Creative Kits
ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS

FEBRUARY 2021

“STATE OF THE ART”
Welcome to your Creative Kit! Because the library is not yet open for programs, this kit includes a month’s worth of activities for you to complete at home. Inside, you’ll find craft projects, science experiments, games and activities, a book list, a reading challenge, and much more.

To make the most of your kit, tune in to videos and virtual programming hosted by the library (a full schedule is included). If you have any questions about your kit, please call the library at 224-7113, or email the Youth Services Librarian at juliana@bakerfreelib.org.

Theme of the Month
This month’s theme is State of the Art. All month long, we’ll explore our creative sides with art projects, science experiments and activities inspired by the world of art and famous artists. Among other things, we’ll learn about:

- Why certain colors work well together
- Famous techniques like pointillism, collage, and mosaic tiling, to make one-of-a-kind creations
- How to use different materials in art
- How to make a self-portrait
  ...And much more!

Inside Your Kit
Each Creative Kit Includes:
- (1) Suggested Calendar
- (1) February Book List
- (1) February Reading Challenge
- (1) February Lego Challenge
- Assorted Worksheets and Printables
- BONUS PROJECT: Scratch Art Magic!
- ART EXPLORATION: Tissue Paper Collage
- ART EXPLORATION: Sky Color Watercolor Paintings
- STEM EXPLORATION: Conversation Heart Science
- ACTIVITY: February Coloring Contest

**AGE 3-7 KIT ALSO INCLUDES:**
- STEM EXPLORATION: Playdough Color Wheel
- ART EXPLORATION: Pointillism Paintings
- ACTIVITY: Roll-a-Story

**AGE 8-12 KIT ALSO INCLUDES:**
- ART EXPLORATION: Roman Mosaic Art
- ACTIVITY: Create Your Own Comic

Register for programs and future kits at www.bowbakerfreelibrary.org.
Let's Explore!
Additional Information & Resources

Additional Resources

Art is Basic

Art is Basic
A great resource for educators, parents and caregivers. Access dozens of free activities for your budding artist, and sort by grade level and/or medium (sculpture, clay, paper, etc.) to find the right project. Visit www.artisbasic.com.

Deep Space Sparkle

Deep Space Sparkle is a blog and art project consortium designed for art educators. It includes free access to dozens of art projects and activities that explore multiple mediums and styles. Visit www.deepspacesparkle.com/category/art-lessons to see their archived projects.

The Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art

The Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art, located in Massachusetts, is a fantastic art and literacy-themed venue for young families. On their blog, they share new ideas and inspiration every week. Visit www.carlemuseum.org/blogs/making-art to see everything they offer.

Curious Questions

What Is Color Theory?
Color Theory is an important (and old!) concept that all artists use when creating artwork. Color theory is a system that explains how all the colors we see blend, contrast, and work together. You can see color theory at work using a color wheel.

The three primary colors are red, yellow and blue. Why are these the primary colors? Because they can’t be made using other colors -- instead, they are used to make all of the other colors! Orange is made by mixing red and yellow. Green is made by mixing yellow and blue. Purple is made by mixing red and blue.

Colors that appear opposite (across from) each other on the wheel are complimentary, which means they tend to look very nice together. These pairings are Red and Green, Orange and Blue, and Yellow and Purple. Colors that are next to each other on the color wheel also tend to look good together.

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# FEBRUARY 2021

## SUGGESTED CALENDAR

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<td><strong>Reading Challenge</strong>&lt;br&gt;Stock up on some new books at the library, and check off an item on your monthly reading challenge!</td>
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<td><strong>ART EXPLORATION</strong>&lt;br&gt;Try your tissue paper collage today, inspired by the author Eric Carle!</td>
<td><strong>STORY TELLER</strong>&lt;br&gt;Tell your story! Try the Roll-a-story activity (3-7), or make your own comic with our template (8-12).</td>
<td><strong>READING CHALLENGE</strong>&lt;br&gt;Can you complete one (or more) of the items on your reading challenge today?</td>
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<td><strong>Printables</strong>&lt;br&gt;Tackle your Valentine’s Day worksheets and printables, and make your own scratch art Valentine!</td>
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<td><strong>LEGO CHALLENGE</strong>&lt;br&gt;Recreate a famous work of art, using only Legos! Share your creation with the library.</td>
<td><strong>ART EXPLORATION</strong>&lt;br&gt;Learn about different art styles with our pointillism paintings (3-7), or the mosaic tile project (8-12).</td>
<td><strong>DEEP SPACE SPARKLE</strong>&lt;br&gt;Get crafty! Browse for a project at Deep Space Sparkle (link on your resource sheet).</td>
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<td><strong>SIGN-UP FOR MARCH’S KIT</strong>&lt;br&gt;Don’t forget to register for March’s kit, available on the first of the month.</td>
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<td><strong>ART IS BASIC</strong>&lt;br&gt;Choose a material you’d like to work with, and browse for a project at Art Is Basic (link on your resource sheet).</td>
<td><strong>STEM EXPLORATION</strong>&lt;br&gt;Make your own color wheel using Playdough, and see color theory in action! (3-7).</td>
<td><strong>BOOK TRACKER</strong>&lt;br&gt;Look over all the books you finished this month. Can you complete one more reading challenge today?</td>
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<td><strong>First Chapter Fridays</strong>&lt;br&gt;Anytime (Virtual)</td>
<td><strong>Reflection</strong>&lt;br&gt;What topics are you still curious about? Ask a librarian to help you learn more!</td>
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You can complete the activities in your kit at any time! This calendar only shows a proposed schedule that spreads your kit’s contents throughout the month, and is designed to coordinate with virtual programming hosted by the library. Library events are colored in pink!
SUGGESTED BOOKS

