



FAQ – Outstanding Wizarding Levels (O.W.L.) Camp 2021 at the County Library

What is the mission/purpose of O.W.L. Camp?

O.W.L. Camp's mission is to provide a free, inclusive, high-quality, engaging, STE[A]M based summer camp for youth, ages 11-18, based on Harry Potter. Classes are designed to be developmentally appropriate, and to support social and emotional learning.

Location?

Following current recommendations by County Mayor Jenny Wilson and Governor Spencer Cox to restrict the size of social gatherings, O.W.L. Camp is being presented in a virtual, online format this year.

What should we expect from an online O.W.L. camp?

O.W.L. Camp will be hybrid for 2021. Those who apply and are randomly selected will receive an invite to pick up materials and supplies.

The 9 ¾ portal to O.W.L. Camp will open Sunday, June 20 to all students ages 11-18. (The portal will activate within the third party site Beanstack, linked on the O.W.L. Camp website.) Once through the magical portal, students will choose their house, and embark on an adventure to earn house points, unlock class badges, attend classes, and connect with new friends.

How will students be sorted? Are they allowed to switch houses?

Due to the online nature of O.W.L. Camp this year, students are invited to self-sort. We recommend visiting the official [Harry Potter website](#) for the Sorting Hat quiz, find a quiz you prefer, or self-select the House that calls to you. Students will be able to earn points for their house.

Should students wear their own Hogwarts robes or costumes?

Yes! Get into the spirit.

Are students allowed to bring a pet/animal?

Absolutely.

What if students haven't read Harry Potter?

It isn't too late! All of the Harry Potter books and movies are available for check out from your local [County Library](#) and online. Reading or listening to the books, or watching the movies will make the O.W.L. Camp experience much more magical; however, it is not required.

As a parent, may I attend with my child?

The County Library encourages parents to be actively engaged in their child's online presence and learning. In the spirit of O.W.L. Camp, parents are empowered to be part of the learning process without giving answers or hints. We find that encouraging students to learn, discover, experiment, and discuss offers a rich experience for all involved.

What classes are offered?

All classes are STE[A]M based. Topics may include:

- Herbology
- Care of Magical Creatures
- Potions
- Astronomy

Curriculum will be presented through a variety of media, all designed to be completed at home.

What equipment do we need to participate?

O.W.L. Camp content will be housed in Beanstack, which requires a device and access to the internet. You can access Beanstack through an internet browser or by downloading the app.

Some classes will be hosted through WebEx, a video platform. Participation in these classes is optional. You can access WebEx as a guest user.

For those without access to the internet or a device, the library offers hotspots and (Chromebooks coming soon). Check at your local County Library for availability.

What is the RSVP deadline and what if I forget to RSVP?

The application process is open the month of March. Those randomly selected will receive a link to reserve their spot for material pickup. The reservation deadline is Saturday, June 12 at midnight. Those who fail to RSVP are encouraged to still take

part in the online content.

O.W.L. Camp Online is fantastic, but we're still sad it's not in person!

So are we! While we are committed to extending some sort of summer learning opportunity, we understand that it's not the same as an in-person experience. We learned a lot from summer 2020 and are excited to implement some magical improvements and changes in delivery. We continue to plan for the time we can be in person once again.

The County Library is committed to providing equal access and opportunity, and we strive to create inclusive atmospheres, programs and spaces for the diverse needs of the community.

We understand that an online environment may unintentionally exclude participation. If you have a reasonable request to help facilitate online learning please reach out and ask. (Although we do not have laptops or tablets available to loan.) We may not be able to accommodate but appreciate the opportunity to try.

O.W.L. Camp has a zero bullying tolerance. Bullying is defined as: “unwanted, aggressive behavior that involves a real or perceived power imbalance.” Cyberbullying in particular will not be tolerated, and is defined as: “sending, posting, or sharing negative, harmful, false, or mean content about someone else. It can include sharing personal or private information about someone else causing embarrassment or humiliation.” (Definition source: stopbullying.gov) Cyberbullying will receive one warning and then participant will be blocked or removed.

If you have additional questions, would like to request an accommodation, or you would like to speak with an O.W.L. Camp staff member, please send us an [email](#) or call 801-948-7923.