

The YAC

*A Newsletter for Iowa Library Staff Who Work with Youth and Children
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May 2013

Upcoming Events:

May 1-7 - Choose Privacy Week (<http://www.privacyrevolution.org/>)

May 10 - Early Literacy Station Demonstration for Iowa Public Libraries (online)*

September is Library Card Sign-Up Month

(<http://www.ala.org/conferencesevents/celebrationweeks/card>)

September 22-28 -- Banned Books Week

(<http://www.ala.org/advocacy/banned/bannedbooksweek>)

October 13-19 - Teen Read Week (<http://teenreadweek.ning.com/>)

November is Picture Book Month (<http://picturebookmonth.com/>)

November 16 - International Games Day (<http://ngd.ala.org/>)

*See the Continuing Education Catalog at <http://www.statelibraryofiowa.org/cgi-bin/cecat/> for registration information.

Occasions for Special Displays/Program Themes to Plan for in July:

- 2 - Birthday of Jean Craighead George
- 11 - Birthday of E. B. White
- 28 - Birthday of Beatrix Potter
- 31 - Birthday of J. K. Rowling

Websites from the Kids First Maker Space/Craft Room:



Inspiration Booklet:

<http://blog.creativekismet.com/2010/02/17/open-paper-bag-inspiration-booklet/>

At Kids First, we used either 4" or 5" squares of any paper for the booklets. With the 4" booklets, you can also cut 2" x 2" squares to add to the "pages" of the folded booklet. With the 5" booklets, the squares would measure 2 1/2" by 2 1/2".

Tubey Masks by French artist Junior Fritz Jacquet:

<http://cerebralboinkfest.blogspot.com/2011/05/recycling-paper-into-art-junior-fritz.html>

Show these to your teens and see if they can re-create something similar!

How to Make Plarn - Plastic Bag Yarn:

<http://www.plasticbagcrafts.com> & <http://www.favecrafts.com/Green-Crafting/How-to-Make-Plarn/ct/1> [You may need to provide your e-mail to access this site.]

Try braiding or knitting with plarn! [Note: You can do something similar using old t-shirts!]

Papel Picado tutorial:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SjSU9E-KI48>

There are a variety of instructions on the web. The examples at Kids First used magazine pages. They measured 7" by 7" and were folded vertically only before cutting.

Make a "flap album" from paper lunch sacks:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?hl=en-GB&gl=IE&v=poVN2rU6WzU>

11 Ways to Make Newspaper Beads:

<http://www.favecrafts.com/Beading/11-Ways-to-Make-Newspaper-Beads/ct/1> [You may need to provide your e-mail to access this site.]

Altered Books, Collaborative Journals and Other Adventures in Bookmaking:

<http://craftside.typepad.com/craftside/2008/09/altered-books-c.html>

Steampunk Bat Necklace (with template):

<http://www.cool2craft.com/steampunk-bat-necklace-by-candace-jedrowicz/>

Make Your Own Magnifying Glass:

<http://www.science-sparks.com/2012/05/21/make-your-own-magnifying-glass/>

I wanted to bring these to Kids First, but didn't have any large bottles. Make a few of these for the younger kids. Save this one for next summer's science theme, too!

Steampunk Banner Necklace:

<http://designmemorycraft.typepad.com/design-memory-craft/2012/09/steampunk-banner-necklace.html>

We used felt at Kids First (stiff felt works especially well).

Bracelets from Rope/Cord Shopping Bag Handles:

<http://sideoatsandscribbles.wumple.com/2011/06/01/diy-rope-bracelet-from-a-jcrew-shopping-bag/>

Annie's Paper Fun:

<http://annespaperfun-aksh.blogspot.com.es/2012/11/art-journal.html>

Example of altered book journal.

Weaving Book Spines:

<http://www.ihanna.nu/blog/2012/12/recycling-weaving-book-spines/>

Haiku Tunnel Books:

<http://www.teachkidsart.net/tunnel-books/>

This site uses a post card and index cards to make tunnel books. At Kids First, we used a sheet of stiff paper (8 ½ x 11) cut vertically for the sides (fan-fold at 1 ½" intervals) and one sheet cut into quarters.

Some Zentangle Sites:

<http://www.zentangle.com> and <http://tanglepatterns.com>

Page Corner Bookmarks:

<http://tallystreasury.com/2011/02/corner-page-bookmarks-3/>

Thumbprint portraits:

The concept -- http://www.cherylsorg.com/thumbprint_portraits.html

Simple thumbprint pattern -- <http://www.personal.psu.edu/tnd5041/assignment3-1.html>

Pinwheel Made from Discarded Book Pages

<http://www.moreascorner.com/2012/08/vintage-book-party-pinwheel.html>

Finger Knitting/Weaving:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t3LKAlDz9ig>

Using a Band Saw to Cut Large Letters from Weeded Books:

<http://www.ashbeedesign.com/2012/04/altered-books-monogram.html>

The altered books that were cut into large letters were a big hit at Kids First. If you have access to a band saw, you can make your own!

Odds & Ends

"**Early Experiences Shape the Brain**" - a handout or bulletin board posting you can print for parents and caregivers at:

<http://www.investinkidsnow.org/uploads/FileLinks/7f1c6eb803034a479bc275dd86f5be59/ffyf-brain%20science.pdf>.

The theme for **Teen Read Week**, October 13-19, will be "Seek the Unknown @ your library." Watch for new information on the website: <http://teenreadweek.ning.com/>

Still looking for **titles for your Summer Library Program**? Nebraska Library Commission offers a handy list at: <http://nlc.nebraska.gov/Handouts/index.aspx> (look for "Summer Reading Program workshops -- 2013). There is also a recording of the associated webinar which reviews these selections: <http://nlc.nebraska.gov/NCompassLive/NCArchivelist.asp>

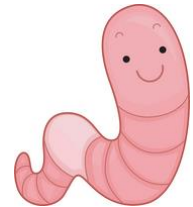


You can read while you work with this tractor at the Griswold Public Library!

Diane Sinclair of Williams Public Library was our **Altered Books Contest** winner at Kids First! Her altered version of an L. Ron Hubbard book is pictured below with another of her entries. She was rewarded with a zentangle book and pen set. Heather Deaton of Huxley was the second place winner (although there was no second-place prize) for her music box/jewelry box made from an old Code of Iowa. Thanks to all who brought along an entry! There was so much interest in the books cut into large letter shapes that we added a link to some instructions to the list above.



Vicki Christensen from Anita Public Library shared this note about Summer Library Program plans: "Chapter 5 in the manual tells how to make your own **worm farm** soooooo that is what we are doing. We have a 5 gal. aquarium to fill with dirt and sand and whatever else, worms, of course. The children who visit during the summer will get to mist the dirt or feed the worms. (oatmeal, I guess?)



Anyway, the worm farms online are very small for what they cost. Ours won't be lit.....it'll have a screen top to keep the worms IN. THIS was a better idea than the ant farm just in case they escape!"



This is why youth services librarians do it!