CREATE
In this packet you’ll find tips, books we love, and activities all about creating. Creating can mean many different things, from building things with your hands to sharing your ideas through words and art! Explore more at nypl.org/afterschool.

BOOKS WE LOVE
These books are some of our favorite titles that give us examples of creation and creativity. To check them out, place a hold online at nypl.org or call Ask NYPL (917-275-6975). If you are at a branch, ask a librarian how to place a hold. Books marked with a ☐ are available as e-books.

- Emmy in the Key of Code by Aimee Lucido
- Fly on the Wall by Remy Lai
- Doodleville by Chad Sell
- The Adventures of Beanboy by Lisa Harkrader
- Mary Underwater by Shannon Doleski
- The Stars Beneath Our Feet by David Barclay Moore
- Legacy: Women Poets of the Harlem Renaissance by Nikki Grimes
- Ruby Goldberg’s Bright Idea by Anna Humphrey, illus. by Vanessa Brantley-Newton
- Sanity & Tallulah by Molly Brooks
- Emmy in the Key of Code
- Legacy: Women Poets of the Harlem Renaissance
- Sanity & Tallulah

QUICK TIPS
- Create a funny comic strip about something that really happened to you.
- With your parent or guardian, choose a new fruit, vegetable, or ingredient when you’re at the grocery store. Look up how to use the ingredient and then create a delicious new dish!
CREATE A POEM

There are many different types of poetry. We want to help you celebrate the joy of poetry by creating several of your own poems!

**ACROSTIC POEM**
An acrostic poem is a type of poem where the first letters in each line spell out a word or phrase. In the poem below, the first letter of each line spells out “Spring!”

**SPRING ACROSTIC POEM**
S pring is here  
P lants are starting to grow  
R ain is coming down more  
I notice the weather is warmer  
N ot too hot, though!  
G ood things always come in spring

**YOUR ACROSTIC POEM**

TITLE: ___________________________

The truth is ___________________________________________
The truth is ___________________________________________
The truth is ___________________________________________
The truth is ___________________________________________
The truth is ___________________________________________
The truth is ___________________________________________

**TRUTH POEM**
A truth poem is a chance to express your feelings about something that is important to you. It can be silly or serious. The only rule is that each line must start with “The truth is...“ and then you fill in the blank!

**TRUTH ABOUT RUNNING**
The truth is I love running.
The truth is I didn't always love running.
The truth is I started running in 5th grade.
The truth is I started running because I thought it would impress my dad.
The truth is I liked running with my dad because it was time I got to spend with just him.
The truth is some days I really don't want to run BUT...
The truth is I realized that running made me feel better.
The truth is that 20 years after I started running, I still run almost every day (and with my dad if I'm home).
The truth is I love running.

**YOUR TRUTH POEM**

TITLE: ________________________________
The truth is ___________________________________________
The truth is ___________________________________________
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CREATE A JUNK JOURNAL

A junk journal is a great way to use up paper that we would otherwise throw away. When we use this paper to make our journals, that is one less item that goes into the trash. Once it's done you can write, collage, or paint in your junk journal!

**Supplies**
- "Junk" paper
- Scissors
- Rubber bands

**Types of Junk Paper**
- Junk mail
- Scrap paper
- Old magazines, postcards & flyers
- Anything else you can think of!

**Instructions**
1. Cut out the book cover below and decorate it!
2. Cut your junk paper to fit your book cover.
3. Fold the pages in half one at a time and place inside your book cover.
4. Wrap the rubber band around the fold of the paper, binding it down the middle.
5. What will you use your junk journal for?
CREATE A THAUMATROPE

A thaumatrope is a type of optical illusion where two images appear as if they are combined when twirled quickly together. Read the instructions to make your own!

Instructions

- Cut the circles out along the solid black lines. The circles come in pairs.
- Take a pencil or a chopstick (or anything that is long and thin) and glue each side of the paired circles together with the pencil in the middle.
- After it dries, hold the bottom of the pencil between the palms of your hands.
- Roll your palms together quickly so that the image on each side flips back and forth quickly and comes to life!
- Challenge: Cut out two identical circles and draw your own designs on each side. What images would you choose to make your thaumatrope come alive?

Be careful about lining up the images on each side of the pencil so that they exactly match.