

SUMMER QUEST 2021 -- "Origami vs BLOX"

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How to Play SummerQuest

This game is a read-to-move adventure game. What's that mean? How do you play? Well, it's pretty simple:

1. Below you will find the story of the adventure. At each point there is a different kind of book to read. You move along the Story Board every time you check out, read, & return the right kind of book for an area. Remember, the only books that count are ones checked out from this library. Books on CD, or books that are read to you also count.

2. 'How do I win?' You win by enjoying yourself or challenging yourself. Some readers will want to make it a challenge to finish quickly or first, some will want to make it a challenge to read an outstandingly whoppingly staggeringly large amount of books, or only read thick books but keep track of how many pages they read, some will want to challenge themselves by reading books that are harder than they usually read, some will want to challenge themselves by loafing around eating salty snacks and reading only books that they actually like. Some readers may choose to read only while they are jogging, others may wish to read only if the books are upside down. Whatever, if you can figure out how to win let us know, we all get to go to the Party at the end of the summer.

When the library re-opens we will add the rest of the fun:

3. Come pick a character from the display at the front desk. Put your full name on it, give the character a name, color it if you want, then bring it to us. We will keep this character as your game piece to move through the mural on the wall of the Children's room.

4. When you have read the right kind of book for a challenge, bring it back to us and tell us you have read it for summerquest. We will mark it down next to your name and move your character along the big board in the other room.

5. At some points along the way you may get a bookmark, with a "randomizer" that will help you select your next challenge. To pick that book simply roll an ordinary die and consult the book mark to see what kind of book to read.

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1. Rainy Day, Rainy Week, Rainy Month.

Sometimes a time comes when all the world is grey. The sky has given up on the habit of sunlight. Clouds settle in on the horizon from treetop to rooftop. The air cannot decide between water or wind so it gives you both all the time, for days on end.

You find yourself stuck in the house and after you use up all your usual entertainments you have to get creative, make something new. Ahah! Make. Something. New! Clearly it is time to get crafty.

Read one, two, or three books. If you read one book you can choose between the MEGOBLOX bookmark and the Broken Umbrella bookmark.

If you read two books you get both bookmarks

If you read three books you also get the Crafty Kit bookmark.

2. Overcraft.

A frenzy of creative energy hits you. You begin building a world within your world.

Origami: Anything that can be folded can be shaped into new and useful forms. Perhaps the entire universe is actually one infinite sheet of worldpaper that is simply folded and folded to make absolutely everything.

MEGOBLOX: Click, click, click. Stacking blocks together you can make entire worlds, in miniature form.

The problem is, with all this clicking and folding you crowd yourself out of your own house. You build a playhouse inside your house, and then buildings inside the BLOXhouse, and rooms inside those rooms, and so on. Every rug is littered with tiny plastics of all shapes and size, by now you could build things in the dark simply by walking barefoot across the room and identifying what you stepped on without seeing it.

As for the origami -- well, you cover every table and flat surface with folded creations. You have to hang them with strings from things to make room, and dodge them as you weave across the room.

Rain or no rain, it's time to take things outside. BLOX are plastic, they will be fine in the rain. But hmm, what things in the house are waterproof and can be folded. Raincoats, shower curtains, broken umbrellas...

Read a fantasy book, or a book set in a place far away or very different from your normal life.

3. Storm Surge.

Rain is beautiful when you can choose to go into it. What a wonder that water decides to float in giant clouds, and when it is tired of floating it can say “banzai!” and drop from the sky. Puddles become trickles become streams. You follow one stream until it joins another in the street. There is a swift current chugging along the edge of the road. Awesome, you begin making things that can float on that river by the curb.

Wind stirs the trees, shaking more droplets loose. It tugs at your folded creations. Hmm, what if you can fold a kite, or something else that it can fly. With the constant breeze and sudden gusts it lifts your creations into the sky as if the storm itself wants to play with you.

A hush, then a rush, then a roar. The weather has decided to play rough. Here comes a wave of wind and water.

If you have the MEGOBLOX bookmark, or want to use your building BLOX skills you can choose to take the A path, go to 4A below. If you have the Broken Umbrella bookmark or want to use your origami skills you can take the B path. Jump to 4B below.

Read an award-winning book.

4A. Flash Rapids!

A wall of water rushes towards you as you are testing what is the largest thing you can build that will float. Well in this case the largest thing that will float seems to be you, as the water smashes into you. You and your duffle full of BLOX are carried away, in a tumbling torrent of water. Worse and worse as it carries you into a park; is that a waterfall you hear ahead?

Read a book about science (500-599) or science fiction.

5A. MEGOBoat

Quick, do something! Well you were already building a boat. Perhaps you can build one that also acts as armor to protect you in this flood. Clickettysnap. In an instant you have built a one person submarine that can protect you. Just in time, as you are dumped over the falls into the floodwaters below.

Roll a die to use your MEGOBLOX bookmark or consult the randomizer below to pick your challenge:

- 1. A Big Book***
- 2. A Short Book***
- 3. An Easy Book***
- 4. A Difficult Book***
- 5. A Funny Book***
- 6. A Book with a Red Cover***

6A. Tinker Troll.

