> <hr/>	<p>READ A BOOK on a Monday.</p> <hr/>	<p>READ A BOOK with an animal on the cover.</p> <hr/>	<p>READ A BOOK that is a "Choose Your Own Adventure."</p> <hr/>
<p>READ A BOOK that was published this year.</p> <hr/>	<p>READ A BOOK using a flashlight.</p> <hr/>	<p>READ A BOOK that became a movie.</p> <hr/>	<p>READ A BOOK that is more than 200 pages.</p> <hr/>	<p>READ A BOOK with a color in the title.</p> <hr/>
<p>READ A BOOK that has more than one author.</p> <hr/>	<p>READ A BOOK that is a biography.</p> <hr/>	<p>VISIT THE LIBRARY!</p>  <hr/>	<p>READ A BOOK that is a graphic novel.</p> <hr/>	<p>READ A BOOK with a one word title.</p> <hr/>
<p>READ A BOOK that is a mystery.</p> <hr/>	<p>READ A BOOK that is funny.</p> <hr/>	<p>READ A BOOK while it is raining.</p> <hr/>	<p>READ A BOOK that takes place in summer.</p> <hr/>	<p>READ A BOOK to someone younger than you.</p> <hr/>
<p>READ A BOOK by an author whose last name starts w/ B.</p> <hr/>	<p>READ A BOOK that takes place in the past.</p> <hr/>	<p>READ A BOOK about how something works.</p> <hr/>	<p>READ A BOOK about someone different than you.</p> <hr/>	<p>READ A BOOK that has magic in it.</p> <hr/>

NATURE HUNT

Take a walk through your neighborhood, backyard or local park and see if you can find all the items on the list!

- ANT
- ROBIN
- SPIDER WEB
- GREEN LEAF
- PINE CONE
- DANDELION
- PINE NEEDLES
- WILD FLOWER
- BROWN LEAF
- CLOUD THAT LOOKS LIKE AN OBJECT
- FALLEN BRANCH
- SHINY ROCK
- FEATHER



ANTS HAVE FAMILIES!

Ants are social insects that live in a **colony**—a family community. Apart from their colony, a single ant can't properly **function** or survive.

Britannica, 2024
www.britannica.com/animal/ant

TREES HELP US BREATHE

One large tree can provide a day's supply of **oxygen** for as many as four people.

U.S. Department of Agriculture, 2015
www.usda.gov/node/18791

WHAT ARE CLOUDS?

Clouds form when invisible water vapor in the air **condenses** into visible water **droplets** or **ice crystals**.

