

CRAFTY CREATIONS

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Episode #27

This Month: Edible Dirt Crafts, the Andy & Jessie Show and Free Tax Assistance @ Your Library

WHAT'S SO WRONG ABOUT EATING A LITTLE DIRT?

March is here and for the latest episode of Crafty Creations, Tremain and Alyssa will get their hands a little dirty. In this episode, we'll show you just how tasty "dirt" can be with our safe, fun and kid-approved crafts. This month, we'll show you how quick and easy it is to make great tasting Dirt & Worms as well as Dirt Cake. Plus, we'll highlight some great children's books to go along with them.

Follow Crafty Creations through our accounts on YouTube and Facebook, and download a copy of this activity and resource guide. Plus, don't miss our extended episodes TV Channel 7 on Sundays @ 5:30 p.m., Mondays @ 1 p.m. and Thursdays @ 8 a.m.



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Mon., Tues., Thurs.
9am – 9pm
Wed., Fri., Sat.
9am – 6pm



ALYSSA'S YUMMY DIRT & WORM SURPRISE

Materials Needed

- Clear Plastics Cups
- Oreo Cookies
- Pudding Mix (Chocolate)
- Milk
- Gummy Worms
- Spoons
- Plastic Bag



Instructions

1. Make the pudding following the directions on the box.
2. Take some Oreos and smash them up in a bag.
3. Take your cup and fill it $\frac{3}{4}$ full with pudding.
4. Pour crushed cookies on top to fill the rest of cup.
5. Take your gummy worms and stick 2-3 into the cup to make it look as if they are poking out of the ground.
6. Go a step further and add a plastic flower or some plastic bugs to make it look even more like dirt and it's ready to eat.

TREMAIN'S INCREDIBLE FLOWERING DIRT CAKE

Materials Needed

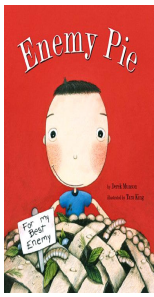
- Chocolate Brownies or Cake
- Green Food Coloring
- Cups
- Chocolate Frosting
- Mixing Utensils
- Coconut
- Flower Pot
Optional



Instructions

1. Crumble your Brownies or Cake into a cup or optional flower pot. Make sure to leave space at the top for more ingredients.
2. Spoon chocolate frosting on top of the brownies to create a layer of "dirt" for your next step.
3. In a separate cup or bag, use your $\frac{1}{4}$ cup of coconut flakes (depending on the size of your container) and add 4 to 5 drops of green food coloring. Then mix together until you have the green grass color you desire.
4. Sprinkle on top of the chocolate frosting to create the illusion of grass.
5. As an added step, add a faux flower, plastic insects or even gummy worms on top for that extra added effect.

OUR CHILDREN'S BOOK SELECTIONS



Alyssa's Children's Book Pick "Enemy Pie"

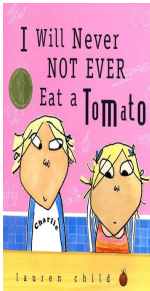
By: Derek Munson

Synopsis: A young boy is ruined when another boy moves to his street and becomes his enemy. Luckily, his father has a secret recipe for getting rid of enemies by baking a special pie. Little does he know, by the time the pie's ready, he might not need to use it after all. Don't miss the surprise ending in this book.

Tremain's Children's Book Pick "I Will Never Not Ever Eat a Tomato"

By: Lauren Child

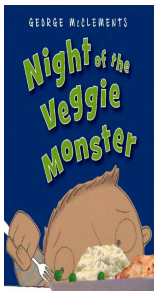
Synopsis: Charlie & Lola are back for another adventure, and this time, Lola is a picky eater and doesn't like foods she finds to be gross...especially tomatoes. After some time with Charlie, she's made to look at foods a little differently in a story that uses your imagination to try new things.



Additional Children's Book Selection "Night of the Veggie Monster"

By: George McClements

Synopsis: This is a fantastic book about a boy who sits down with his parents every Tuesday night to eat dinner. But on Tuesdays, they always have peas, and anytime a pea touches his lips, something strange happens to him as his parents watch. This book is perfect for any child who doesn't like to eat their vegetables.



THE ANDY & JESSIE SHOW

It's March, and Andy & Jessie have some more fun books and stories to share with everyone. Plus, a special guest right from one of the books of popular children's author Mo Willems will also be around. Don't miss out on all the fun.



YOUR CRAFTY CREATIONS TEAM



ALYSSA CROW:
Children's Librarian at the South Branch Library since June 2005.

TREMAIN JACKSON:
Branch Manager at the South Branch Library since April 2005.

FREE TAX ASSISTANCE @ YOUR LIBRARY

The Association of American Retired Persons is hosting Free Tax Assistance sessions for the public. If you need help filing your taxes, E-File for free with IRS trained volunteers.

Everyone will be helped on a first-come, first-served basis and it's free. Just be sure to bring in all your tax materials, your photo ID, Social Security cards, etc. This program will run...

Every Wed. & Thurs.
12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Main Library, Auditorium
202 Cedar Street



For more information, contact the Information Services Desk at 325-676-6025.

SPRING TEXAS AUTHORS SERIES

The Friends of the Library has announced the author lineup for the Texas Authors Series this Spring. The public is free to attend these exciting programs held at the Main Library during the noon hour to get the chance to hear great authors from across this state.

Feel more than free to bring in your lunch, or purchase one from the Friends for \$5 while supplies last. Below is a quick look at the schedule so far...

- 03-07-11: Jack North (Abilene, TX)
- 03-28-11: Alan Birkelbach (Plano, TX)
- 04-11-11: Lisa Wingate (Clifton, TX)
- 05-02-11: Bill O'Neal (Carthage, TX)
- 05-23-11: Doug Mendenhall (Abilene, TX)



Don't miss the chance to attend one, two or all of these programs at your Abilene Public Library. This is made possible thanks to the Friends of the Library and the West Texas Book & Music Festival. For more information about the Friends organization, visit them online at...

www.abilenetx.com/apl/friends.html

And look for the official schedule of events by stopping by any Abilene Public Library branch location to pick up a copy of our Bibliofiles event newsletter, published on a monthly basis.

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