

# Summer

## Austin Public Library at



[library.austintexas.gov/summer](https://library.austintexas.gov/summer)

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# ADULTS

## AGES 18+





# Welcome to 2023 Summer at Austin Public Library!

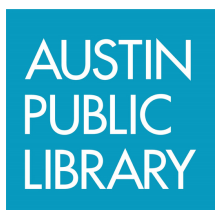
This summer, we encourage you to keep learning and earn free prizes!

We challenge you to read or be read to at least 20 minutes a day from June 5th – August 18th, and complete three (3) activity badges!

When you have completed 600 minutes (10 hours) of reading and three (3) activity badges, youth ages 0–17 can earn a free book, and adults can earn an enamel pin!

**Sign up at [austinpubliclibrary.beanstack.org](https://austinpubliclibrary.beanstack.org)**, download the Beanstack app, or track your progress using this packet.

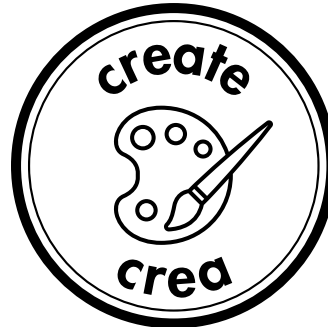
We also have free and fun events happening all summer long! Please visit [library.austintexas.gov/events](https://library.austintexas.gov/events) for more info.



# Registration

Name: .....  
Age: .....  
Zipcode: .....  
School: .....  
Library Branch: .....  
Phone: .....  
Email: .....

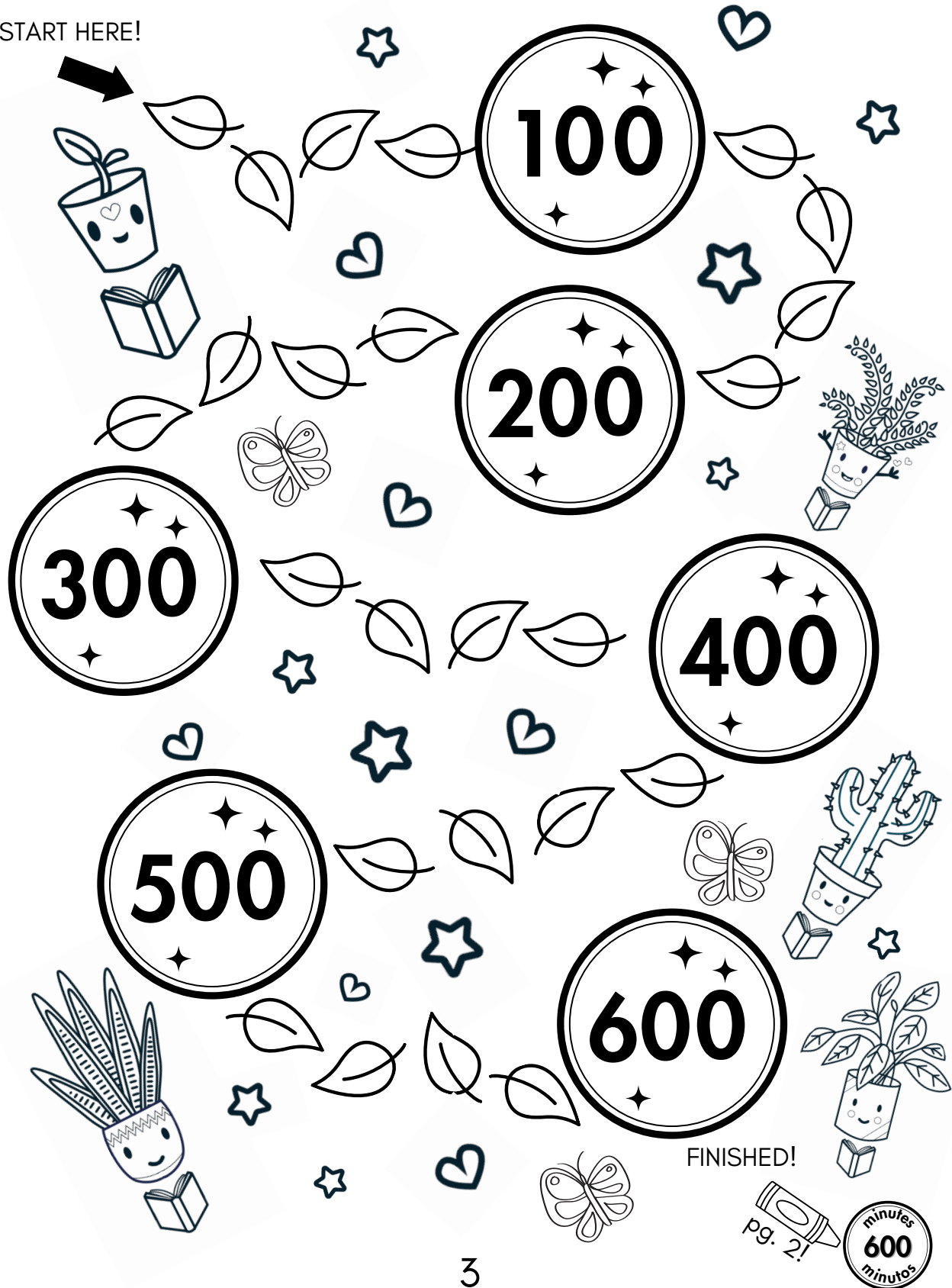
## My Completed Badges:



