

LOOK UP! Stuffed Animal Sleepover & Storytime

with *Look Up!* by Britt Gondolfi and Amanda Romanick



Help kids unplug from technology, grow their imagination, and develop a life-long love of reading!

Thank you for joining Paw Prints Publishing and Global Day of Unplugging in our campaign for screen-free fun by hosting a stuffed animal sleepover event and coinciding storytime using the picture book *Look Up! Fontaine the Pigeon Starts a Revolution!* This activity is designed to inspire creativity, encourage a love of reading, and provide a fun, device-free experience for children and their families. Follow the steps below to keep your program organized.

Coordinate a Stuffed Animal Drop Off: Pick a specific day and window of time for participants to drop off their stuffed animals during business hours the day before the sleepover event. Provide matching name tags or wristbands for the children and their animals so they won't get lost. Offer a photo release form (attached) for parents to sign so you can promote the event! Make the drop-off process efficient and exciting for kids, emphasizing the adventure their animals are about to embark on.

Capture the Fun! After closing, take photos of the animals in various scenarios, from reading books to looking up to exploring bookshelves or peeking out windows, playing in bathrooms, and working on computers. Get silly! Create a visual narrative to share during the PJ Storytime the next day. Resources and time permitting, consider making takeaway memory booklets for attendees which includes photos.

PJ Storytime and Reunion: Host a pajama "PJ" storytime the next morning. Reunite the children with their animals, share photos of the night's mischief, and engage the kids with an interactive reading session using *Look Up!* Guest readers, crafts, or snacks can enhance the experience. Please email us your event highlights (and questions) at collab@globaldayofunplugging.org and tag us on Instagram @PawPrintsPublishing @globaldayofunplugging #UnplugandLookUp @britt.gonfolgi @amanda.romanick.

Event Promotion: Include "Fontaine the Pigeon" in your promotional materials for event promotion. You will find pictures of him to use below in the activity packet. Highlight the event on social media, in community outlets, in newsletters, and in displays to maximize community engagement before and after the event.

Global Day of Unplugging on March 7-8: Since 2009, Global Day of Unplugging has been widely celebrated the first Friday sundown to Saturday sundown of March every year. It officially begins this March 7th, 2025 at sundown, but schools, businesses and individuals plan tech-free gatherings in the days and weeks leading up to and following March in order to make the most of the moment. Whether it is 1 hour or 24 hours, people all over the world will step away from their screens and intentionally shift into an offline activity, an in-person interaction, a real-life gathering or simply a meaningful conversation about their relationship with technology. Learn more at www.globaldayofunplugging.org and be part of the change with the *Look Up!* Stuffed Animal Sleepover & Storytime!

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Best practices to help your event run smoothly!

Find a Team: Determine staffing for this event and tap into some service organizations like Boy/Girl Scouts of America if you need help.

Start planning and gather supplies: Figure out any craft or activity supplies you need. Order SmartPhone NapSacks for your attendees by becoming an Educator Member at www.globaldayofunplugging.org/become-a-member.

Stuffed Animal Tuck-In: Give the animals and kids matching name tags or wrist bands so they can easily reunite.

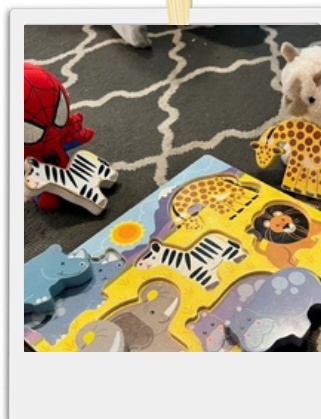
Capture the Fun: Once the kids leave their stuffed animals after drop-off, have staff take pictures of the animals getting into mischief. Keep hands out of the pictures as much as possible. Use a camera that easily prints photos (i.e. a polaroid!) to print the pictures and add to a poster board so kids can see the shenanigans their furry friends got into throughout the night. If resources/time allows, you can make memory booklets.

PJ Storytime and Reunion: After reading *Look Up!*, have the storytime leader suggest to the kids in attendance that they read books to their stuffed animals any time (mention that even pre-readers can use their imagination and share stories from the pictures they see). Encourage kids to read to their animal buddies as a way to disconnect from technology. Additional craft activities or snacks are a nice addition. Use the activities provided in this package.



