

Discover. imagine. explore.

*Patch Program For
Literary Enthusiasts!*



Daisies grades K-1



Complete 3 Tasks to Earn Your Patch!



Visit a Library

A library has thousands of books for you to read! You can borrow books, known as checking them out, take them home, and return them by the due date. There is no charge for you to borrow books from the library!

- See the Librarian to get a Library Card if you don't already have one.
- [Explore](#) the Library!
- Check out a book, or two, or even three!
- Return your books on time.

Read

Read out loud, or have someone read to you for 15 minutes. Sound the words out. Did you recognize any words by sight? Did you discover any new words?

Practice

Practice a list of sight words for 10 minutes. How many sight words do you recognize in your favorite book? (See attached list of sight words or use the recommended list of sight words from your student's school.)

Picture Book

Use your [imagination](#) to make up a story as you look at a picture book. Share your story with your family. How many different stories can you make up using the same picture book?

Predict

Pick out a new book. Try to predict what will happen based on the book's cover. Were you right? What happened?

Share

Read or listen to a bedtime story. Get cozy! Share your bedtime story with your favorite stuffed animal or doll.



Brownies grades 2-3



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Visit a Library

A library has many different sections. Why do you think this is? [Explore](#) the library.

Can you think of three reasons a library might have different sections?

- If you don't already have a library card, get one! They are free!
- Check out a book of your choice. How many books can check out at one time?
- Return your book on time.

Read a Non-Fiction Book

"Non-Fiction" means that the book is made up of facts. Reading a non-fiction book is a great way to learn about your favorite animal, bug, or sport!

- Read a non-fiction book, or have one read to you.
- Share with an adult what you [discovered](#) from the book.

Read

The more that you practice reading, the easier it gets! Reading can be fun!

- Read for 15 minutes every day for a week.
- Read for 30 minutes at one time.
- Read outloud to an adult, younger sibling, or to your pet.
- Read something that is not a book, such as a comic book or a magazine.

Little Free Library

A Little Free Library can be found at coffee shops, businesses, or even in front of someone's home. Have you ever seen one?

- [Discover](#) a Little Free Library near you.
- Take a book to read. They are free and left there just for you!
- Donate a book to a Little Free Library for someone else to enjoy!

Visit a Bookstore

Bookstores often have events for kids. They can be special book readings, fun games or crafts.

- Attend a special book event. What was your favorite part?
- Did you learn something new? Share what you learned with your Girl Scout Troop.

Juniors grades 4-5



Complete 4 Tasks to Earn Your Patch!

Read for Enjoyment

Reading can be fun, especially when you have **discovered** a genre that interests you. A genre is a category of books based on their content, tone, and audience. Fantasy, Sci-Fi, and Mystery are just a couple of examples. Genres help publishers market books to allow readers to easily find stories that match their interests. What is your favorite genre?

- Read a genre you haven't read before. There are so many to choose from!
- Read for 20 minutes every day for a week.
- Read for 40 minutes at one time.
- Finish a Chapter Book. If your book was part of a series, start the next book!
- Read something that is not a book, such as a comic or a magazine.

Read to Share

Reading with others is a great way to bond, make conversation, and engage with others. Don't be afraid to make it fun by using your **imagination** to act out lines or by using silly voices!

- Read to a sibling, or someone younger than you. Share what you like most about the book you are reading. Do you have a favorite character? How do you relate to them?
- Read a book about an influential woman in history. Share what you **discovered** with your Girl Scout Troop.
- Donate a book to a Little Free Library, a used bookstore, or give a book to a friend!
- Use your **imagination** to share a story with your family or someone younger than you by creating a puppet show or play and acting out your favorite scene in a book.

Story Telling

Did you know that animals find comfort being read to? It helps lower their anxiety and stress and expands their social skills.

- Visit an animal shelter and read to the dogs or cats. Did the animals listen to you? How do you think you made them feel?
- Read to your pet. What did you notice about their behavior while you were reading to them?

