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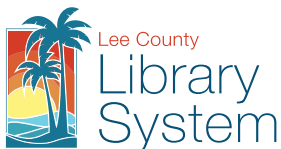
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### Birth to Pre-K Summer Bucket List Challenge Entry Form

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_

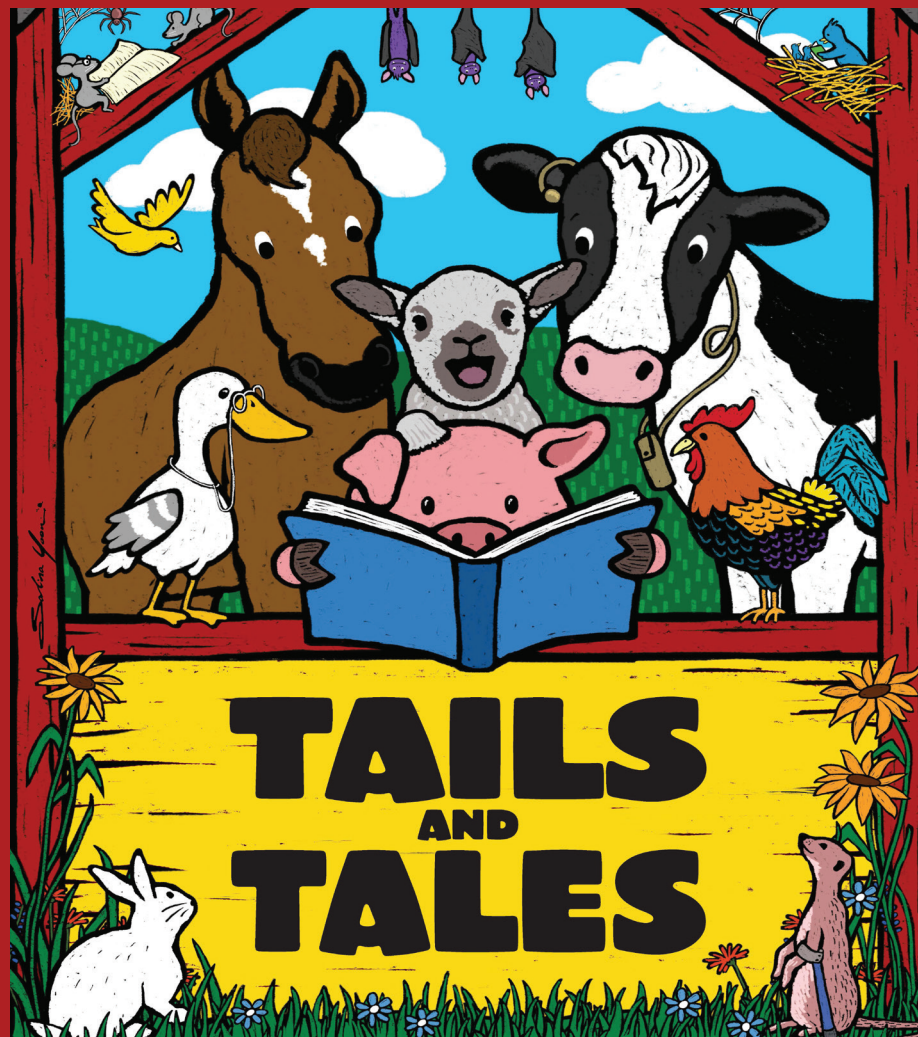
Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Closest Library Branch\* \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Please check box to verify that you have completed at least 15 of these activities with your child.

\*Winners must be able to pick up their prizes at any Lee County Library location. Prizes cannot be mailed or transferred.

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**Complete at least 15 of the following activities. Fill out the entry form on the back and return to any Lee County Library location by August 3 for entry into a prize drawing for an early literacy basket.**

- ☐ Watch Storytime Anytime!, a virtual storytime hosted by your favorite librarians.
- ☐ Explore the library's website at [www.leelibrary.net/prek](http://www.leelibrary.net/prek) for more resources and tips for young children.
- ☐ Ask your librarian how to participate in 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten for children birth to 5 and get a free book when you register!
- ☐ Browse the library's selection of board books. These small, sturdy books are perfect for babies and curious toddlers. Board books are designed for the unique ways babies "read" them, including chewing, stacking and sitting on them. With your toddler, point out the front and back covers, the spine and locate the names of the author and illustrators.
- ☐ Nonfiction books aren't just for big kids. Browse the library's nonfiction collection. Popular nonfiction topics for preschoolers and toddlers include animals and things that go (cars, trucks, tigers, pets). Not sure how to find them? Ask your librarian!
- ☐ As you read a book together, hold your baby or sit next to your child so they can see your facial expressions and the pages. Ask your preschooler to look at the illustrations and guess the emotions of the characters.
- ☐ Take a dance break! In between chores and errands, take a two-minute break to play a favorite song and dance around with your baby or ask your preschooler to show off their favorite dance moves.
- ☐ Explore sign language with your child. Popular signs taught to babies include "more," "milk" and "all done." Your library has resources for learning sign language in the nonfiction 419 section.
- ☐ Babies love to rip and tear paper. It's great practice for motor skills. Gather up some old magazines or junk mail and let your baby go wild! For preschoolers, make a sensory bin by filling a bowl with items such as sand, dried rice, dried beans, shredded paper or other material. Add a cup or spoon for scooping. Encourage your preschooler to dunk their hands and explore under your watchful eye. How does it feel? Can you scoop it up?
- ☐ Finger painting helps your child learn about color blending. Provide a small amount of yellow, blue and red paint and talk about the different colors they make when blended together. Try this no-mess version of finger-painting: squirt some paint into a zip-top plastic baggie, seal shut and secure with tape. Let baby smush the bag, under your watchful eye, for a clean way to finger-paint.
- ☐ Encourage your little one to use his/her hands. Practice touching toes, grasping food, pointing to pictures or grabbing toys. These motions increase motor skills and encourage coordination. Ask your preschooler to help you fold dish towels, sort silverware or stir up ingredients under your watchful eye.
- ☐ Bath time is also science time! Let your child explore by squeezing water through sponges or washcloths. Can you find toys that sink or float?
- ☐ Make simple, exaggerated sounds for baby and watch as they follow along. Babies might try imitating motions. For preschoolers, ask them how many different animal sounds they can make. Write down the names of each animal and then draw pictures of the animals together.
- ☐ Chat with your child! Tell your little one about your day. Pausing periodically will encourage your child to respond with coos, gurgles and their own language. This practice encourages speech skills. For preschoolers, ask them to tell you about their day. What was the funniest thing that happened? What types of food did they eat? What would they like to do again?
- ☐ Sometimes the most fun toys are free! Gather up a few empty boxes (cereal boxes, snack boxes, mailing packages, etc) and encourage your child to stack, throw and explore them.
- ☐ Look for sensory experiences for your child while enjoying fun outings. Encourage your little one to feel the sand or grass while visiting the beach or park and describe the texture to them. With your preschooler, draw the different animals, birds, plants and trees you see and hear, then write the name of each one.
- ☐ Take a sensory walk around the house. Can you find an item that is scratchy? How about something smooth? How many other textures can you find in your home? With your preschooler, find an item inside the home that begins with each letter of the alphabet.
- ☐ Read with your child for at least 20 minutes a day for an entire week. Ask questions and talk to your child about the pictures.