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Picture Collage Ideas



The featured book:

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STUFFED ANIMAL *LOOK UP!* SLEEPOVER & STORYTIME

Ditch your devices for a truly unique event! Drop off your toys for a sleepover adventure. Then reunite with them in the morning to hear about their night-time shenanigans and to enjoy a PJ storytime featuring the MoonBeam Spirit Award-winning book, *Look Up! Fontaine the Pigeon Starts a Revolution* by Britt Gondolfi and Amanda Romanick.

Dates

Stuffed Animal Tuck-In:

PJ Storytime:

Registration:

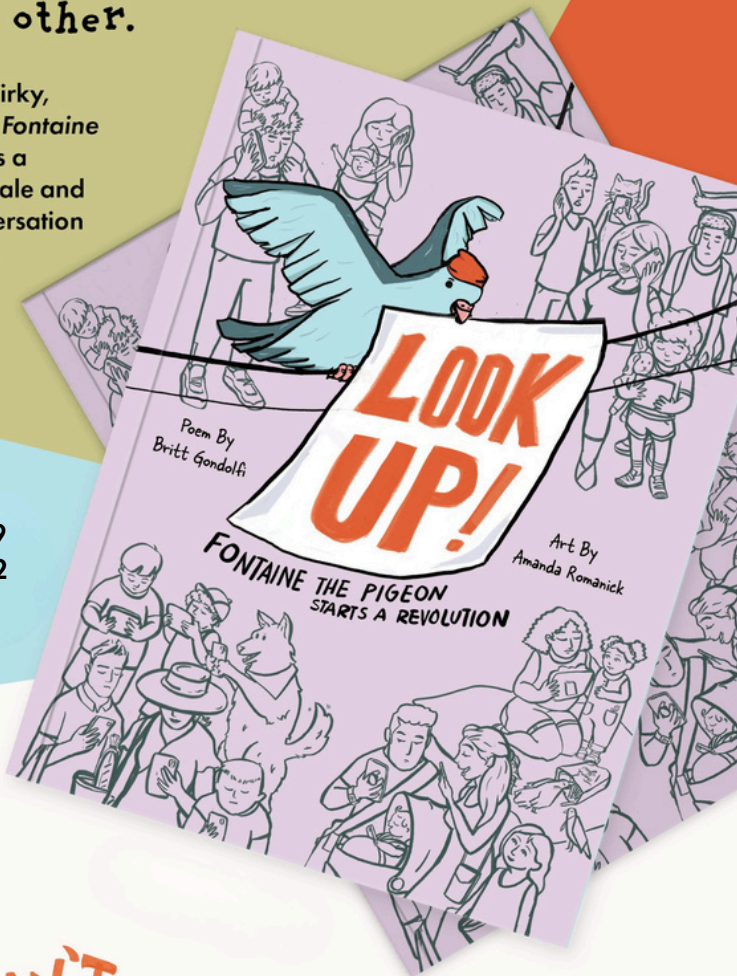


Purchase a copy of your storytime book wherever you buy books! Have questions or want to purchase directly from Paw Prints Publishing? Email pawprintspublishing@baker-taylor.com.

Fontaine, a small pigeon, is fed up with the world's addiction to technology. In response, he rallies a cohort of birds and, with their help, leads an **ICKY** revolution that forces people to put down their phones, look up, and connect with nature and each other.

Told in lyrical verse and with quirky, poignant illustrations, *Look Up! Fontaine the Pigeon Starts a Revolution* is a humorous blend of cautionary tale and storytime fun that'll spark conversation and delight readers of all ages.

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"I CAN'T DO THIS ALONE!"



Stuffed Animal Sleepover Storytime Release Form



Picture of Toy

Event Date: _____

Toy Name: _____

Toy Age: _____

Phone/Contact: _____
For emergencies only

For Kids and their Stuffed Animal Friends:

By participating in this activity, I hereby grant the staff permission to take pictures of me while sitting quietly and behaving myself. I promise not to get into too many mischievous situations and will keep my hands, tail, and nose to myself. I won't climb on shelves or play hide and seek no matter how tempting it might be.

For Stuffed Animals Only:

I am of legal, stuffed animal/character age and have the full authority to sign legal stuff like this...but, yes, I did have my human friend read it to me.

