

CRAFTY CREATIONS

September 2011
Episode #32

This Month: Caterpillar/Butterfly Crafts, West Texas Book & Music Festival & Book Talk Suggestions

LET'S GET CRAFTY WITH TRANSFORMATIONS!!!

If your child is wild about bugs, don't miss this fun project where we'll show you how to create some easy caterpillars and colorful butterflies. A great way to talk to kids about how some insects can transform into something new.

Two children's books will also be highlighted that deal with these insects, and you can find them (as well as many others) by visiting any of your Abilene Public Library branch locations.

And don't forget, September is also the time to gear up for the West Texas Book & Music Festival for 2011. Don't miss out!!! Visit us online at www.abilenetx.com/apl and click on the Boots & Books Logo for a complete listing of events.



MAIN LIBRARY

202 Cedar St.
Abilene, TX 79601
(325) 676-6067

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1401 S. Danville Dr.
Abilene, TX 79605
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Abilene, TX 79603
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Hours of Operation

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

ALYSSA'S PAINTED BUTTERFLY CRAFTS

Materials Needed

- Toilet Paper Tube
- Template (See Page 2)
- Piece of Paper
- Crayons
- Scissors
- Glue



Instructions

1. Print out Page 2 and cut out the template.
2. Color the pieces.
3. Glue the large rectangular piece on first to cover the tube.
4. Glue the thin strip around the middle as a belt.
5. Glue the oxygen tank onto the back.
6. Glue on the head, arms and boots.

TREMAIN'S PAPER CHAIN CATERPILLARS

Materials Needed

- Green & Red Construction Paper
- Markers or Crayons
- Glue Stick or Tape
- Scissors



Instructions

1. Cut out 13 green strips of paper about 1-inch by 6-inches, and a final red piece that is a 4-inch square.
2. Form one of the strips into a circle and secure it with glue or tape.
3. Form the next paper strip into a circle that's connected to the first loop and secure with glue. Do this for all 13 strips.
4. Cut out a circle from the red square to make a head for the caterpillar, draw in some eyes.
5. As an option, cut out a green leaf shape, or make some of the foods the very hungry caterpillar eats in the featured book from construction paper for an extra added effect.



OUR CHILDREN'S BOOK SELECTIONS



Alyssa's Children's Book Pick "Waiting for Wings"

By: Lois Ehlert

Synopsis: In this wonderfully illustrated book, butterflies bloom as delicately as flowers in this visual story of beginnings, middles and ends starting with an egg, then a caterpillar and finally a butterfly.

Tremain's Children's Book Pick "The Very Hungry Caterpillar"

By: Eric Carle

Synopsis: This book is one every kid should be familiar with as the author takes us on a journey of a caterpillar that begins to eat his way through the book, eating delicious foods. This all builds up to a surprise ending to show what happens to caterpillars after time.



THE BOOK CORNER SUGGESTIONS



Alyssa's Suggestion

Terry Goodkind's "Wizard's First Rule"

Synopsis: Book 1 of the "Sword of Truth" novels is a story of a young man who learns that he's the key to saving his realm from being taken over by dark forces. Along with his magical companions, they roam the land to defend it against tyranny and destruction. *Also adapted for television in a series that ran for two seasons.*

Tremain's Suggestion

Gregory Maguire's "Wicked"

Synopsis: Book 1 of the "Wicked Years" series is a retelling of the classic story from the point of view of Elphaba. A free spirited and green young witch, who after some time in her studies, became regarded as the Wicked Witch of the West. In this book, you'll wonder whether or not it was truly her own fault or not. Look for more in the series.



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WEST TEXAS BOOK & MUSIC FESTIVAL

Don't forget to get ready for the 2011 West Texas Book & Music Festival, sponsored by the Friends of the Abilene Public Library and the Abilene Reporter News.

Running from September 19-24, this festival will be full of events for the entire community; the majority of which are free to attend. For more information about the festival, visit our website at www.abilenetx.com/apl and click on the Boots & Books logo. This year's festival will feature...



Pickin' in the Park - (Free Event)

Local talent will provide free concerts, over the noon hour, in historic downtown Abilene's Minter Park (N. 2nd & Cypress).

Brown Bag Author Talks - (Free Event)

Featured authors will provide free talks, over the noon hour, at the Main Library in the auditorium w/book signings.

Hall of Texas Authors (Free Event)

The Civic Center opens its doors to a day full of activities including author panel sessions, book signing, vendors & more.

Boots & Books Luncheon (Tickets Required)

Enjoy a catered lunch, entertainment, featured author presentations and the recognition of the 2011 A.C. Greene Award winner.

Texas Cookbook Gala (Sold Out)

An evening dinner featuring noted cookbook authors from across the state, where guests will enjoy a wonderful evening with some of the finest Texas chefs and vintners.

Festival Jazz Night

The Center for Contemporary Arts will host an evening of jazz, located at 220 Cypress in historic downtown Abilene.

Guy Clark in Concert (Tickets Required)

The Grammy-nominated artist will be the featured musical performer at the festival, performing at the Paramount Theatre.

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Crafty Creations airs Sundays at 5:30pm, Mondays at 1:00pm and Thursdays at 8:00am.