



## Idaho Family Reading Week 2020

### - Digital/STEM Game & Activity Ideas -

- 1) **FRW Activity Videos:** These videos were specifically created for Idaho Family Reading Week 2020 - "Fun & Games" (created by Salmon Public Librarians Francesca Bessey and Jeff Stratter). Share these YouTube video links with your library patrons or registered Family Reading Week participants for hands-on fun at home or in the library!
  - a) Activity video for ages 4-7 – [“Amazing Marble Mazes”](#)
  - b) Activity video for ages 8-10 – [“Marble Run Fun – the Idaho way!”](#)
- 2) **Archived webinar from WebJunction on:** [Whose Turn Is It, Anyway? Online Board Gaming and Libraries](#) - Closed buildings and social distancing doesn't need to mean the end of engaging and fun board game groups hosted by libraries. [Learn more here.](#)
- 3) **Digital Escape Room Play:** Promote one or several of these digital escape rooms with book tie-ins. Note: Be sure to research the age appropriateness of each one before you promote:
  - a) [Star Wars Escape Room](#) (created by Valley of the Tetons Library, ID) Program tip: Tie into Star Wars graphic novels and Origami Yoda book series
  - b) [Hogwarts Digital Escape Room](#) (created by the Peter Township Public Library, PA) Program tip: Extender activity - make DIY Harry Potter wands - here's how: <https://jbrary.com/diy-harry-potter-wands/>
  - c) [Hunger Games Digital Escape Room](#) (created by the Peter Township Public Library, PA)
  - d) [Escape the Sphinx: A Digital Library Escape Game](#) (created by the Clermont Library Public Library) - Program tip: Highlight non-fiction with your patrons
  - e) [Minecraft Escape Room](#) (Created by Regency Park Library, FL)
  - f) [Minotaur's Labyrinth Escape Room](#) (created by the Salt Lake County Library/Riverton Branch)
  - g) [Pikachu's Rescue](#) (created by the High River Library, Canada) - Ages 6 and up
  - h) [Escape from Wonderland](#) (created by Moultrie-Colquitt County Library System, GA)
  - i) LOADS more digital escape rooms, by theme and age, including book-related escape rooms, found here (compiled by the Vandergrift Public Library, PA): <https://www.vandergriftpubliclibrary.org/online-resources/virtual-escape-rooms/>
- 4) **Digital Escape Room Creation:** Create your own digital escape room for your library or help youth create one:

- a) Article: [“Librarians Turned Google Forms into the Unlikely Platform for Virtual Escape Rooms”](#) by Aliya Chaudhry
  - b) Want local Idaho help with creating your own digital escape room? Contact Valley of the Tetons librarian Rasheil Stanger (she created the Star Wars Room above)
- 5) **Virtual Dungeons & Dragons:** View the archive of this webinar, “Virtual Dungeons and Dragons Games: A How-To Guide” by Michael Rogowski of the Midland Public Library
- 6) **Idaho Training Clearinghouse:** STEM activity bag ideas - <https://idahotc.com/Resources/File-View/FileID/43434> - “I Spy Shapes” and pattern block puzzles are in the “Shapes” activity bag
- 7) **Brain Games, Puzzles & Mazes:**
- a) Pete the Cat Mazes: <https://www.petethecatbooks.com/activities/> - select “Mazes”
  - b) Magic Tree House Mission Game: <https://www.magictreehouse.com/mission-game/>
  - c) Harry Potter Crossword Puzzle: <https://www.funtrivia.com/crossword/play.cfm?gid=732>
- 8) **Digital Block Play:** Block Fest by Twigga Foundation (<https://www.facebook.com/twigablockfest>), an Idaho non-profit organization, has many ideas of how block play can help children learn math and literacy skills. Here are just a few found on their Facebook page:
- a) “I Spy Shape Detector” [video](#)
  - b) Read a story and build something from it – ie. [Big Red Barn](#);
  - c) [Use Blocks to Encourage Reading and Writing](#)
  - d) [Blocks Help Build Literacy Skills](#)
- 9) **Mechanical Books:** Learn how mechanical books work: <https://kidlit.tv/2017/08/ready-set-draw-stem-activity-mechanical-books-work/>
- 10) **Engineering:** [Tami’s Tower: Let’s Think About Engineering](#) (by the Smithsonian Science Education Center) – Help Tami the Tamarind build a tower