EXPLORE

In this packet you'll find tips, books we love, and activities all about how to explore. Exploring is a journey of discovery to new places and to find new information. If you create something you love, submit a picture of your work to our virtual gallery at nypl.org/afterschool.

BOOKS WE LOVE

These books are some of our favorites about exploring close to home and further away. To check them out, place a hold online at nypl.org or call Ask NYPL (917-275-6975). If you are at a branch, ask a librarian how to place a hold. Books marked with a 📚 are available as e-books.

Hike
Pete Oswald

City Shapes
Diana Murray

Off I Go! (Princess Truly series)
Kelly Greenawalt

Another
Christian Robinson

When Sadness Is at Your Door
Eva Eland

Life on Mars
Jon Agee

Redwoods
Jason Chin

My Papi Has a Motorcycle
Isabel Quintero

The Not-So Great Outdoors
Madeline Kloeppe

QUICK TIPS

- When taking a walk, instead of looking straight ahead, look up, down, or side to side. What do you see that you wouldn't normally notice?
- With your family, take a trip to a neighborhood that you have never visited before!
- Use your five senses to explore the world. Find objects that feel soft, fuzzy, or smooth. Taste foods that are sweet, sour, or salty. Listen for different sounds outside your window.
EXPLORE BY DRAWING A MAP

Draw a map below! You can draw a map of a made-up world or you can draw a map of your neighborhood. Your map key should include pictures or symbols that show important places or details on your map. For example, triangles on your map could mean mountains.

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EXPLORE BY TAKING A MINDFUL WALK IN THE PARK

Moving slowly through nature can teach us new things about our environment and our senses. EXPLORE your neighborhood park with your family, and see what leaves of different shapes and colors you can collect and take home.

Trace one of the leaves here.

Art can help us see things differently...

Try a leaf rubbing!

1. Put leaves with smooth sides down on a flat surface like a table.
2. Place white paper over the leaf.
3. Rub a crayon over it (holding it sideways works best!) until the leaf shape and texture are revealed!

CHALLENGE

Can you sort your leaves by size? Can you sort your leaves by color?

Leaves come in all colors! Fill in the boxes below with all the colors you see.

What does your leaf feel like?

Check the boxes.

What other words would you use to describe your leaves?

Write on the lines below.

LOOK CLOSER

Compare the traced leaf and the rubbing. How are they the same? How are they different?
EXPLORE BY GOING ON A SCAVENGER HUNT
Take this scavenger hunt on your next walk to school or trip around your neighborhood! How many can you find? See if you can complete an entire vertical, horizontal, or diagonal row.

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What were you surprised to see on your scavenger hunt today?

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