



# CRAFT AND ACTIVITY IDEAS

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# ACTIVITY BINGO

HOW MANY CAN YOU CROSS OFF?

<b>VISIT YOUR LOCAL HPB</b>	<b>GRAB YOUR SUMMER READING LOG</b>	<b>MAKE A BOOKISH SNACK</b>	<b>SET YOUR SUMMER READING GOAL</b>	<b>FIND YOUR CAMP NICKNAME</b>
<b>PLAN YOUR SUMMER READING LIST</b>	<b>DECIPHER OUR SECRET CAMP CODE</b>	<b>READ EVERY DAY</b>	<b>GO ON A NATURE WALK</b>	<b>MAKE SOME S'MORES</b>
<b>BUILD A READING FORT</b>	<b>DRAW YOUR FAVORITE BOOK CHARACTER</b>	<b>FREE SPACE</b>	<b>DO A BOOKISH CRAFT</b>	<b>CAMP IN THE BACKYARD</b>
<b>CREATE A BOOKMARK</b>	<b>MAKE A FRIENDSHIP BRACELET</b>	<b>GO ON A SCAVENGER HUNT</b>	<b>WRITE YOUR OWN CAMPFIRE SONG</b>	<b>HOST A STORYTIME PARTY</b>
<b>MAKE YOUR OWN ABC CRAYONS</b>	<b>COLOR OUR BW PUPPETS</b>	<b>COMPLETE A COLORING PAGE</b>	<b>FILL OUT YOUR JUNE BOOK REPORT</b>	<b>EARN YOUR \$5 BOOKWORM BUCK REWARD</b>

## STORYTIME CRAFT IDEA: MAKE YOUR OWN CRAYONS!

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### What You'll Need:

- 1) An arts and crafts book of your choice  
(May we suggest *The Day the Crayons Quit!* by Drew Daywalt and Oliver Jeffers)
- 2) Crayons of every color
- 3) Silicone molds in any shape
- 4) Small hands to help!



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### Instructions:

- 1) Collect a bunch of crayons! Old broken ones are perfect
- 2) Peel off the paper and cut/smash the crayons into small pieces
- 3) Drop the small crayon pieces into your silicone mold
- 4) Bake at 250 degrees for 15-20 minutes (until melted)
- 5) Let cool (place in freezer for faster results)
- 6) Pop out of silicone molds and enjoy!



## MORE STORYTIME CRAFT IDEAS

- 1) Make a paper boat  
(inspired by *The Real Boat*  
by Marina Aromshtam)
- 2) Draw your dream house  
(inspired by *The Little House*  
by Virginia Lee Burton)
- 3) Bake a mermaid-themed cake  
(inspired by *The Mermaid and the Shoe*  
by K.G. Campbell)
- 4) Design your own planet  
(inspired by *Penguinaut*  
by Marcie Colleen and Emma Yarlett)
- 5) Make a lion mask with a paper plate and yarn  
(inspired by *The Happy Lion*  
by Louise Fatio and Roger Duvoisin)
- 6) Make salt dough dinosaur cookies  
(inspired by *The Girl and the Dinosaur*  
by Hollie Hughes and Sarah Massini)
- 7) Draw your version of a Martian  
(inspired by *The Way Back Home*  
by Oliver Jeffers)
- 8) Make origami stars  
(inspired by *Rabbit Moon*  
by Jean Kim)
- 9) Build a mini tree house from popsicle sticks  
(inspired by *The Tree Keepers: Flock*  
by Gemma Koomen)
- 10) Make a robot costume from cardboard boxes  
(inspired by *Love, Z*  
by Jessie Sima)
- 11) Paint with dandelions  
(inspired by *Dandelion's Dream*  
by Yoko Tanaka)
- 12) Dye eggs using natural pigments  
(inspired by *Nesting* by Henry Cole)
- 13) Make your own windchime  
(inspired by *Bluebird*  
by Lindsey Yankey)
- 14) Make binoculars from twine and toilet paper rolls  
(inspired by *A Walk Through the Woods* by Louise Greig and Helen Musselwhite)
- 15) Design your own hot air balloon  
(inspired by *The World Needs Who You Were Made to Be*  
by Joanna Gaines and Julianna Swaney)
- 16) Paint a thumbprint stamp forest  
(inspired by *Be A Tree!*  
by Maria Gianferrari and Felicita Sala)
- 17) Make a construction paper racecar  
(inspired by *Bobby's Got a Brand New Car*  
by Zidrou and Sebastien Chebret)
- 18) Draw your name's animal letters  
(inspired by *Every Little Letter*  
by Deborah Underwood)
- 19) Make DIY papel picado  
(inspired by *Round Is a Tortilla: A Book of Shapes (A Latino Book of Concepts)*  
by Rosanne Thong and John Parra)