# READING CHALLENGE (OPTION #1)

Color one leaf for every 20 minutes of reading. Books, ebooks, audiobooks, and graphic novels all count! When you are done, color in your completed "600 minutes" badge on Page 2!

START HERE!



## READING CHALLENGE (OPTION #2)

Use this to log your books and minutes read. Books, ebooks, audiobooks, and graphic novels all count! When you are done, color in your completed "600 minutes" badge on Page 2!

TITLE/AUTHOR:

MINUTES READ:



# "DISCOVER" CHALLENGE BADGE

Complete one (1) of the activities below. When you are done, color in your completed "Discover" badge on Page 2!

- ☐ **Write the title/author of a book you discovered at APL!**

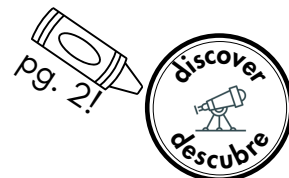
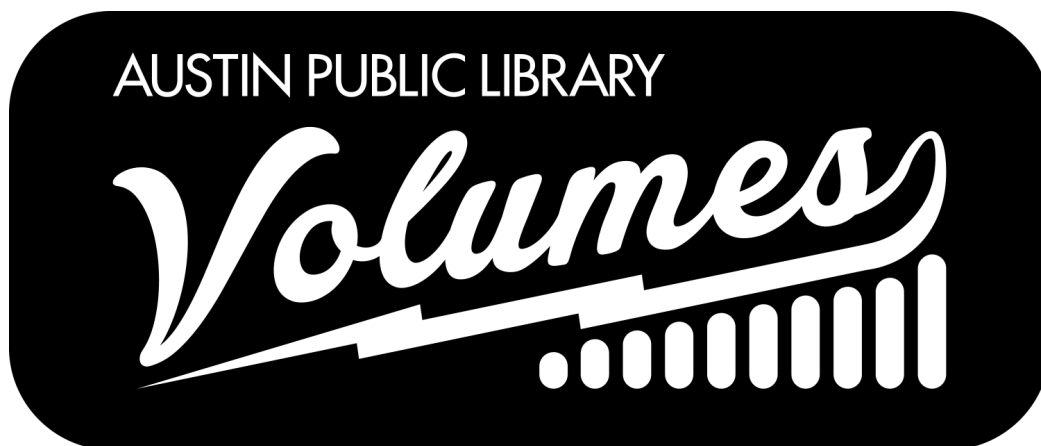
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- ☐ **Ask a librarian for a personalized reading list or borrow a book from a library book display!**

APL Personal Picks Online Form:

<https://library.austintexas.gov/recommended/personal-picks>

- ☐ **Discover a summer event at your local library**
- ☐ **Ask an APL Staff member about getting a FREE library card!**
- ☐ **Discover the new revamped "APL Volumes" podcast!**  
<https://library.austintexas.gov/blog/listen-all-new-apl-volumes-podcast>



# "LEARN" CHALLENGE BADGE

Complete one (1) of the activities below. When you are done, color in your completed "Learn" badge on Page 2!

