

2020

Summer Reading Program

Imagine
Your
Story



Unleash your imagination all summer long with hands-on activities from the Museum of Florida History. Each week a new theme will be introduced on the Museum's Summer Reading web page. Read along with Museum staff as we explore each fantastic and fanciful theme. Plus, download each week's activity instructions.

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July 2	Tall Tales and Florida Trails
July 9	Castles in the Sunshine State
July 16	Legends of the Sea
July 23	Muscogee Stories
July 30	Campfire Creatures

Scheduled topics may change; please call ahead to confirm.

Pirates and mermaids! Castles and dragons! Florida has them all, both imaginary and real. This summer, let your imagination guide you through the myths and legends of Florida. Cultural stories will show you how different people saw the world and made sense of it through traditional stories. Tales from history introduce readers to ways of living that seem larger than life compared to today's world. Fantastical icons of Florida's past reveal the deep roots of imagination and exploration of our Sunshine State.

The books listed here have been carefully selected by the Museum of Florida History staff. Read six or more books to receive a special certificate from Florida Secretary of State Laurel M. Lee and the Museum of Florida History. Visit your local library online to find these selected books and to begin your own reading journey.



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List books read below.

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Ages 3-5

Duncan the Story Dragon, Amanda Driscoll
Floridingers go to Swamp Fest, Gordon Halleck
Give and Take, Chris Raschka
Kissimmee Pete, Cracker Cow Hunter, Jan Day
Part-time Princess, Deborah Underwood
The Adventures of Pelican Pete: A Bird is Born,
Frances Keiser
The Mermaid and the Shoe, K. G. Campbell
Chukfi Rabbit's Big, Bad Bellyache: A Trickster Tale,
Greg Rodgers
Loudmouth George and the Fishing Trip,
Nancy Carlson
Princess Fishtail, Frances Minters
Rabbit Wishes: Cuban Folktales, Linda Shute
Sukey and the Mermaid, Robert D. San Souci
**The Bossy Gallito I El Gallo de Bodas: A Traditional
Cuban Folktale**, Lucia M. Gonzalez
The Little Mermaid (Once Upon a World),
Hannah Eliot

Why Epossumondas Has No Hair on His Tail,
Coleen Salley
Medio Pollito: A Spanish Tale, Eric A. Kimmel
Holy Mole!: A Folktale from Mexico,
Caroline McAlister
**Pretty Salma: A Little Red Riding Hood story
from Africa**, Niki Daly
The Banza: A Haitian Story, Diane Wolkstein
Mole's Hill: A Woodland Tale, Lois Ehlert
The Mini Myths series, Joan Holub
Lovabye Dragon, Barbara Joosse
Sail Away Dragon, Barbara Joosse
The Muscogee Children's Story Book,
Rebecca Penton Cairo
**Florida Tales: Historical Adventures for
Young Floridians**, Nick Wynne

Ages 6-8

Esmerelda and the Enchanted Pond, Susan Jane Ryan
Miss Smith's Incredible Storybook, Michael Garland
Mermaid S.O.S. series, Gillian Shields
Pearl, Molly Idle
Ruby Kate's Scrumptious Tea Cake Party,
Carol Hair Moore
Not Your Typical Dragon, Dan Bar-el
Cendrillon: A Caribbean Cinderella,
Robert D. San Souci
Django, John Cech
Fairytale News, Colin & Jacqui Hawkins
Juan Bobo Goes to Work, Marisa Montes
Just a Minute: A Trickster Tale & Counting Book,
Yuyi Morales
**Señor Cat's Romance: And Other Favorite Stories
from Latin America**, Lucia M. Gonzalez
Tellable Cracker Tales, Annette J. Bruce
**The Golden Flower: A Taino Myth from Puerto
Rico**, Nina Jaffe
The Three Golden Oranges, Alma Flor Ada
Doctor Bird: Three Lookin' Up Tales from Jamaica,
Gerald Hausman