## STORYTIME SCIENCE EXPERIMENT: FIZZING FLOWERS!

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### What You'll Need:

- 1) A science-adjacent book of your choice (we love Fairy Science by Ashley Spires!)
- 2) Baking soda
- 3) Water
- 4) Food coloring
- 5) Vinegar
- 6) Optional: silicone molds and droppers



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### Instructions:

- 1) Mix baking soda with water to make a paste (divide, then add food coloring if desired)
- 2) Spoon into silicone molds and freeze
- 3) Pop out and place in bowl or tray
- 4) Optional: divide vinegar, add food coloring, and fill droppers
- 5) Squeeze vinegar onto frozen baking soda and record results
- 6) Have fun!



## MORE STORYTIME SCIENCE EXPERIMENTS

- 1) Create your own unicorn playdough using vegetable oil, cream of tartar, and food coloring (inspired by Sophie Johnson, Unicorn Expert by Morag Hood)
- 2) Use hair conditioner, cornstarch, and food coloring to make fluffy cloud dough (inspired by Cloudette by Tom Lichtenheld)
- 3) Use avocado pits and skins to experiment with natural dyes (inspired by Avocado Asks by Momoko Abe)
- 4) Make natural inks using white vinegar, gum arabic, and foraged leaves, flowers, and berries (inspired by Exploring Nature Activity Book for Kids: 50 Creative Projects to Spark Curiosity in the Outdoors by Kim Andrews)
- 5) Make dinosaur-shaped sidewalk chalk using plaster of paris, water, and paint (inspired by If You Happen to Have a Dinosaur by Linda Bailey and Colin Jack)
- 6) Create your own alcohol ink with dried-out markers and rubbing alcohol (inspired by The Hidden Rainbow by Christie Mathesen)
- 7) Learn about math (fractions, measuring, and ratios) AND science (physics and chemistry) by finding a recipe to bake! (inspired by Marigold Bakes a Cake by Mike Malbrough)
- 8) Use marshmallows and powdered sugar to make your own fondant toadstools (inspired by Mushroom Rain by Laura K. Zimmerman)
- 9) Place sugar, cream, and vanilla inside a ziploc bag with ice and salt and shake shake shake to see what happens! (inspired by Do Lizards Eat Ice Cream? How Animals Beat the Heat by Etta Kaner and Jenna Piechota)
- 10) Learn about chemistry with the Magic Milk experiment (full fat milk, dish soap, and food coloring) (inspired by Raisin, the Littlest Cow by Miriam Busch and Larry Day)
- 11) Use milk and vinegar to make your own plastic charms and ornaments (inspired by Milk and Juice: A Recycling Romance by Meredith Crandall Brown)
- 12) Make lemon mini-volcanoes from baking soda, dish soap, and food coloring (inspired by When Grandma Gives You A Lemon Tree by Jamie L. B. Deenihan and Lorraine Rocha)
- 13) Use gummy worms, baking soda, and vinegar to do the Dancing Worms experiment (inspired by The Worm: The Disgusting Critters Series by Elise Gravel)
- 14) Create a storm in a jar using shaving cream, water, and food coloring (inspired by Lizzy and the Cloud by the Fan Brothers)
- 15) Create an array of lava lamps by using water, oil, food coloring, and fizzing tablets (inspired by Going to the Volcano by Andy Stanton and Miguel Ordonez)
- 16) Learn about physics by experimenting with oobleck (a mixture of cornstarch and water) (inspired by Bartholemew and the Oobleck by Dr. Seuss)

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## STORYTIME CRAFT IDEA: DIY RECYCLED WATER BOTTLE TROPHY!