AGES 3-7

The Art Lesson
FAVORITES: JP DAPAOLA

The Art of Miss Chew
FAVORITES: JP POLACCO

I Ain’t Gonna Paint No More!
PLAY: JP BEAUMONT

Imagine
PLAY: JP COLON

Emily’s Blue Period
PLAY: JP DALY

The Day The Crayons Came Home
PLAY: JP DAYWALT

Red: A Crayon’s Story
PLAY: JP HALL

Harold and the Purple Crayon
PLAY: JP JOHNSON

Crafty Llama
PLAY: JP KERR

Draw the Line
PLAY: JP OTOSHI

How to Paint
The Portrait of a Bird
PLAY: JP PREVERT

Niko Draws a Feeling
PLAY: JP RACZKA

The Dot
PLAY: JP REYNOLDS

The Squiggle
PLAY: JP SCHAEFER

Art & Max
PLAY: JP WIESNER

Dog Loves Drawing
PLAY: JP YATES

AGES 8-12

From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler
E. L. Konigsburg
J KONIGSBURG

Chasing Vermeer
Blue Balliet
J BALLIET

Pieces and Players
Blue Balliet
J BALLIET

A Nest for Celeste
Henry Cole
J COLE

Ms. Hannah is Bananas!
Dan Gutman
J GUTMAN

Inkling
Kenneth Oppel
J OPPEL

Framed: A T.O.A.S.T. Mystery
James Ponti
J PONTI

The Mona Mousa Code
Geronimo Stilton
J STILTON

Henry and the Chalk Dragon
Jennifer Trafton
J TRAFTON

Still Life
Jacqueline West
J WEST

Under the Egg
Laura Marx Fitzgerald
Y FITZGERALD

Okay for Now
Gary D. Schmidt
Y SCHMIDT

NON-FICTION

The Arts: A Visual Encyclopedia
J 700.3 DK

Why Is Art Full of Naked People?
J 701 HODGE

Museum ABC
J 701 METROPOLITAN

Play With Art
J 702.8 HARE

I (Heart) Art: Work We Love From the Metropolitan Museum of Art
J 709.747 MET

Art Explained
J 709 CUMMING

Inkblot: Drip, Splat, and Squish Your Way to Creativity
J 751.4 PEOT

Through Georgia’s Eyes
J 759.13 RODRIGUEZ

The Iridescence of Birds: A Book about Henri Matisse
J 759.4 MACLACHLAN

This Strange Wilderness: The Life and Art of John James Audubon
J 92 AUDUBON

Frida
J 92 KAHLO

Vincent and Theo: The Van Gogh Brothers
J 92 VAN GOGH

Radiant Child: The Story of Young Artist Jean-Michel Basquiat
J 92 BASQUIAT

Pocket Full of Colors: The Magical World of Mary Blair
J 92 BLAIR
For the Love of Books!
A February Reading Challenge for Kids

- Read a book that has a pink cover.
- Choose a book from the library’s New Book Display, located next to the main entrance. Or, ask a librarian to choose one at random for you!
- Read a book that features a mouse, a chipmunk or a squirrel.
- Read a book with a friend or family member! Take turns reading the pages out loud to one another.
- Celebrate Presidents’ Day by reading a book about a U.S. president.
- Reread a favorite picture book and write or draw a valentine to one of its characters.
- For Valentine’s Day, recommend a book you love to someone else. Then, read a book someone else loves and recommended to you!
- For Black History Month, read a Coretta Scott King Award-winning book. (Named for Martin Luther King Jr.’s wife, this award is given to the most distinguished children’s and teen’s books about the African American experience. Ask a librarian to help you find one!)

