



FFL APRIL ADVENTURES!

Get to Know Your Family!

Make up a list of questions and schedule one or more family members for an interview. Find out where you're from! Are you long time Vermonters or new to the state? Interview in person or over the phone. Maybe this is the start of a family book!

Get Some Air!

Grab a family member for some exercise and sunshine! Explore our Burlington bike path while keeping your eyes open for treasures you can craft with! Can you find a good spot to make a fairy house?

Sink or Float?

Think about trips you've made to Lake Champlain. What things floated and which sank? Fill a container (sink? bathtub?) with water. You are ready to experiment with buoyancy! Gather a wide range of things from around the house or outside and start testing to see which things sink and which float. Start with a prediction, think about your reasoning and then test it out. Keep a list of what you discover. Can you draw any conclusions?

BURLINGTON - WE'RE A TEAM!

We're here to help you during these challenging days. We hope you're inspired to try one or many of our adventures. Complete 5 activities and we'll enter you in our raffle for a Phoenix Books gift card. Share your photos or send them to us in an email: rgoldberg@burlingtonvt.gov.



Get social!

Post a picture of your family having fun with one of our ideas on Facebook, Instagram or Twitter. Let's keep our library community connected!



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Read!

Read or listen to a book for 20 minutes or more!

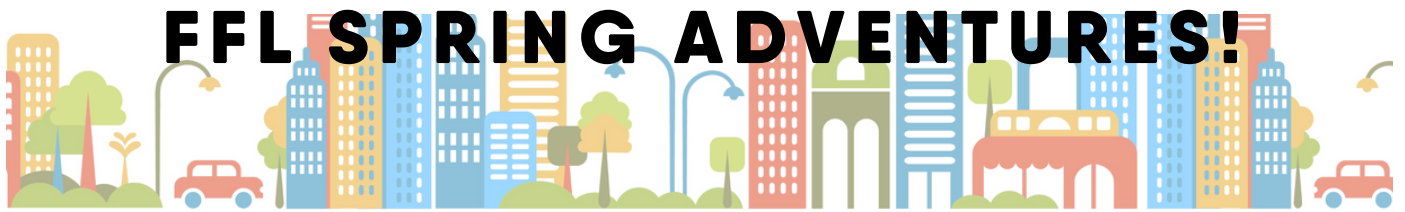
Challenge! How many days in a row can you keep this up? Keep a tally of days or minutes!

Be a Poet!

April is poetry month. Inspire and delight others with your words! Like Vermont poet Robert Frost, use your community and the natural environment to inspire your poems. Try starting a list of words like Burlington, Intervale, Green Mountains, community, family and see where your ideas go!

Engineering Design!

Gather items like toothpicks, craft sticks, tape, marshmallows, raw spaghetti and newspaper for a design challenge. Work alone or as a team to build the tallest, the strongest, the longest...Engineer a bridge to span a virtual river, a structure that supports weight or a tower to reach the sky. Can you make a model of the bridge connecting Burlington and Winooski? Use your imagination! Set a time limit to add a little excitement. Like with all engineering projects, if at first you don't succeed, try, try again!



FFL SPRING ADVENTURES!

Cooking is science and math and reading...

Pick out a recipe to cook together.

Showcase a local ingredient like maple syrup or maybe you want to learn how to cook a family favorite! Do careful measuring of ingredients and be sure to read through the entire recipe before you begin! You might want to make a video of yourself cooking to send to friends or family outside your home. Another idea is to start your own cookbook of favorites you can cook!

STEAM FUN!

Start saving those toilet paper and paper towel rolls to make a marble/ball run!

Experiment with taping tubes and other recycled items to an empty wall space to create the run. Arrange and rearrange tubes to see how the balls move through your run. Try cutting some tubes in half to see how that effects your run. You might want to challenge a family member to a marble race or try out different round objects to see how they pass through the run.

Be creative!

Skill Building... Can you?

Wash/dry clothes?
Use an iron?
Call using a land line?
Fold clothes?
Sew on a button?

Create Beauty!

Make some sidewalk or bike path art! Craft beautiful pictures and uplifting words outside for all the world to see!

UNPLUG!

Disconnect from the TV, computer, radio, phone, tablet for all or part of a day. Write about your experience or check in with a family member.

How did you feel?

What did you do instead?

Did you learn anything about yourself?

Challenge: For the next week, keep track of how much time you spend on electronics. Notice anything interesting?

Nature Bathing

Get outside for sun and SPRING in VT! While outside, take a few minutes to close your eyes and just listen to nature. Notice the signs of Spring. Birdsong? Warm sun? Smell of mud season?

Learn Big Words!

Ver-mont. Bur-ling-ton. Pick a few words each day. Learn what they mean and how to fit them in a sentence. Challenge family members to make up sentences with you. Identify some tricks for learning to spell your new words.

Family Pride

Learn about our new Burlington flag and then plan out and create a family flag. Talk to your family about what things are important to you and how you can represent these things on your flag. Invite everyone to come up with ideas and ask each person to help in the making of your flag. When finished you may want to include a family mission statement!

Share Music!

Sing, play an instrument, make an instrument, compose a song, learn the lyrics to a favorite song or make a playlist of all your faves. Get started on a Burlington playlist!