I understand that my pictures may be used on social media or on emails or other online sources (after the event) but I myself will stay "unplugged" for the duration of this event.

Child Name and Signature: _____

Toy Name and Signature (yes, I need help!): _____

Adult Caregiver Name and Signature: _____

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Viva la revolution! You've put down your phones, tablets, games, and computers. Thanks for unplugging, looking up, and reconnecting with the world around you! How did you spend your time?

Viva la revolution!



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Cut Fontaine out, paste him on a popsicle stick, and take a picture with him to celebrate unplugging! Let him lead your storytime.

FONTAINE

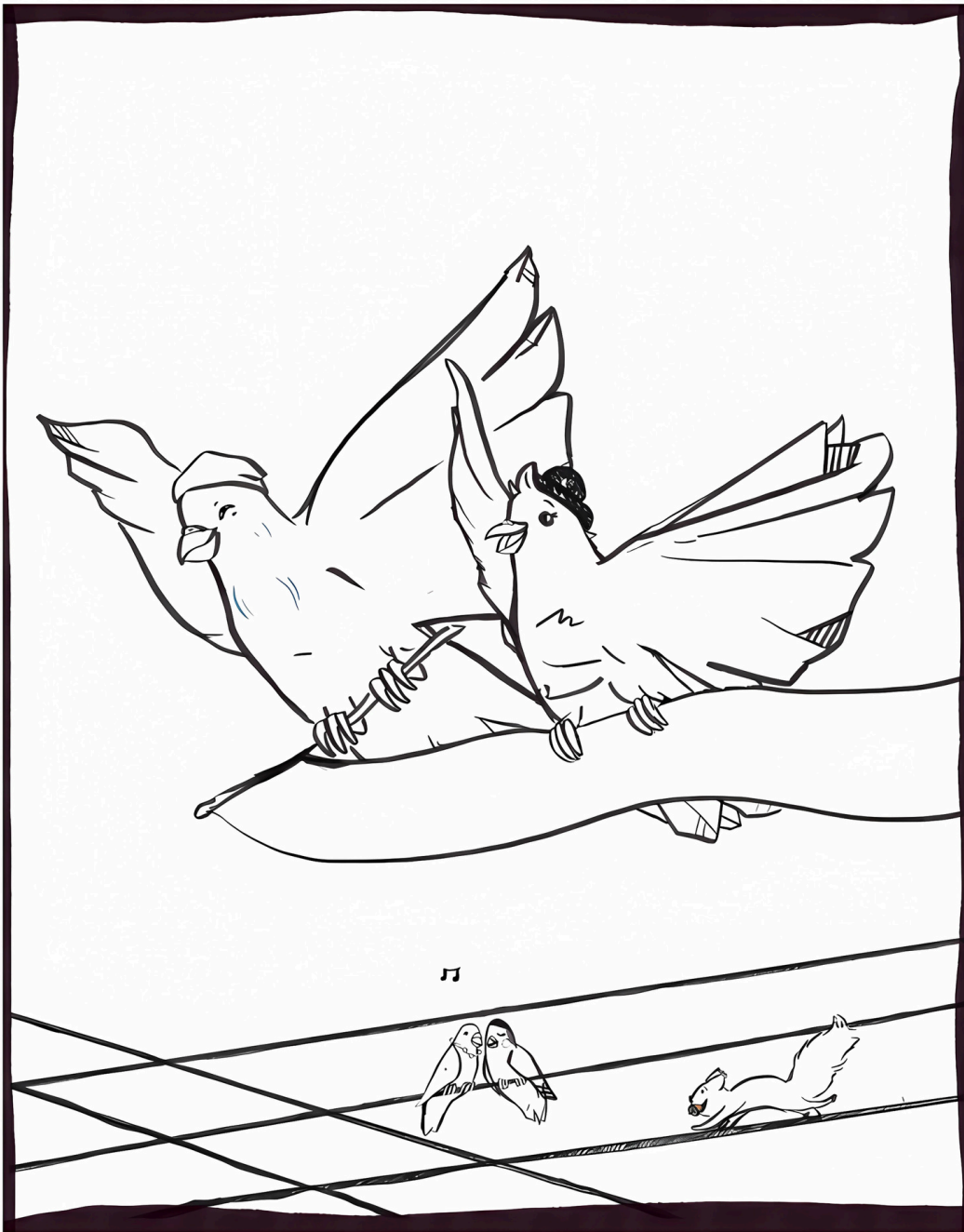


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Color in the birds and answer the questions.