Sugar Cane: A Caribbean Rapunzel,
Patricia Storage
The Faithful Friend, Robert D. San Souci
**The Song of El Coqui and Other Tales of Puerto
Rico**, Nicholasa Mohr & Antonio Martorell
Turtle Knows Your Name, Ashley Bryan
How I Became a Pirate, Melinda Long
The Chupacabra Ate the Candelabra,
Marc Tyler Nobleman
The Three Witches, Zora Neale Hurston/
Joyce Carol Thomas
The Day Ocean Came to Visit, Diane Wolkstein
Musicians of the Sun, Gerald McDermott
**Kibitzers and Fools: Tales My Zayda (Grandfather)
Told Me**, Simms Taback
Lord of the Cranes: A Chinese Tale,
Kerstin Chen/J. Alison James
Bigfoot Cinderrrrrella, Tony Johnston
The Secret River, Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings
Pirate Treasure Map: A Fairytale Adventure,
Colin and Jacqui Hawkins

Ages 9-12

Bad Mermaids Make Waves, Sibeal Pounder
Dead Fred, Flying Lunchboxes, and the Good Luck

Circle, Frank McKinney

Kingdom Keepers series, Ridley Pearson

Olivia Brophie and the Pearl of Tagelus,

Christopher Tozier

Painting Sunsets: A Story for Young Artists,

Stephen Evans

The Dark Green Tunnel, Allan W. Eckert

The Shark Whisperer (Tristan Hunt and the Sea

Guardians), Ellen Prager

The Summer of Moonlight Secrets, Danette Haworth

The Tail of Emily Windsnap, Liz Kessler

To Catch a Mermaid, Suzanne Selfors

Within Emerald Forests, Heather Hamel

Legends of the Seminoles, Betty Mae Jumper,

Guy La Bree, and Peter Gallagher

She Sang Promise: The Story of Betty Mae Jumper,

Seminole Tribal Leader, J.G. Annino

The Talking Earth, Jean Craighead George

African-American Folktales for Young Readers,

Richard Young

Her Stories: African American Folktales, Fairy

Tales, and True Tales, Virginia Hamilton

A Ring of Tricksters: Animal Tales from America,
the West Indies, and Africa,

Virginia Hamilton

The People Could Fly: American Black folktales,

Virginia Hamilton

Mules and Men, Zora Neale Hurston

Sandspun: Florida Tales by Florida Tellers,

Annette J. Bruce and J. Stephen Brooks

A Wave in Her Pocket: Stories from Trinidad,

Lynn Joseph

Dance, Nana, Dance/Baila, Nana, Baila: Cuban

Folktales in English and Spanish,

Joe Hayes

The River Dragon, Diane Carr

The Cryptid Catcher, Lija Fisher

The Cryptid Keeper, Lija Fisher

Meet the Bigfeet, Kevin Sherry

Monsters on the Run, Kevin Sherry

Attack of the Kraken, Kevin Sherry

What are Legends, Folk Tales, and Other

Classic Stories?, Lisa Owings

With a Whoop and a Holler: A Bushel of Lore

from Way Down South, Nancy Van Laan

Cut from the Same Cloth: American Women of

Myth, Legend, and Tall Tale,

Robert D. San Souci

Teens

Boys of Blur, N.D. Wilson

Cloaked, Alex Flinn

Forgive My Fins, Tera Lynn Childs

On Stranger Tides, Tim Powers

St. Lucy's Home for Girls Raised by Wolves,

Karen Russell

The Island of Eternal Love, Daina Chaviano

The Jumbies, Tracey Baptiste

The Talented Ribkins, Ladee Hubbard

A Treasury of Florida Tales, Webb Garrison

Abandon, Meg Cabot

Anansi Boys, Neil Gaiman

Fathom, Cherie Priest

Osola, A Florida Epic: The Legend of the Mysterious

Smoke of Wakulla, Reinette Gamble Long

Palmetto Country, Stetson Kennedy

Southeastern Legends: Tales from the Natchez,
Caddo, Biloxi, Chickasaw, and Other

Nations, George E. Lankford

Uncle Monday and Other Florida Tales,

Kristin G. Congdon

A Kiss in Time, Alex Flinn

African American Folktales: Stories from Black
Traditions in the New World,

Roger D. Abrahams

Conchtown USA: Bahamian Fisherfolk in

Riviera Beach, Florida, Charles C. Foster

and Veronica Huss

Fearsome Creatures of Florida,

John Henry Fleming

Cryptid Creatures of Florida, Scott C. Marlowe

Go Gator and Muddy the Water,

Zora Neale Hurston

The Southern Reach Trilogy, Jeff VanderMeer

A Phoenix First Must Burn, Patrice Caldwell