- ☐ **Tell us something you learned this summer!**
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- ☐ **Visit a historical site in Austin!**

**Austin Visitor Center Phone:** (512) 462-8784

**Blog Post:** <https://www.austintexas.org/austin-insider-blog/post/30-must-see-historic-sites-in-austin/>

- ☐ **Learn about Austin's history by visiting the Austin History Center or browsing the Digital Collections!**

Phone: (512) 512-974-7480

810 Guadalupe St.

Austin, TX 78701

<https://ahc.access.preservica.com/>

- ☐ **Learn how to adopt and plant a free tree from Neighborwoods and Treefolks!**

Phone: (512) 443-5325

Email: [shade@treefolks.org](mailto:shade@treefolks.org)

<https://www.austintexas.gov/page/free-tree>

- ☐ **Explore the best hiking trails in Austin!**

**Austin Visitor Center Phone:** (512) 462-8784

**Blog Post:** <https://www.austintexas.org/things-to-do/outdoors/hiking-recreation/>





# "CREATE" CHALLENGE BADGE

Complete any of the activities below. When you are done, color in your completed "Create" badge on Page 2!

- ☐ **Tell us something you created this summer!**

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- ☐ **Decorate a coloring page!**

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- ☐ **Create chalk marble prints at home or at a "Art Printing Workshop" library event!**

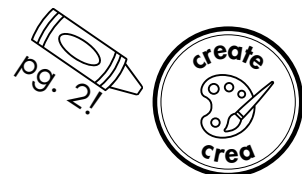
See page 10

- ☐ **Create "Easy Refridgerator Pickles" at home or attend a "Mini Make-It" library program!**

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- ☐ **Create a personalized journal, or attend a "Summer Camp for Adults" library program!**

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A black and white line drawing for a coloring page. The central text "Summer Austin Public Library at" is written in a bold, bubbly font. The word "Summer" is the largest, followed by "Austin Public Library" and "at" in smaller sizes. The text is set against a background of several diagonal lines that divide the page into sections. In each section, there are various plants and books. The plants include a cactus, a succulent, a potted plant with long leaves, a succulent with long pointed leaves, and a potted plant with many small leaves. Each plant is in a pot with a smiling face. There are also several small books scattered around the plants. The entire page is designed to be a coloring sheet for children.

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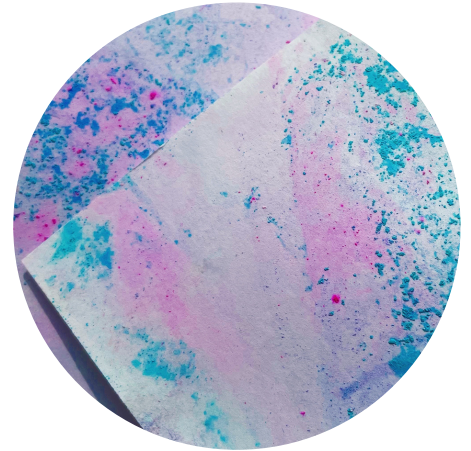


# Chalk Marble Prints

Follow the instructions below. When you are done, color in your completed "Create" badge on Page 2!

## Supplies Needed:

- Container that can hold about 1" of water
- Watercolor paper
- Chalk
- Popsticle stick, or a tool that can shave chalk
- Paper towels or towels on a flat surface



## Instructions:

Step 1: Fill a container with about 1" of water

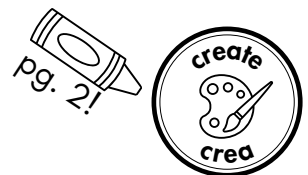
Step 2: Cut watercolor paper to fit loosely inside a container or bin. You'll want to place it into the water and easily pull up the corners to remove

Step 3: Hold a piece of chalk over the container of water and use the popsicle stick to shave off small, fine pieces until the water is mostly covered with chalk shavings. Repeat with as many colors as you want!