Where does water go when it leaves the gutters? In this case it drains to the river. And where does a river go when it wanders through a city? Well in some cases it makes a bigger river, but in some cases, as in this one, it goes underground, carrying all the junk it has washed off the streets along with it. In this case you are that junk. In your submarine you are safe enough. You hope so, though, you are bumping into things in the dark. You click on the floodlight of the submarine revealing an amazing underground world. Something down here has collected all the debris that washed down the river --shopping carts, bicycles, shoelaces, garbage bags --and formed them into mechanical sculptures powered by water. Clearly a fellow craftmaster lives down here. You kick the foot pedals to turn the propellers and explore. You travel for who knows how long before the headlight shines into two giant yellow eyes as some huge creature with far too many arms reaches down to lift your submarine from the water.

Read a book about nature or a book about an animal.

7A. WARBLOX

You have met the Tinker Troll who lives in the watery dark. He is in fact a craftsman so masterful that he can make his creations move seemingly on their own. He is fascinated by your creation as well, popping the bricks apart and reassembling them with lightning speed. You open your duffle of infinite bricks and show him how you make things like robots and tanks and ...

His eyes light up. He begins to build replicas of all the things you show him, then improves on your designs with such genius that, in fact, they do begin to move and act as if they were programmed to do so. The problem, however, is that you showed him how to build war robots and missile tanks, and they begin performing as they were intended to: a MEGOBLOX army marches through the tunnels and emerges to conquer the world.

Read a book whose author's last name begins with the same letter as your last name.

Jump to area 8.

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4B. Upgust!

The wind is toying with your umbrella kite. You can barely control it. Wait no, you are wrong, you cannot control it at all. The wind lifts both you and your umbrella kite high into the sky. The trees and houses grow small in the view between your sneakers.

Read a graphic novel or book of comic strips.

5B. Umbrella Jet

This is crazy. The wind carries you wherever it wants, tossing you from cloud to cloud. This won't do, what if it becomes bored and decides to drop you. Hmm, two can play at this game, if the wind wants to play with you, you can play back. Swiftly you reconfigure your kite into a stealth jet, so you can steer and swoop within the gusts of wind.

Roll a die to use your Broken Umbrella bookmark or consult the randomizer below for your challenge:

- 1. A Fat Book***
- 2. A Skinny Book***
- 3. A Scary Book***
- 4. A Book That Is Older Than You***
- 5. A Book About a Favorite Animal***
- 6. A Picture Book***

6B. Liveleaf Forest

Now you are toying with the wind, and are able to dive-bomb and veer and ascend as you please. In one looping dip you are whizzing past treetops of broad leafed plants that sway and nod in the storm. Perhaps it isn't the wind at all that is making them move. Two trees reach up like giant hands to pluck you from the air.

These are Liveleaf trees. They come awake with the storm, to dance under the clouds. Here they seem to be very interested in you and your kite. What kind of strange leaf is this that can dance in the sky? Since they are curious you show them how you have folded it. Amazing, they seem to nod in appreciation. Hmm here's an idea, they have giant leaves, you pluck one and with a few dozen quick moves you fold it into a tiny elephant.

The leaf origami elephant waggles its ears, raises its trunk, and walks off into the forest. WHAT? If you fold with these leaves, your creations actually come alive.

Read a book about a subject you want to know more about.

7B. Predatorigami

Fantastic! The trees offer you their largest leaves. You build bigger and bigger creations. You show them all of your favorite folds and tricks. Making large replicas of various creatures. A crane, a life-sized seagull, a half-sized tiger. Hey! You have memorized a whole book of dinosaur folds. These ancient plants seem to like these best, so for each tree you have to craft a new dinosaur. By your 7th deinonychus or your 10th Allosaurus, or your 3rd T. Rex, you realize perhaps this was not a good idea. You are surrounded by living recreations of the most dangerous predators in history. And they are all looking directly at you.

Read a book about an inspiring person.

8. Origami vs Blox

Absolute mayhem ensues! A plastic army marches out into the world. It meets a landscape of wild predators eager to pounce and devour and destroy anything moving. Missiles whizz across the landscape. Raptors scramble and pounce. You are caught in the middle, dodging havoc left and right.

Read a book that teaches you to make or do something, then make or do that thing and share it with someone. Feel free to bring it into the library to show us!

9. Origamibloxtopia

No no no no no! This will not do. You swiftly build a robot general out of BLOX to take control of the army. You distract the predatorigami hunters with swift flying folded birds to draw their attention away. You lasso them with string and leash them so that you look like the world's strangest dog walker. Once the panic and battle have calmed, you begin to build a proper world for them all.

Read as many books as you want of any kind that you want. Keep track of them, and let us know how many books you have read and we will mark them on your card as experience points.

10 Zeppelin Home.

The sun has risen, days of building pass as you create a city of wonders. But still, you do think about your home in a land far away. You build a blimp, a hybrid of propellers and live leaves, filled with swamp gas to make it float. You hitch up a few pterodactyls to help pull and steer then rise above the clouds into the bright sun, and sail the skies searching for home.

Re-read an old favorite or a book you liked when you were little.

You are done!