

The Vision Chronicles

What are my options for summer?

As we enter the last few weeks of school, I am sure you have thought to yourself "how I am going to keep my child busy and learning over the summer"? Although we are still not able to gather in person, there are many options available online to keep your child engaged this summer! If your child qualifies for twelve month instruction (district 75 summer school), we encourage you to take advantage of that offer. Please notify either your child's vision teacher, one of our administrators, or email me at JFratlicelli@schools.nyc.gov to let us know if you plan on having your child attend summer school (if they qualify). If sending an email to me or an administrator, please include your child's name, vision teacher and what borough they attend school in. If your child does not receive twelve month instruction, following is a list of the programs that we have found available so far. The first half of the list includes programs specifically for students with visual impairments. The second half is a list of other programs that may of interest to you for your child with a visual impairment, or your other children. The second part of the list is not vetted by us, but there are a lot of really interesting options! Please share any other resources that you find with us as well!

Sincerely,
Jill Fraticelli, Teacher of the Visually Impaired

Summer Opportunitites Geared toward students with Visual Impairments



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www.aph.org



Virtual ExCEL Summ...

www.pathstoliteracy.org

The Virtual ExCEL Summer Camp will run from mid-June to mid-August for kids who are blind or visually impaired.

Visions Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired

VISIONS/Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired will offer a number of virtual programs for blind and visually impaired high school age youth. Interested participants can reach Lisa Senior, Youth Services Coordinator at lsenior@visionsvcb.org or 646-486-4444, ext. 224.

Camp Abilities Long Island is going virtual!

Contact Taylor McDonnell, Director at (631)432-0569 or campabilitieslongisland@gmail.com. You can check out the traditional format of Camp Abilities at <https://www.campabilitieslongisland.org/>.



Camp Abilities

www.campabilities.org

A week-long sports camp for children with visual impairments

Camp Abilities Brockport will be online!

We will be accepting about 25 athletes and using zoom to provide sports instruction (goalball, track and field, fitness and soccer) advocacy and some select choice activities June 28th-July 3rd. We will open and close camp with a ceremony as we typically do. We do have space for a few more athletes!

If you have any further questions feel free to reach out

Thanks-Matt and the Camp Abilities Team

campabilitiesbrockport01@gmail.com

<https://www.campabilities.org/>

Arctic Vision seeks to empower and promote the successful livelihood of persons who are blind and visually impaired through unique, innovative and learner-driven rehabilitation strategies.

Check out www.arcticvision.org to see what classes will be offered this summer!



[NFB BELL® Academy ...](#)

www.nfb.org

The NFB BELL Academy provides children with Braille and nonvisual skills instruction through fun, hands-on learning activities.



fmdgmusicschool.org



[Music Classes | Filo...](#)

fmdgmusicschool.org

The FMDG Music School offers lessons and classes for students of all ages and levels. Classes take place at the 92Y at 1395 Lexington Ave and at Funkadelic Studios at 209 West 40th Street.

Other Opportunities

[Summer Guide - Gro...](#)

growingupnyc.cityofnewyork.us

[Virtual Summer Art C...](#)

mocanomi.org

[Summer at NYPL](#)

www.nypl.org

The Library is your oasis this summer for relaxation and inspiration. Unwind with a good book at our Outdoor Reading Room, celebrate heroes, discover cool books with our Summer Reading Challenge, for everyone from kids and teens to adults, and share your favorite with a fun #ireadeverywhere selfie!

[Camp PBS KIDS Sum...](#)

www.pbs.org

Explore parent resources to help you raise kind, curious and resilient children. Find parenting tips, hands-on activities, games, apps and more.



[Just Like Normal Ca...](#)

www.goodhousekeeping.com

Virtual summer camp is soon in session, and kids can sign up for online camps in everything from Minecraft to Harry Potter.



[Free Summer School ...](#)

www.k12.com

Summer is a great time to explore careers that interest you—especially if your school doesn't offer career exploration courses. Learn about K12's offerings!



[Online Camps Fill K...](#)

www.common sense media.org

Virtual camps and classes offer a wide variety of enrichment to keep kids busy, learning, and having fun -- while practicing safe social distancing. Advice from Common Sense Media editors.