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Literacy Access Fund Launches 2020 Virtual Summer Reading Series

Literacy Access Fund™ (LAF) is excited to announce its virtual 2020 Summer Reading Series for young learners. Once a month, the organization will host a librarian from across the country to read a story via Zoom. Registration is required to secure your spot and it is completely FREE to attend! Following storytime, each attendee will be e-mailed an Activity Pack that provides supplementary materials to the corresponding story including arts and crafts, worksheets, song ideas, and more.

Literacy Access Fund's mission is to make literacy a possibility for every child, in every community. The Summer Reading Series aims to keep children engaged academically and grow their literacy skills during the summer months. "I am thrilled that LAF is launching the virtual summer reading program this summer. It is now more important than ever that we each stay connected to the community," said Charlotte Wade, LAF Board of Directors Secretary. "It is my sincere hope that every child has access to the resources necessary to develop a lifelong love of reading and this new program is just what my family needs to combat the self-quarantine blues."

The goal is to keep all children reading. "Addressing knowledge divide is one of the most important initiatives we can think of to address the disparities in our society," said Vipon Kumar, MBA, LAF Board of Directors Treasurer. "I am so thrilled to work with Literacy Access Fund to bring the learning opportunities to where they are needed the most. LAF is utilizing technology and its proven platform to full force in these unprecedented times."

Below is the calendar for the 2020 Virtual Summer Reading Series, along with the book that will be read aloud. Click on the date to register for one or all of the events:

- [June 23rd @ 4pm EST](#): *Jabari Jumps*, by Gaia Cornwall
- [July 14th @ 4pm EST](#): *Life*, by Cynthia Rylant and illustrated by Brendan Wenzel
- [August 4th @ 4pm EST](#): *There Might be Lobsters*, by Carolyn Crimi and illustrated by Laurel Molk

The team is looking forward to this wonderful virtual Summer Reading Series and hopes that you will join along for storytime!

For more information on Literacy Access Fund, please visit www.literacyaccessfund.org

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About Literacy Access Fund (<http://www.literacyaccessfund.org/>)

The mission of Literacy Access Fund (LAF) is to make literacy a possibility for every child, in every community. The organization supports the public library as a community learning hub and a vital extension of the classroom. LAF awards grants to underfunded public libraries to increase equal access to early literacy skills for young learners. Literacy Access Fund is headquartered in Chester, Pennsylvania, with the ability to support public libraries across the United States.