

NYPL After School Activity Guide



4th–6th Grade

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.



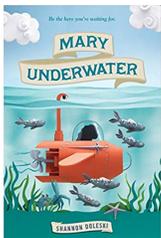
Emmy in the Key of Code
by Aimee Lucido



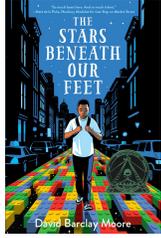
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by Remy Lai



Doodleville
by Chad Sell



Mary Underwater
by Shannon Doleski



The Stars Beneath Our Feet
by David Barclay Moore



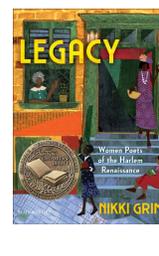
The Adventures of Beanboy
by Lisa Harkrader



Ruby Goldberg's Bright Idea
by Anna Humphrey, illus.
by Vanessa Brantley-Newton



Sanity & Tallulah
by Molly Brooks



Legacy: Women Poets of the Harlem Renaissance
by Nikki Grimes



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

Spring is here
Plants are starting to grow
Rain is coming down more
I notice the weather is warmer
Not too hot, though!
Good things always come in spring

YOUR ACROSTIC POEM

TITLE: _____

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 _____

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!

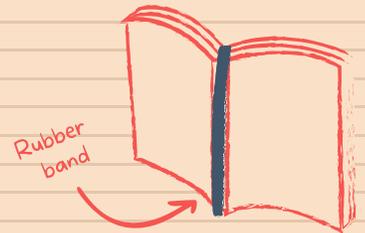
Instructions

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.

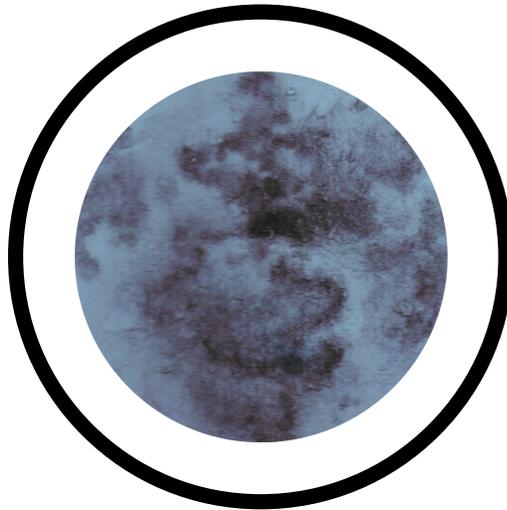
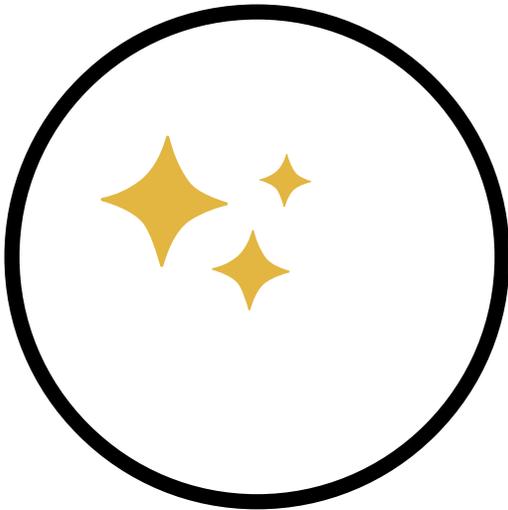
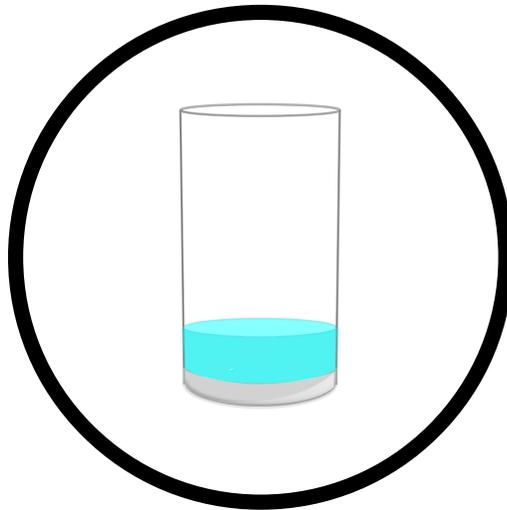
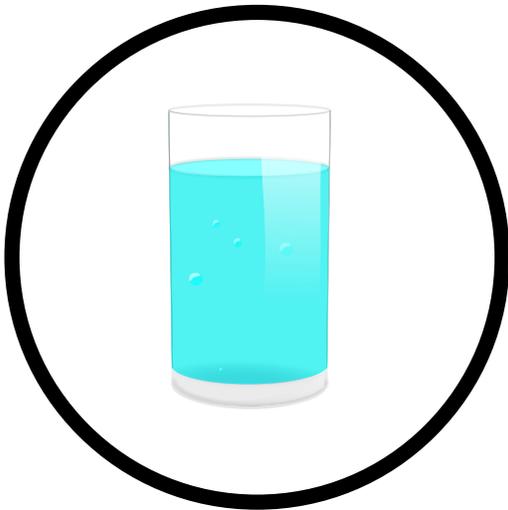
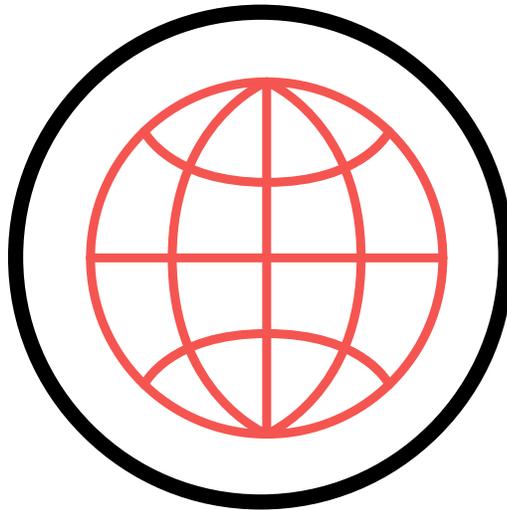


5. What will you use your junk journal for?

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CREATE A THAUMATROPE

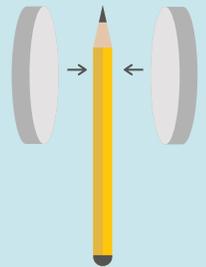
A thaumatrope is a type of optical illusion where two images appear as if they are combined when twirled quickly together. Read the instructions to make your own!



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.

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



- 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?