

CRAFTY CREATIONS

With Alyssa & Tremain

Combining Children's Literature with Fun & Easy Crafts

"Celebrate Texas" Activity Sheet

June marks the start of the Summer Reading Club. The 2009 theme is "Deep in the Heart of Texas," so join us in making some Texas crafts.

Bluebonnets & the Lone Star State



This guide will provide two crafts celebrating Texas. First, Alyssa will show you how to create a Bluebonnet, the state flower of Texas. Then, Tremain will show you how to make a variation of a Texas state flag using the outline of the state of Texas. Both crafts are great for children to create themselves to celebrate Texas.



Creating Your Own Bluebonnets & State Flags

Materials Needed (Bluebonnet)

- Tri-Beads (White, Light Blue & Dark Blue)
- Green Pipe Cleaners (6" Long)
- Safety Pin (Optional: Pin Back)
- 1/4" Blue Ribbon

Easy to Follow Steps (Bluebonnet)

1. Fold pipe cleaner almost in half, so one leg is slightly longer.
2. Thread 4 dark beads on long leg and 3 on short leg. Then thread 3 light blue beads on long leg and 2 on short leg. Last thread 2 white beads on long leg and 1 on short leg. Nest the beads together.
3. Fold down ends to keep beads in place.
4. Twist legs together to form one stem.
5. Put safety pin (or pin back) on stem and tie in place with ribbon. (Glue for extra support).

Materials Needed (Texas Flag)

- Cardstock
- Tissue Paper (Blue, Red & White)
- Glue Stick
- Pencil
- Scissors

Easy to Follow Steps (Texas Flag)

1. Trace the outline for Texas on cardstock and cut out.
2. Draw in the outline of the Texas Flag.
3. Cut out app. 1" squares of tissue paper.
4. Wrap squares around the end of a pencil eraser.
5. Glue the squares on the Texas cut out, placing the colored squares in the corresponding colors of the flag cut out.

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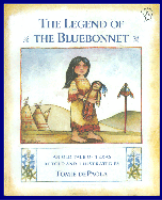
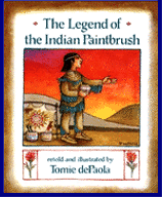
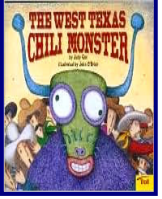

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Suggested Texas Themed Books

- #1  **"The Legend of the Bluebonnet"**
By: Tomie De Paola
Call Number: E DEPAOLA
- #2  **"The Legend of the Indian Paintbrush"**
By: Tomie De Paola
Call Number: E DEPAOLA
- #3  **"West Texas Chili Monster"**
By: Judy Cox
Call Number: E COX
- #4  **"Texas" (An Eyewitness Book)**
By: Simon Adams
Call Number: J 976.4 ADA

Your Crafty Creation Hosts

Alyssa is a **Children's Librarian** at the South Branch location and co-creator of Crafty Creations. With her creative ideas in children's crafts and activities, she is the brains behind every creative activity featured in each episode.

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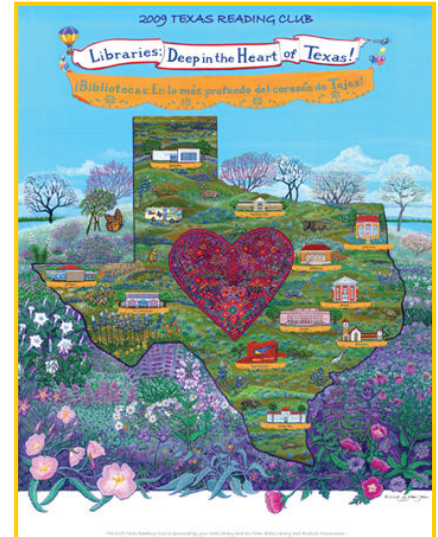
Tremain is the **Manager** of the South Branch location and co-creator of Crafty Creations. This show is but one of many he is doing to branch out into the Internet and provide a face for the library online. This show will provide a new service to families combining literature with arts and crafts.

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Texas Summer Reading Club 2009

The Abilene Public Library will kick off the Summer Reading Club on June 1st through July 25th. Stop by any library location to pick up a free club bag and start reading some great books during the summer break. Also, in each reading club bag, you will find information on the special summer programs going on at this summer including engaging Young Audiences performances, exciting Family Fun events, extra public storytime sessions, and much more. Don't miss out on the summer fun at the library.

Libraries: Deep in the Heart of Texas (Official 2009 Reading Club Poster created by Joy Fisher Hein)



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