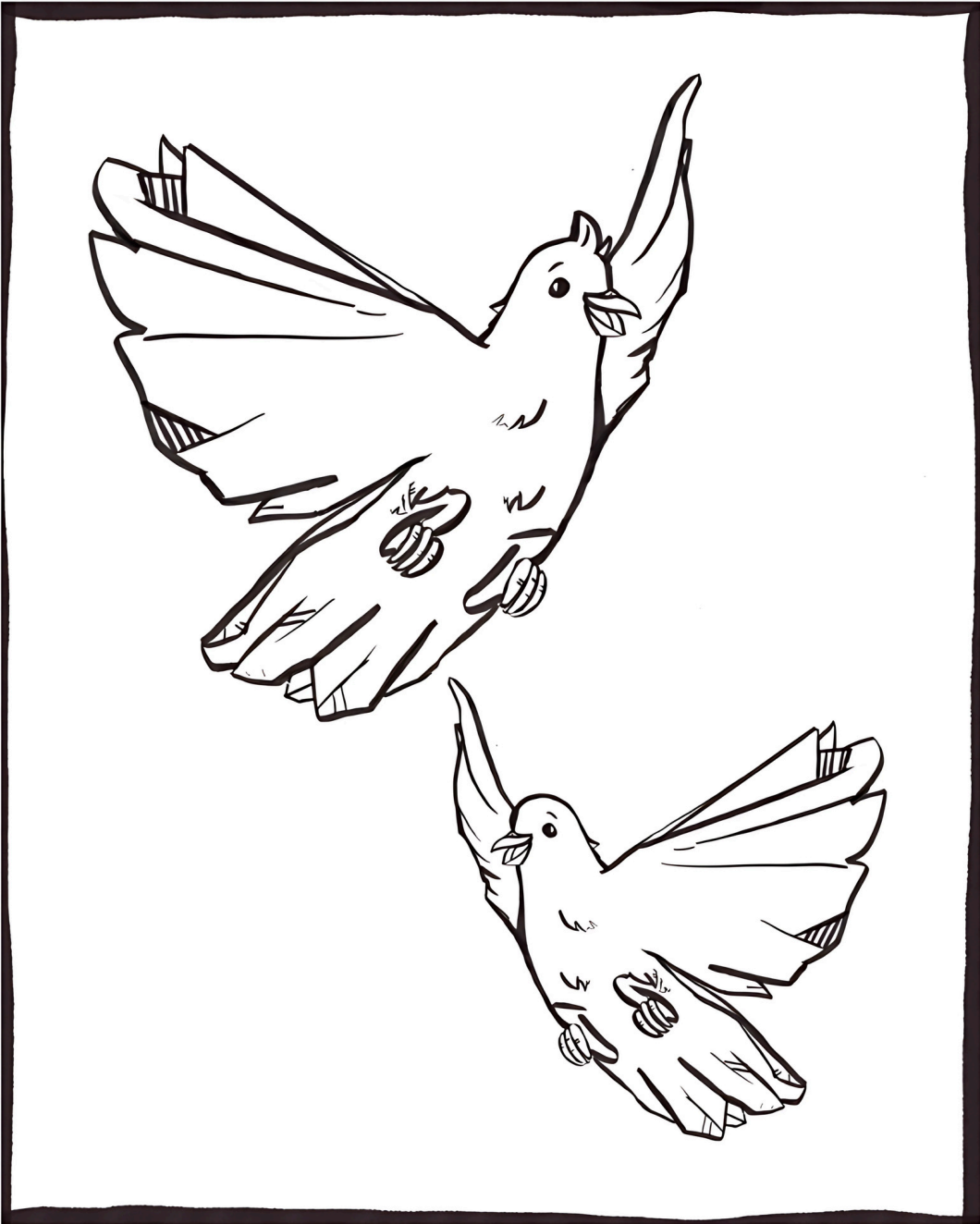
LOOK UP! WHAT THINGS CAN YOU THINK OF THAT FLY?
WHAT CAN YOU DRAW IN THE SKY BEHIND FONTAINE AND PILAR?

