

# The YAC



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

## Upcoming Events:

- Solar Eclipse - August 21  
<http://www.starnetlibraries.org/2017eclipse/>  
<https://eclipse.gsfc.nasa.gov/SEgoogle/SEgoogle2001/SE2017Aug21Tgoogle.html>
- ARSL Annual Conference - September 7-9  
<http://arsl.info/>
- Performers' Showcase at Milford Public Library -- September 20
- Performers' Showcase at Marshalltown Public Library -- September 21
- Performers' Showcase at Mt. Pleasant Public Library -- September 22
- [Teen Read Week](#) - October 8-14
- ILA Annual Conference in Coralville - October 18-20  
<https://www.iowalibraryassociation.org/index.php/conf-info>

\*See the Continuing Education Catalog at <https://statelibraryofiowa.lmscheckout.com/Course/index> for registration information.

## Occasions for Special Displays/Program Themes in July:

- Cell Phone Courtesy Month & National Picnic Month
- International Joke Day - 1
- "Hop a Park" Day (visit parks) -4
- E. B. White Birthday - 11
- Etch a Sketch Day - 12
- National Gummi Worm Day - 15
- Moon Walk (Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin) in 1969 - 20
- Beatrix Potter Birthday - 28
- Paperback Book Day - 30
- J K Rowling Birthday - 31



## Occasions for Special Displays/Program Themes in August:

- Book Lover's Day (unofficial holiday) - 9
- Walter Dean Myers Birthday - 12
- Bad Poetry Day (unofficial holiday) - 18
- Winnie the Pooh "Birthday" - 21
- National Park Service Established in 1916 - 25
- Women's Equality Day (celebrates passage of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment in 1920) -- 26



## Kids First

As promised, here are some notes about selected crafts that were displayed at Kids First:

### 3-D Shapes with Paper Strips:



Make this as simple or as elaborate as you wish! The sun shape is made with strips using a paper shredder. The turtle uses large strips for smaller hands. Just fold each end of the strip and glue until you are satisfied with the look.



## Handprint Trees:

Adapt to fit age group and time allowed (for example, cutting takes more time and skill). Use with ecology theme (recycled materials), seasons (fall leaves), "Giving Trees," or just "trees." See the link below for an example.

- Trace around hand + forearm
- Cut from construction paper or color with markers
- Cut leaves from magazines, use stampers or tempera paints

## Fusing Plastic Bags:

This project (for older kids) can be used to make "fabric" for lunch bags, coasters, wallets, banners, placemats - or just works of art.

- 1) Gather lightweight plastic store bags. (I tested other types of plastic bags and others don't fuse as well.)
- 2) Cut the bags into squares and other shapes. (If desired, cut some decorative shapes: leaves, flowers, hearts, etc.)
- 3) Set up ironing board(s) in a ventilated area.
- 4) Set iron on rayon setting (increase heat slightly if plastic doesn't fuse).
- 5) Arrange bag pieces between sheets of parchment paper and apply heat carefully.  
Four layers works well - add more layers as desired. Place decorative cut outs between solid layers.
- 6) Pieces may be sewn together or joined with duct tape to create larger pieces for projects. Fused pieces may also be cut into strips and woven together to create placemats, etc.



**Tubey Totem Pole:** A totem pole made from a paper towel tube is just a different way for a child to create a collage to express his or her special interests. Cut several strips from magazines, maps, coloring books, weeded books, etc. to wrap around the tube. Then ask children to look for more words and pictures that fit their interests.

Tip: Rubber bands are handy for holding pieces in place while gluing.

## "Found Paper" Projects:

Look for interesting paper that can be re-purposed for crafts. Part of the fun is gathering old maps, cards, calendars, junk mail, etc.

The inside of security envelopes is one source of interesting patterns for "found paper" projects!

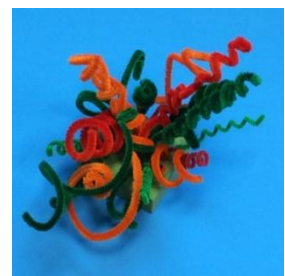
### Picasso Pop Cans:

Gently crush an empty soda can. Color the bottom red to become the mouth. Use hot glue to attach buttons, etc.



### Three Little Pigs:

Provide a triangle shape for the roof and rectangle for the chimney. Choose other materials that you have available - real straw, yarn, pretzel sticks, etc. These piggies were made from oval shapes and small triangles. A printable version (with cute pigs) is included in the website list below.



**Build a Coral Reef:** I used a weeded copy of Swimmy for some of the background pieces. I used coarse salt to add a sandy texture to starfish (made from cardstock or fun foam -

I found some perfect rounded stars at a "dollar store.") Jelly fish are cupcake papers with shredded paper tentacles - or use ribbon and simply tape to the bottom of the cupcake paper. Fish in the background are made from 2 triangles (glue together "as is" for a simple craft or draw around lids and cut the curves if desired).

### **Itty Bitty Cities:**



Kids can use scrap paper to make really small cityscapes. These measured about 2" x 4". I used the inside of security envelopes (junk mail) for many of the shapes - there is a wide variety of textures and you can save a lot in a short time.

### **Midnight in Paris:**

The Eiffel Tower I used for this comes from the website <http://madebyjoel.com/2011/08/paper-city-paris.html>. I punched holes in the top of a paper towel tube and inserted a strip of yellow paper for stars.



### **Tiny Towns:**

I used cut out buildings from Made by Joel and the Vivint Printable Neighborhood (link below) and glued to fan-folded sheets (base paper was blue with green strip added to the bottom).