Other Forms of Media

How many forms of media are there? Do some research about the different media mediums: Print Media, Cinema, Recording, Radio, Television, Internet, and Mobile and make a list of examples of each.

- Use your **imagination** to create a comic strip out of your favorite story! (see attached template)
- Write a blog giving your perspective on a book you have read.
- Create a short video about a book that you have read.

Book Club

Join or start a book club with your friends, at your school, or local library and share your love of reading with other like-minded individuals!

- Define your vibe. What genre of books will your club be reading?
- Set club guidelines & expectations. How often will you meet? How many members will you have?
- What will you discuss at your meetings?
- How will you decide on the books to read? Will you vote? What if someone disagrees?





Cadettes grades 6-8



Complete 5 Tasks to Earn Your Patch!

Read for Enjoyment

Reading helps you relax, unwind, and **explore** new worlds. It sharpens your cognitive skills, increases your vocabulary, and is a great way to step into someone else's mind and understand perspectives other than your own.

- Read for 30 minutes everyday for a week.
- Read from a new genre. You might find something new to love!
- Re-read your favorite book. How many times have you read this one?
- Read a book about an influential woman in history. What did you learn? Did her story inspire you to make a change in your community?

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Online Reading

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- Libby is a library app that let's you read books digitally. Does your local library offer Libby or another library app?
- What other reading apps have you heard of? Have you ever read a digital book?
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Adaptation

There are several movies based on classic literature. Do some research! Pick a piece of classic literature that you want to read that was made into a movie. What did you choose?

- Read the book and watch the movie.
- **Discover** the similarities & differences between the book and the movie.
- Which one did you prefer? Are you more of a book person or a movie person?

Visit

Have you noticed that books can be found in almost every store you visit? Major retailers, gift shops, coffee shops, and local bookstores just to name a few. What are some of the differences you notice about the price of books at different locations?

- Support your community and visit a local bookshop. Do you notice any differences in the way they display different genres of books? Do they highlight local authors or offer any special events for kids?
- Visit and **explore** a used bookstore in your town. Did they have the book you were looking for?

seniors & ambassadors

grades 9-12



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- Read for 1 hour at one time.
- Finish a book in one day.
- Read in nature. Reading in nature has shown to boost focus, reduce eye strain, and lower cortisol levels. Did you notice any added sensory layers to your book while reading outside? What were they?

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The Art of Storytelling

There are five essential elements of a story- Characters, Setting, Plot, Conflict, & Resolution. Additionally, there are five key elements to a story plot. Those are: Introduction or Exposition, the Rising Action, Climax (most exciting part of the story), Falling Action, and the Resolution or Conclusion (ties up all of the loose ends of the story).

- Using the five essential elements of a story, use your **imagination** to write your own short story!
- Share your story with others! Be proud of your accomplishment! Writing a story takes time, concentration, and a lot of hard work. How many times did you change your story as you were writing it?

