



2021 Summer of Learning

## Create **YOUR** Story

Make this poster **YOURS** by using your imagination and adding your own amazing artwork to it. You can use any form of art to tell your story – dance, poetry, pottery – *whatever speaks to your heart.*

### ⌘Supernatural⌘

If you could choose one superpower to make the world a better place what would it be? What would you change and why?

### Out Of This World

Every society has an origin story that uses elements of adventure, mythical creatures, heroes, magic, and fate. **If your life was a great adventure story, what are the origins of you, your family and friends?** Write and draw about the heroes, creatures, and magical encounters you would experience.

### Joy On The Inside

"There is joy inside of me. A happiness deep down inside of me. That grows bright and warm as the sun."

- Zetta Elliott, author

Draw or list the joy inside of you. Include people, places, things and dreams that bring you joy. Fold it up and take it with you everywhere.

### Rap

"We smelled like onions and we eat with our hands | It's the first place that embraced all that I am"

- Gabriel Teodros, *The World Is a Hidmo*  
Rap and hip hop culture may have started in New York City, but now people across the world tell stories through rhyme and hip hop. **Tell one of your own family stories by writing it down as rap lyrics.**

What is one of the kindest things anyone ever did for you? What is one of the kindest things you've done for someone else? Write or draw pictures about both.

### Kindness Is Key

### Growing Happiness



In the book, *Layla's Happiness*, by Mariahadessa Ekere Tallie, the main character Layla says, "I think happiness is climbing a tree, and wearing purple... planting a seed, and watching it grow in my favorite place — the community garden down the block."

**What does your HAPPINESS look like?** Draw or write about it:

# CREATE Book Suggestions:

*Layla's Happiness* by Mariahadessa Ekere Tallie (Kids)

*Fry Bread* by Kevin Noble Maillard (Kids)

*Measuring Up* by Lily LaMotte (Kids)

*As Brave As You* by Jason Reynolds (Kids)

*With the Fire on High* by Elizabeth Acevedo (Teen)

*You Should See Me in a Crown* by Leah Johnson (Teen)

*World of Wonders* by Aimee Nezhukumatathil (Adult)

For more great reads, visit [www.spl.org/StaffPicks](http://www.spl.org/StaffPicks)



Author Jason Reynolds believes that “the truest superpowers are the ones we all possess: willpower, integrity, and more importantly, courage.” What are your real-world superpowers? Draw the image that would be on your cape or armor. Whenever you need some extra strength, imagine putting it on!



# Forever Changing

**"All that you touch, you change. All that you change, changes you." ~ Octavia E. Butler**

Think about a time in your life when you changed, or you learned something new.

*Fill in this three-panel comic strip with words and pictures to tell the story.*

**Panel 1:** "here's where I was"

**Panel 2:** "but then"

**Panel 3:** "here's where I am now"

**Your identity is like a map full of streets and intersections.** It includes your favorite people, places, things to do, foods, and everything that is important to you. *Draw the map of you and share it!*

**People, Places, Things** ○ △ □



Write an "I Am" poem by filling in the blanks:

**I am:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(favorite time of day)

**I am:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(community you live in)

**I am:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(favorite animal & why)

**I am:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(something you love that you can see right now)

**I am:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(favorite book)

# ♦ You Can Be ♦ Anything

**Look at yourself in the mirror and then draw yourself.** Write about what you see. Or, draw yourself as an insect or animal. *Write about why you drew yourself as the animal or insect you chose.*



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## Making Recipes



Recipes are stories about our tastes and traditions. Ask the chef in your life for a favorite recipe passed down from their elders. Write the 3 things that recipes are made of:

1. A list of ingredients
2. A headnote (where the recipe came from and why it's special)
3. Step-by-step instructions

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