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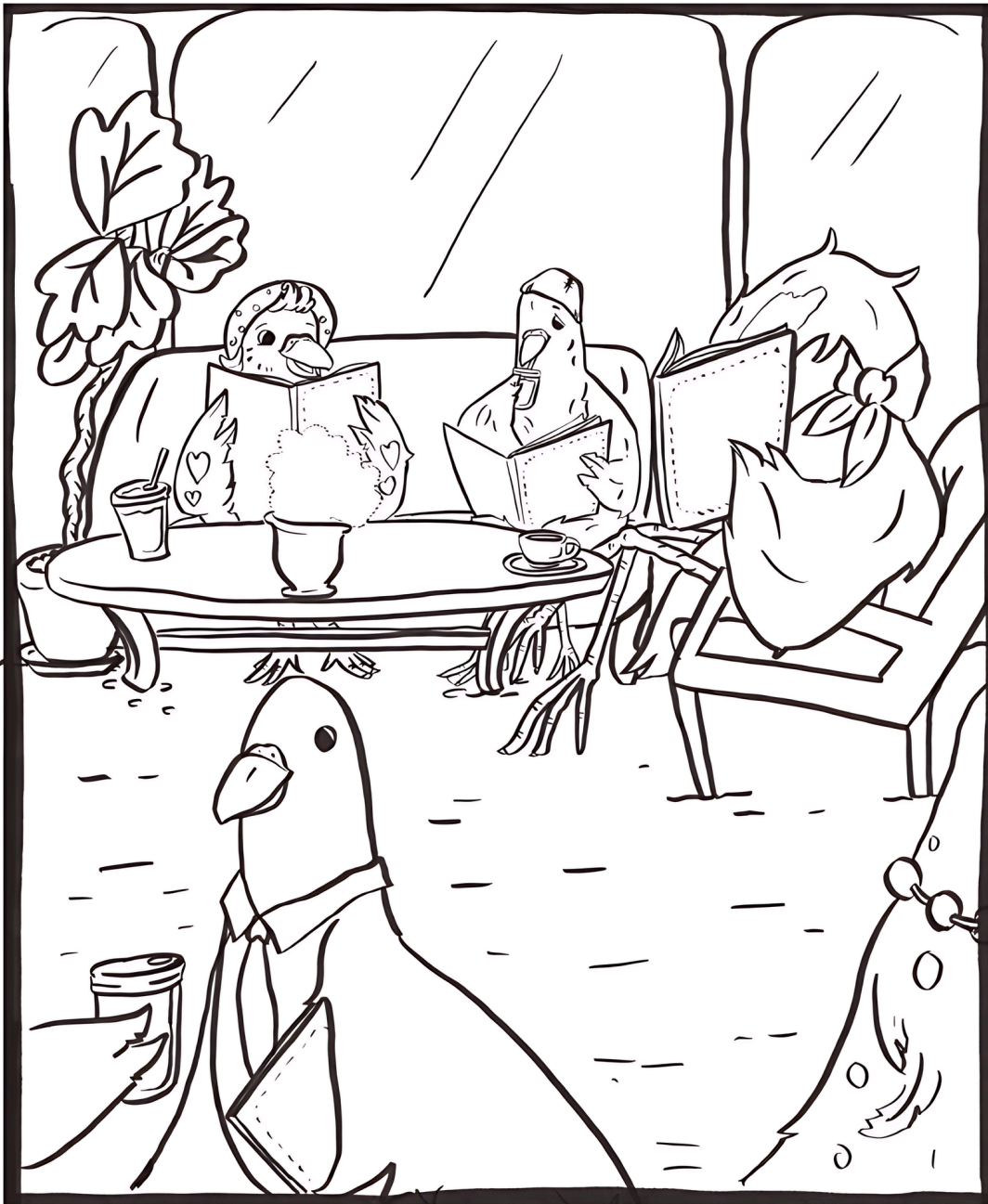
IF YOU WERE A BIRD WHAT WOULD YOU LOOK LIKE?

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WHAT STORY DO YOU THINK FONTAINE AND HIS FRIENDS ARE READING?
WHAT FLOWERS WOULD YOU LIKE TO DRAW ON THE TABLE?