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### What You'll Need:

- 1) A sports or dance book of your choice  
(May we suggest Fox and the Jumping Contest by Corey R. Tabor)
- 2) A recycled water bottle
- 3) Pipe cleaners
- 4) Scissors
- 5) Hot glue gun (low temperature setting)
- 6) Hole punch or awl
- 7) Spray paint
- 8) Parental supervision :)



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### Instructions:

- 1) Use scissors to remove the bottom of your plastic bottle.
- 2) Use hole punch and/or awl to punch 2-4 holes in each side of the plastic bottle (the trophy's handles will connect here).
- 3) Twist each pipe cleaner into the shape of a trophy handle.
- 4) Thread each pipe cleaner through the holes on either side of the bottle and secure by curling the ends. Shape the handles and hot glue to the bottle where necessary.
- 5) In a well-ventilated area, protect your work space with a tarp or drop cloth, then lay down a piece of sturdy cardboard. Place the bottom of the bottle open-side down to create the trophy base. Place the mouth of the bottle onto the trophy base and secure with hot glue on a low setting (so as not to melt the plastic).
- 6) If desired, cover the trophy with spray paint. Use stencils to create letters, or coat lightly with spray glue to add glitter. Let dry.
- 7) Personalize and/or add your own embellishments. Display proudly!



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## **MORE STORYTIME IDEAS:**

# **ACTIVITY PROMPTS FOR SUPER READER BADGES!**

(Super Reader badges available to download and print below)

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- 1) Play family field day games (potato sack race, water balloon toss, tug-of-war, 100 yard dash), and earn your House Champ badge
- 2) Set up a ninja warrior obstacle course, and earn your Hardest Worker award ribbon
- 3) Use pool noodles to create a backyard croquet game, and earn your Happy Helper badge
- 4) Play volleyball with parachutes and beach balls, and earn your Best Team Player badge
- 5) Go bowling using water bottle pins and a coconut, and earn your Best Imagination badge
- 6) Play classic children's games like Hide and Seek, Freeze Tag, Red Rover, Capture the Flag, Red Light, Green Light, and Duck, Duck, Goose, and earn your In It To Win It badge
- 7) Use sidewalk chalk to draw your own Twister board, and earn your Awesome Artist badge
- 8) Play lawn scrabble using giant cardboard letter squares, and earn your Creative Genius badge
- 9) Add water games (fill-the-bucket, cup races, squirt gun fights) to create hours of summer fun, and earn your Most Cheerful award ribbon badge
- 10) Plan a scavenger hunt using an I-Spy theme (objects pertaining to the alphabet, nature, your house, your neighborhood, your bookstore!) and earn your Most Curious badge
- 11) Enjoy a family fun night at home playing cards, checkers, and/or board games, and earn your Genius Jokester badge
- 12) Read *Ella May Does It Her Way* by Mick Jackson and Andrea Stiegmeier, and earn your Line Leader badge
- 13) Read *The Fort* by Laura Perdue and Adelina Lirus, and earn your Friendship badge
- 14) Read *I Got the Rhythm* by Connie Schofield-Morrison and Frank Morrison, and earn your Best Dance Moves badge
- 15) Read *Lion Lessons* by Jon Agee, and earn your Greatest Showman award badge
- 16) Read *Let's Play* by Gyo Fujikawa, and earn your #1 Kid badge
- 17) Read *Up and Down* by Oliver Jeffers, and earn your Best Buddy badge
- 18) Read *Swashby and the Sea* by Beth Ferry and Juana Martinez-Neal, and earn your Kindest Neighbor badge