**Paper Strip Sculptures:** Creative ways to use paper strips!

**Rainbow:**

- Red 11"
- Orange 10"
- Yellow 9"
- Green 8"
- Blue 7"
- Purple 6"
- Pink 5"
- White 3 ½"



**Snail Houses:**

Find coloring pages, magazine pics, and so on to add a neighborhood to the back of your favorite snail.

**Websites from Kids First Craft Zone:**

Tutorial for fusing plastic bags:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/soshesews/sets/72157618117519922/with/3530307922/>

Info about the different types of plastics: <http://juicygreenmom.ca/plastic-codes-decoded/>

**Vivint Printable Neighborhood:** <http://www.vivint.com/neighborhood/tag/printable-neighborhood/> [I used pieces cut from these printable folded buildings for other crafts such as the Tiny Towns above.]

**Made by Joel printables:** <http://madebyjoel.com/paper-city>

**Moving Fish:** <http://krokotak.com/2016/07/moving-fish/>

**Rooster & Swan** similar to the moving fish above:

<http://www.tipsfromatypicalmomblog.com/2016/12/2017-chinese-new-year-kids-activities-rooster-crafts.html> (scroll down a bit!)

**3-D Fish:** <http://www.auntannie.com/3DCrafts/PaperFish/>

**3-D Caterpillar** tutorial: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F4yiwR37G5s>

**Emoji Booklets:**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C8xJ2UzaQYU&index=17&list=PL2vt\\_TPKQbZrPAhe3eqAc45w4BdWyNb-6](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C8xJ2UzaQYU&index=17&list=PL2vt_TPKQbZrPAhe3eqAc45w4BdWyNb-6)

**Reading Buddies:** <http://krokotak.com/2014/08/our-favourite-reading-figures/>

**Three Little Pigs:** <http://alittlepinchofperfect.com/the-3-little-pigs-Activities-Printable>

**Circle City** (looking up): <http://kidsartmarket.blogspot.com/2016/02/color-wheel-perspective.html>

**Easy knit produce bag:** <http://www.deliacreates.com/greeneasy-knit-produce-bag/>

**Printable fish shapes** for cutting: <http://www.projectsforpreschoolers.com/download/fish-cut-outs/>

**Egg Carton Bee:** <http://buggyandbuddy.com/egg-carton-bee/>

Some cool examples of the **pop can faces:** <http://lavieenclasse.eklablog.com/triglia-didier-a108336284>

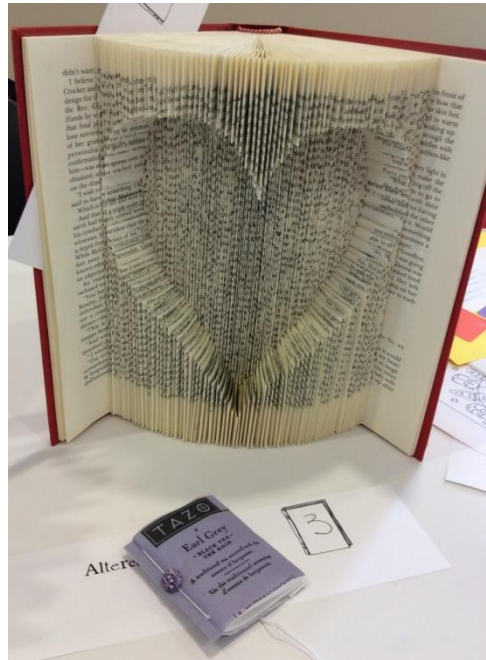
**Handprint Trees:** <http://www.artycraftykids.com/art/autumn-handprint-tree/>

**3D Paper Sculpture Techniques:** <https://wonderbrooks.com/2015/03/01/express-yourself-paper-mask-sculptures/>

**Bee Hive** instructions & template: <http://fromabcstoacts.com/bubble-wrap-beehive-craft>

**Easy Origami House:** <https://crafts.tutsplus.com/tutorials/make-an-adorable-origami-doll-house--craft-9221>

**Baby Birds in Nest:** <http://www.busybeekidscrafts.com/Baby-Blue-Birds.html> (I just used a paper circle instead of a paper plate and paper circles for the bird bodies.)



Two of the entries in our Altered Books Contest - by Barb Sowers of Readlyn!

## Odds & Ends

### ■ **Announcing the dates and locations for the 2017 Performers' Showcases:**

The showcases are sponsored this year by the Youth Services Subdivision of the Iowa Library Association and brought to you by Rick Eugene Brammer:

- Wednesday, September 20 -- Milford Public Library
- Thursday, September 21 - Marshalltown Public Library
- Friday, September 22 -- Mt. Pleasant Public Library

Save the date for the location nearest you to preview a line-up of educational and entertaining programmers for your 2018 summer library programs.

■ **Attention Bridges Libraries:** [SYNC](#), a free summer audiobook program, returned on April 27<sup>th</sup>. Each week, SYNC offers two audiobooks for teens from bestselling and award-winning authors completely free.

■ The 2017 **Teen Read Week** website was launched recently at [http://teenreadweek.ning.com/?xq\\_source=msg\\_mes\\_network](http://teenreadweek.ning.com/?xq_source=msg_mes_network). Teen Read Week will be celebrated on October 8-14. The 2017 theme is "Unleash Your Story."



YALSA has also announced the **Teen's Top Ten** nominees at <http://www.ala.org/yalsa/teenstopten>. The Teens' Top Ten is a list of favorite books nominated and chosen by teens. Nominators are members of teen book groups in fifteen school and public libraries around the country. Readers ages twelve to eighteen will vote online between August 15 and Teen Read Week (October 8-14, 2017) and the winners will be announced the week following Teen Read Week.

■ International Games Week (October 29-November 4) registration opens in June at <http://games.ala.org/international-games-week/>. Check the website for free games, promotional materials and so on to help you plan for IGW at your library.



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