Step 4: Slightly bend and curl your watercolor paper to make a U-shape, place in the container face down, and let it sit until the edges begin to curl.

Step 5: Start to pull the paper out of the water, keeping it over the container. Tap the back a few times to remove any excess water.

Step 6: Place flat to dry on paper towels or a towel



# Easy Refrigerator Pickles

Follow the instructions below. When you are done, color in your completed "Create" badge on Page 2!

## Core Ingredients:

- Pickling cucumbers
- 1 cup apple cider vinegar
- 1 cup water
- 1 tsp non-iodized salt
- Optional Flavoring:
- 10 sprigs fresh dill
- 4 cloves garlic
- 1 bay leaf
- 1 tsp whole peppercorns
- Pinch crushed red pepper flakes



**Prep:** Cut cucumber into spears or rounds. Add your chosen optional flavors to a lidded non-reactive container (like a glass jar or ceramic vessel – like a 32-oz mason jar), then pack in cucumber.

**Liquid:** Heat water in either a kettle, the microwave, or on the stove until steaming hot. Stir in salt until dissolved. Stir in vinegar.

**Combine:** Pour vinegar mixture over cucumbers so that they are covered (you may not need all of the liquid). Let cool to room temperature, then seal shut and transfer to the refrigerator. (Let pickle for at least 1 hour before digging in, optimally 24 hours.)

## NOTES

**Which cucumber should you use?** Pickling cucumbers are best because they stay firm and crunchy in the brine.

English cucumbers will also work, though they will become softer the longer they remain in the brine.

Do not use iodized salt, which can cause your pickled products to turn dark.

**Store in the fridge for up to 2 weeks.**

**Not tested for long-term canning storage.**

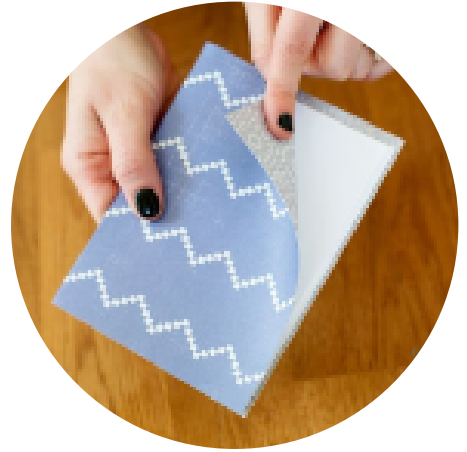


# Customized Journals

Follow the instructions below. When you are done, color in your completed "Create" badge on Page 2!

## Supplies:

- Printer paper
- Hole punch
- String or cord
- Scissors
- Markers, fun paper, embellishments
- Ruler

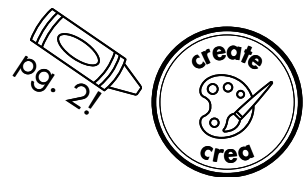


Step 1: Using scissors, cut regular letter-sized paper in half horizontally, so you can have pieces that are 8.5" x 5.5"

Step 2: Decide how many pages you would like in your journal. Each cut paper will make about four (4) pages. Stack them together and fold them like a book.

Step 3: Using your interior pages, measure your book cover out of the material you are using. Make the material half an inch larger around every side so the interior pages will fit inside. Trim the cover to size.

Step 4: Use whatever materials you want to decorate the cover of your journal. Anything goes- scraps of fabric, sticky jewels, loose Scrabble tiles, or just some color or a drawing.





# Customized Journals

Step 5: Once any marker or glue is dried on your cover, place your cover face down on the table and place all your internal pages on top. Fold it all in half like a book. Use your hole punch to put a hole on the spine about 1 to 1.5 inches from the top and the bottom through all pages.

Step 6: Use cord, string, or twine to tie the pages together. Put the string through both holes with the loose ends on the inside of the book. Tie a knot on the inside of the spine, but not so tight that your paper starts to warp. Cut the extra string off

