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Soaring '20s Summer Reading Olympics Guide

The 2020 Summer Olympics have been postponed so we've created our own version of the games to keep kids having fun and staying active this summer. All activities align with both a book and an Olympic sport. Reading the books along with doing the activity is encouraged, but not required. The goal is to have fun and go for the gold.

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Activity	Book	Description
Paper Plane Archery	WOOD, WIRE, WINGS by Kirsten W. Larson, illustrated by Tracy Subisak	Design your own (paper) airplane just like Lilian Todd. Aim for a bulls-eye (landing site) and see if you can hit your target.
Homemade Badminton Game	BEATRIX POTTER, SCIENTIST by Lindsay H. Metcalf, illustrated by Junyi Wu	Beatrix Potter painted badminton sets in one of her books. You can make your own. Tape a craft stick to a paper plate for the racquet and use a balloon as a shuttlecock. Hit the balloon to a friend without letting it touch the ground.
Wall Ball	SATURDAYS ARE FOR STELLA by Candy Wellins, illustrated by Charlie Eve Ryan	George loves bouncy balls. Find the bounciest ball you can and throw it against a wall. (Ask permission first.) See how many times you can catch it. If it's too easy, try stepping farther away.
Stuffed Animal Jumping	INVENT-A-PET by Vicky Fang, illustrated by Tidawan Thaipinnarong	Katie thinks horse jumping should be for all animals. Grab your favorite stuffed animal and hold it between your knees (no hands!). Place a pencil on the ground and jump over it five times without dropping your animal.
Hula-Hoop Dance	SOAKED! by Abi Cushman	Bear's best friend is a Hula-Hooping Moose. Turn on some music and create a dance that involves a Hula-Hoop.
Hat Distance Throw	HIP, HIP... BERET! by Melanie Ellsworth, illustrated by Morena Forza	Toss your beret (or other favorite hat) into the air and watch it sail away. See how far you can get your hat to sail.
Backyard Triathlon	HOW LONG IS FOREVER? by Kelly Carey, illustrated by Qing Zhuang	Set up a race in your backyard like Mason's race around the farm. Complete three laps to win this event. Lap 1: BIKE (ride your bike or scooter). Lap 2: SWIM (Ask someone to squirt you with a hose or run through a sprinkler while you complete this lap.) Lap 3: RUN (Run this lap as fast as you can.)
Pillow Wrestling	DOZENS OF DOUGHNUTS by Carrie Finison, illustrated by Brianne Farley	LouAnn fusses and flails as she wrestles with strong emotions. Grab a pillow or couch cushion and use your best moves to wrestle it to the ground and pin it on the floor.
Medal Ceremony	CLARINET & TRUMPET by Melanie Ellsworth, illustrated by John Herzog	Find a favorite instrument and play along to any country's national anthem. Don't have any instruments? Use your voice or turn an empty pan or bowl into a drum.