NASA: Climate Kids, 2024
www.climatekids.nasa.gov/cloud-formation/

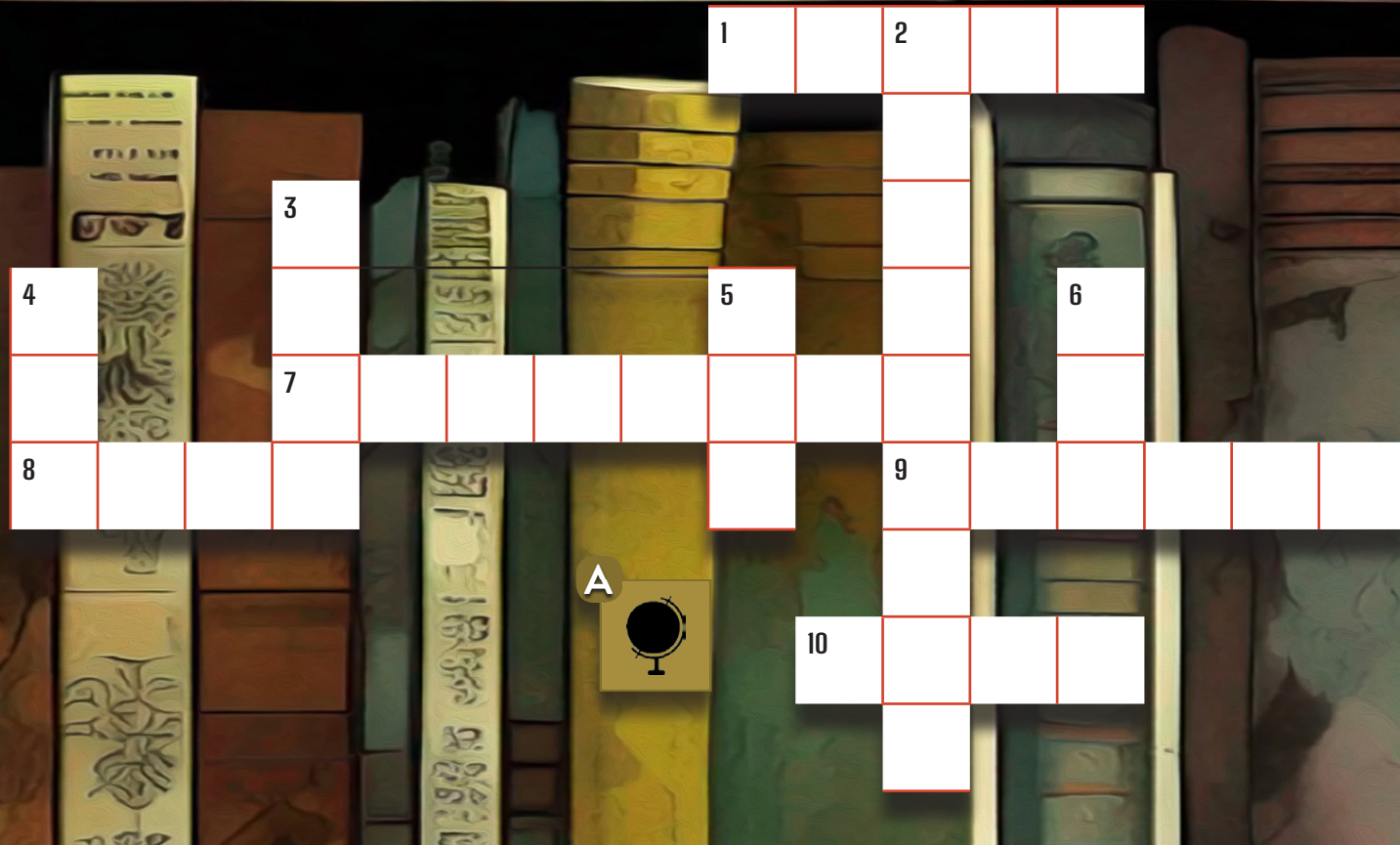
BLUE BIRDS AREN'T BLUE?

Birds don't have blue pigment; the color we see on blue feathers is created by the way light interacts with their unique arrangement of **protein molecules**.

Smithsonian, 2016
www.si.edu/stories/when-blue-bird-not-blue

BOOK CROSSWORD

USE THE FOLLOWING CLUES TO COMPLETE THE PUZZLE BELOW!



1. The Hogwarts Express is a _____ that takes Harry Potter to school in J. K. Rowling's book series.
2. Your choices determine the story's outcome in R. A. Montgomery's "Choose Your Own _____" series.
3. In Rick Riordan's "Percy Jackson" series, young demigods go to _____ Half-Blood to learn to be heroes.
4. In Mo Willems' popular picture book, Pigeon isn't allowed to drive the _____.
5. Captain Pete and his crew find buried treasure in James Dean's "Pete the Cat & The Treasure _____."
6. In Ben Clanton's "Narwhal & Jelly" series, Narwhal is considered a "Unicorn of the _____."
7. Minli seeks to change her family's fortune in Grace Lin's "Where the _____ Meets the Moon."
8. The Jolly Roger is a pirate _____ in J. M. Barrie's "Peter Pan."
9. Aaron Blabey's Bad Guys _____ 65 million years through time in "Do-You-Think-He-Saurus?!"
10. In "Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Long Haul" by Jeff Kinney, Greg and his family set off on a road _____.

