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Treasure hunt

Find it: "X" marks the spot

Join us in finding some hidden treasure around Newbury!

Pick up your treasure bag and the first clue of your quest outside of the Newbury Public Library, starting Monday, August 10. Each clue will lead you to a familiar place around Newbury, where you'll find more treasure and another clue.

There are 9 stops on the quest, and if you make it all the way until the end, you'll be rewarded with a 'treasure treat'.

You'll need the help of someone with a car, as the clues are hidden all over Newbury. All locations will be free and open to the public. Take pictures to show your progress along the way, if you like, and send them to us.

GOOD LUCK!

Also, remember:

All reading logs for the Summer Reading Challenge are due at the end of the week - Saturday, 8/15!!



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Create it: Treasure map

Supplies provided:

- Tea bags
- Thick paper

With the help of an adult, brew the tea bags in hot water. You'll only need one tea bag per child. Let cool.

Drip and press tea bags onto paper to create your colored map. Let dry.

Once dry, create your treasure map with markers or crayons. Feel free to crinkle your map up to add a little bit of texture to your map.

Hide your treasure, and have fun letting others try to find it!

Supplies you'll need from home:

- Markers, crayons, etc.



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Create it: Hieroglyphics and code

Supplies provided:

- Hieroglyphics alphabet print out

Supplies you'll need from home:

- Paper
- Pencil

Using the hieroglyphics alphabet in your packet, try and spell out your name to start. Follow up with messages for your friends and family to decipher.

After that, try and create your own alphabet with symbols and pictures to represent each letter. Send the library your alphabet chart and a coded message for us to decipher!

Create it: Invisable ink

Supplies provided:

- Q-tips
- Paper

With the help of an adult, cut the lemon in half. Squeeze the juice from the one half into a small bowl. Add the water and mix with a spoon.

Supplies you'll need from home:

- ½ tsp. of water
- Lemon
- Small bowl
- Spoon
- A lamp with a lightbulb

Soak the Q-tip in the lemon juice mixture. Use it to right your top-secret message on the paper.

Wait a few minutes for the paper to dry. While you're waiting you can turn on your lamp to get it heated up, being careful not to touch the lightbulb itself.

When the paper is dry, hold it up to the light for a few minutes. What did you find out?

For an added test, try replacing the lemon juice with other acidic liquids, such as apple juice or vinegar.