*Challenge inspired by readbrightly.com.
# For the Love of Books!
## February Reading Log

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State of the Art
Roll a Story Activity

All you need for this activity is a single die and some imagination! Create a story that weaves together the character, place and problem you receive by randomly rolling the dice. Your story can be long or short, and take as many twists and turns as you choose.

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<td>A family of penguins</td>
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<td>![Die 2]</td>
<td>At the MFA (art museum)</td>
<td>A performing magician</td>
<td>Gets trapped inside of a painting</td>
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<td>![Die 3]</td>
<td>Inside of a classroom</td>
<td>A two-headed monster</td>
<td>Sneezes on a priceless work of art</td>
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<td>On the sidewalk</td>
<td>A fashionable llama</td>
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<td>At the car wash</td>
<td>A shy moose</td>
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<td>![Die 6]</td>
<td>On a farm</td>
<td>A grumpy polar bear</td>
<td>Gets struck by a falling can of paint</td>
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If you’d like to be featured on the library’s website, submit the completed story to juliana@bakerfreelib.org, or bring it to the library on your next visit!
With Valentine’s Day around the corner, we thought a few science experiments using Candy Conversation Hearts were in order! We’ve included a pack of candy hearts in your kit. Use them to try out one (or more) of the experiments below!

These projects are provided by Moments With Mandi. See their full list of projects at www.momentswithmandi.com/5-conversation-hearts-science-experiments-for-kids/.

**FLOATING HEARTS**
For this experiment, we’re looking to see if your candy hearts will **sink** or **float**.

In a large bowl, add room temperature water. Gather other items that are similar in size to your candy hearts, such as a penny, marble, or even M&M candies. Before you pop them in the water, **make predictions** about which ones you think will sink and which will float. Why or why not? Then, give them a try and see what happens! Are there any surprises?

**DISSOLVING HEARTS**
For this experiment, we’re going to see how to dissolve our hearts the fastest.

You’ll need three candy hearts to begin. Take one whole candy, one that has been broken into smaller pieces, and one that has been smashed into powder. You are going to add each one to a separate glass of its own filled with warm water. Which will dissolve first? The whole heart, the broken heart or the powder heart? Watch what happens and discuss the results!

**JUMPING HEARTS**
With this experiment, we’ll make our candy hearts bounce like jumping beans!

In a clear glass, pour some sparkling water, Sprite, 7-Up, or another clear, carbonated beverage. Drop a few conversation hearts into the glass and watch what happens. The candy will start to jump around like jumping beans! This is a great time to talk about carbonation, and why it makes the candy move the way it does. It’s a gas like any other, after all!

What other experiments can you try with your candy hearts? Visit the website above for more ideas!
Playdough Color Wheel

The Color Wheel is a tool all artists should know about! And it’s easy to create one at home using only Playdough. You’ll need to make balls from three different colors of Playdough -- the Primary Colors Red, Blue and Yellow, and place them on their part of the color wheel (the printout is attached for you). These colors cannot be made by mixing any other colors together, which is why they are always the first colors on the Color Wheel.

Start with a large ball of playdough in each color. We’re going to take pieces way to make new colors!

To make the Secondary Colors -- Orange, Purple and Green -- you’ll need to mix two Primary Colors together. Pinch off a piece from the red playdough ball and the yellow playdough ball and mix them together in your hands until they make Orange. Then, place the orange ball on its place in the Color Wheel. Do the same to make your Purple and Green balls. Which colors should you mix to make them?

The spots leftover in your Color Wheel are for Tertiary Colors, made by mixing a Primary Color with a Secondary Color. Try the mixing experiment again with bits of your orange ball and your red ball. What happens when they mix together? Fill in all the empty spaces on your wheel by mixing the two colors on either side of an empty space. When you’re finished, you’ll have a rainbow of design!

Materials Needed:
Playdough in Red, Blue and Yellow
Color Wheel Template (Attached)

Begin by watching the Color Wheel tutorial:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C74NoVmiM5I

Find the Complimentary Colors
Colors that appear opposite (across from) each other on the wheel are complimentary, which means they tend to look very nice together. These pairings are Red and Green, Orange and Blue, and Yellow and Purple. Colors that are next to each other on the color wheel also tend to look good together.

What do you think? Which colors look best together?
February Coloring Contest!

To enter our coloring contest, color the included picture and bring it to the library with your name and age on written on the back. You can also scan and email your completed entry to juliana@bakerfreelib.org.

Prizes will be awarded to the best entries! Please send in your completed picture by February 15, 2020.