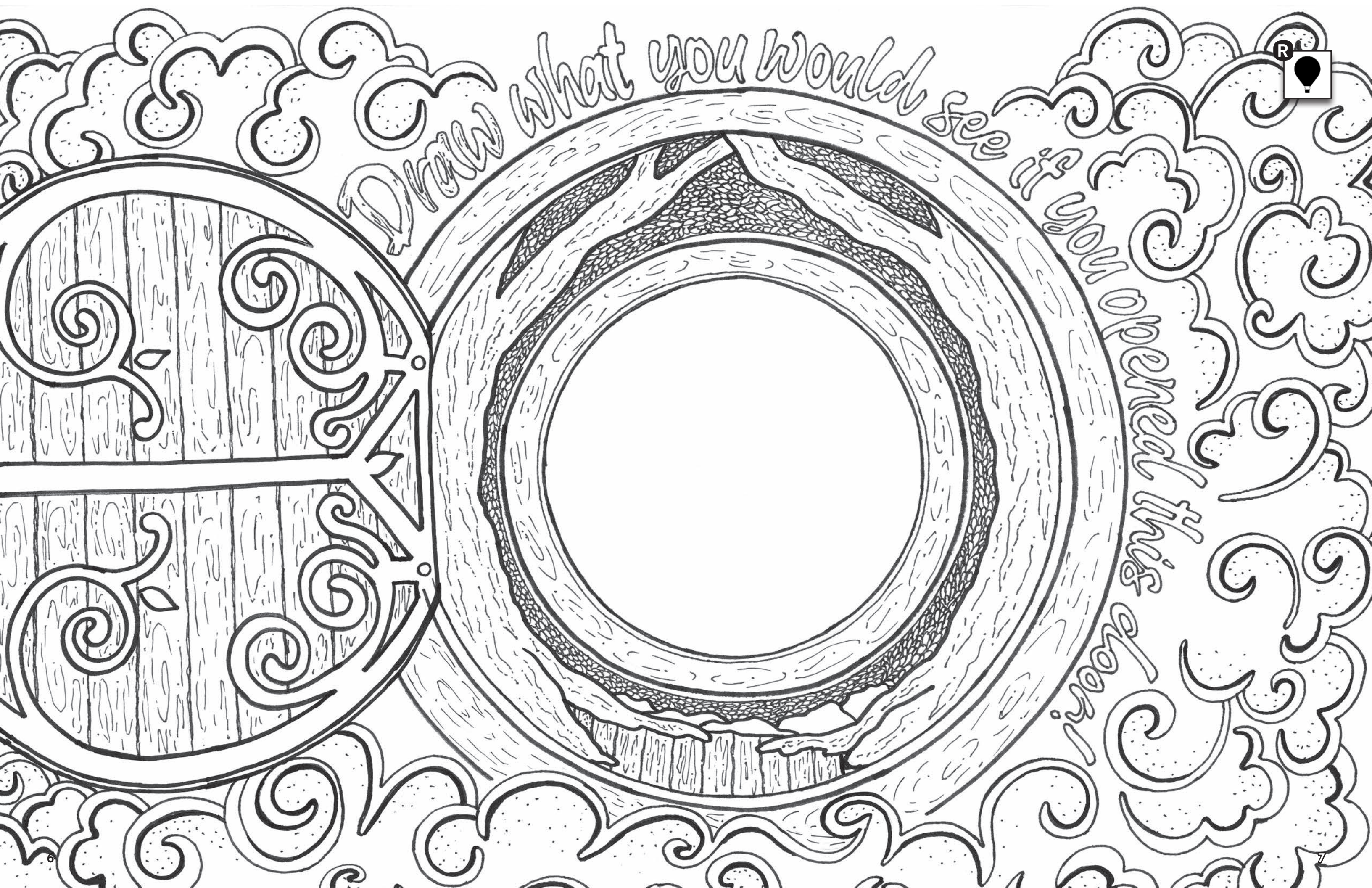
TRAIN	ADVENTURE	CAMP	SHIP	TRAVEL
SEA	TRIP	BUS	MOUNTAIN	MAP

WORD SEARCH

FIND THESE 24 BOOK TITLES AND CHARACTERS!

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| WINGS OF FIRE | JUDY MOODY | FANCY NANCY | SMILE | SPY SCHOOL |
| BAD GUYS | GERONIMO | CLIFFORD | WARRIORS | BABYMOUSE |
| BIG NATE | BATMAN | PETE THE CAT | ARTHUR | HILO |
| AMULET | I SURVIVED | ZITA | WONDER | GOOSEBUMPS |
| SCOOBY DOO | DOG MAN | CAT NINJA | BAD SEED | |

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X A P C L I F F O R D O L U
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V I T I Y T U E T O Z H H T
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Draw what you would see if you opened this door!

