

Libraries Love Lakes Arts & Crafts Activities

Interested in hosting a Libraries Love Lakes Craft Event? Get inspired with some of these simple yet engaging activities.



Craft 1: Popsicle Stick Fish

Materials: Popsicle sticks, construction paper, markers/paint, glue

Directions: Lay three popsicle sticks parallel to each other, about 3/4ths of an inch apart. Lay three more popsicle sticks on top of the first three at a 90° angle and glue down. Create a body and tail out of construction paper and glue to the backside of the fish. Decorate with markers, paint or more construction paper!

Craft 2: Paper Plate Swan

Materials: Paper plate, black construction paper, black marker, glue.

Directions: Start by cutting through the middle of a paper plate, moving from one side to the other and stopping at the textured part. Follow that textured ring up and over to cut out half of the center of the plate. Round out the end of the "neck" and attach a beak made of black paper. Cut slits into the discarded part of the paper plate to create a wing and glue on. Attach legs and decorate as needed. **Note:** Try not to use orange construction paper for the beak, since Mute Swans are an invasive species.



Craft 3: Paper Plate Lilly pads

Materials: Paper plates, construction paper, cupcake liners, markers/paint, glue.

Directions: Paint/Color a paper plate green and let dry. Create flower petals using construction paper and glue to plate in layered circles. Place a cupcake liner in the center of the petals and glue down. Decorate as desired.

Craft 4: Paper Plate Boats

Materials: Paper plate, markers/paint, construction paper, popsicle sticks, glue

Directions: Cut a paper plate in half. Decorate the body of the boat as desired with markers or paint. (Be sure to name your boat!) Construct a sail out of construction paper. Glue the sail to a popsicle stick. Glue the other end of the popsicle stick to the center of the paper plate.



Craft 5: Duck Finger Puppets

Materials: Foam or construction paper, markers, googly eyes, glue.

Directions: Cut a circle out of brown foam or construction paper, about 4-6 inches in diameter. At one end of that circle, carefully cut out two finger-size holes next to each other. Cut out a smaller green circle and two triangles for the wings, as well as an orange beak and feet. Glue all components together and add eyes. **Note:** Change up the colors to represent different species!



Craft 6: Paper Bag Puppets

Materials: Paper bags, paint/markers, construction paper, glue

Directions: For Frog- Paint a paper bag green and let dry. Cut out two white circles for eyes and color in pupils. Cut out a long strip of red/pink paper and accordion fold for the tongue. Glue the eyes to the backside of the paper bag, and the tongue under the flap of the bottom of the bag (the head). For Beaver- cut out teeth, eyes, a nose, ear, legs and a tail. Attach the ears and tails to the backside of a paper bag; the eyes, nose and teeth to the bottom flap, and the arms to the folded sides.

Other Craft Ideas: Sources noted on pictures