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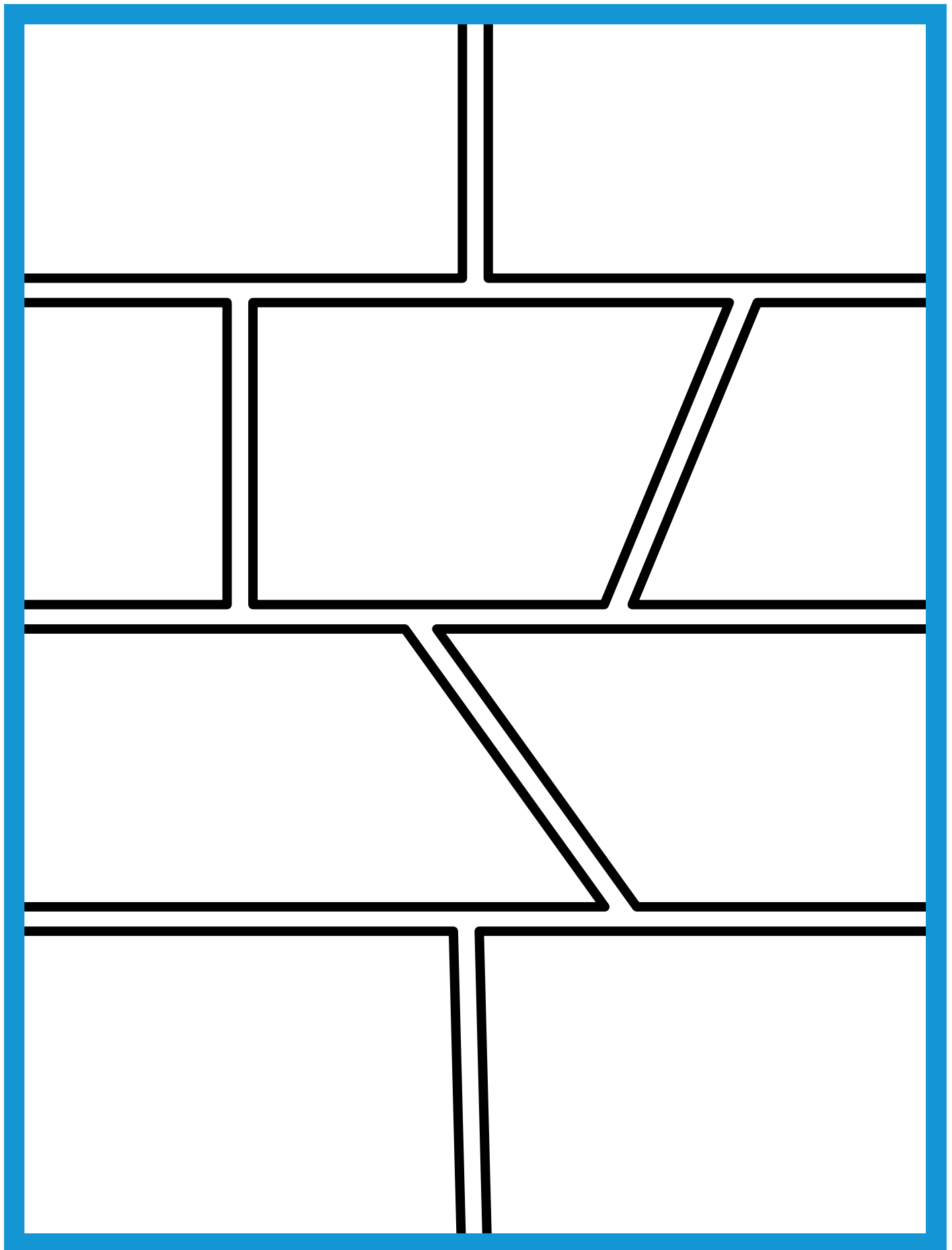
Visit

- Go back in time! Before the internet, students needed to visit the library to do research for their assignments. They had to look up information using encyclopedias, or through a microphish! Does your local library still have these tools?
- Attend a book signing or book reading at a bookstore or library. How did you find out about this special event?
- Slam Poetry is a form of competitive spoken word poetry, performed in front of an audience. It prioritizes personal themes, high-energy delivery, rhythm, and emotion. If your community offers any Slam Poetry events, attend one with permission from your trusted adult. How did you find out about this event? What did you take-away from it?

Sight Words

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to	it	be	they	with	when	about
in	he	one	by	all	number	many
is	on	this	what	your	time	could
I	are	no	but	them	these	people
we	at	do	if	may	first	more
can	have	his	so	way	been	write
will	had	him	or	day	each	long
go	not	two	make	then	than	who
see	said	its	look	made	some	would
like	an	get	down	out	were	use
my	she	as	put	how	there	their
am	come	yes	here	hat	new	each
me	up	little	us	good	our	where
the	and	for	of	that	from	which

Comic Strip Template



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