

To-Go Kit: WEEK 2

This week we're highlighting the Grimm Brothers! Familiarize yourself with some of their most famous fairy tales with one of the storybook collections available on hoopla. And don't miss out on DPL's virtual readings of "The Brave Little Tailor" and "Snow White and the Seven Dwarves," both of which are Grimm fairy tales!

IN THIS BAG you'll find:

- Hansel & Gretel Maze
- Cardboard circle and yarn for Yarn Bracelet Craft
- 1 yellow yarn braid
- 1 small container of play-doh
- toothpicks

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We are excited to introduce a new and virtual Summer Reading Program! When you create your READsquared (r²) account you can keep track of your reading, activities and events on the app or website. You can share your reading list with friends, earn badges and prizes, complete library challenges, and even unlock games!

How it Works:

- **Register Online** at myDPL.readsquared.com – Parents you can create an account first to easily monitor your children's activity.
- **Track Your Reading** – Log in to the app or the website with your account and track your reading to earn points.
- **Keep Reading!** – Earn electronic badges and prizes as you go, and a completion certificate once you've completed the program.

The app is free for both Android and iOS mobile devices.



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Weekly Challenge: BAKING

Challenge:

Construct a Hansel and Gretel inspired gingerbread house. This can be made from scratch or from pre-packaged items such as graham crackers and candy (like the picture).

Upload a picture of your baking creations on READsquared for us to share on our DPL Facebook page. Vote for your favorite picture at [Facebook.com/DecaturPublicLibrary](https://www.facebook.com/DecaturPublicLibrary).



Image from <https://fountainavenuekitchen.com/graham-cracker-houses/>

Take the Challenge

A STEP FURTHER:

Last week's challenge was to make a batch of pancakes. Did you know that in some versions of Hansel and Gretel the witch makes the children pancakes with apples and nuts in them? When you made pancakes, did you try adding extra flavorful ingredients? Why not try another batch this week with apples and nuts!

BE sure to look for the challenges on the READsquared app to earn badges!



Reading Suggestions:

Rump: The True Story of Rumpelstiltskin
by Liesl Shurtliff

Ella Enchanted
by Gail Carson Levine

The Sisters Grimm
by Michael Buckley

A Tale Dark and Grimm
by Adam Gidwitz

It's Not About The...
series by Veronika Charles

Any of the *Grimm Fairy Tale Collections* available on Hoopla

Unique Words and Language

Because Grimm Fairy Tales were written in the early 1800s, there are some words in the stories that may not be familiar to you.

Some examples are “marquis”, “whey” or “spindle”. As you read the stories or have them read to you, write down any confusing words here and look them up later.

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Facts about the Grimm Brothers

- The two brothers' names were Jakob Ludwig (1785-1863) and Wilhelm Karl (1786-1859).
- During their time, they were known for their work on the German Dictionary, working on it from 1838 until death.
- Grimm Fairy Tales were collected by the brothers, mainly from friends they had in Germany.
- The Brothers collected these stories because they were very worried that very few people could tell the stories accurately.
- By 1857 they had collected 210 tales.

--Facts from World Book Encyclopedia

Rapunzel's Tower STEM ACTIVITY

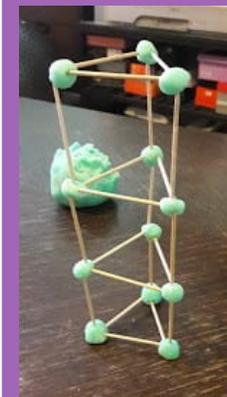


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You will need:

- Toothpicks
- Play-doh
- Braided yarn (for Rapunzel's hair)

1. Use the toothpicks and play-doh to construct a sturdy tower. Built it as high as possible.

2. Once completed, attach the braided yarn to the empty play-doh container and set it on top of the tower.

Can your tower support it? Does Rapunzel's braid reach the table? **Share a picture of your tower on READsquared!**