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Dear CSLP Community,

It has been some time since COVID-19 has made such an impact on our communities and yet, we continue to feel its uncertainty in our daily lives. Many of our member libraries have been tasked with modifying traditional library services to be virtual and to rethink new ways to serve their communities. CSLP leaders have seen the unwavering heart and continued dedication of our member librarians.

While this season has been one for the books, we know that this time of uncertainty raises many questions about the logistics of running a summer reading program. There are so many moving parts that it seems that our time to readjust is moving quickly. At this late date, we do not want our members to feel pressured to come up with an entirely new program in such a short amount of time and possibly limited access to their library. That said, a small team of hardworking librarians from around the nation have been working diligently in creating content for you.

This resource includes ideas from our current and past manuals that have been adapted in order to be used straight from the pages or altered for your particular needs. It contains six weeks of content highlighting early literacy, children, teens, adults, and families. The materials are divided by age group and are designed to be distributed directly to patrons as printed packets or online in a way that works best for your library. All activities provided are intended for patrons to do at home and are little to no cost.

Please continue to share your ideas, questions and concerns with us; CSLP is your organization and we are here to support you. While we do not have every answer, we encourage all of our members to reach out to one another. After all, our members are our best resource!

Sincerely,

CSLP Leadership and Staff

Covid 19 Summer Resources Ad Hoc:

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