

## Sprinkles

### Penguin Cupcakes *Make a Splash!* - Carolyn Durnin, Grafton Community Library

This food-related program idea is based on the eye-popping book entitled "Hello Cupcake!" Using cupcakes, doughnuts, candy, and frosting for the glue, kids will build the penguin cupcake featured on the back of the book. This program will be "dirt cheap" by using volunteers to donate ingredients and do some needed preparation ahead of time, and the volunteers will assist with the assembly line process that makes this project feasible.

Sound too involved? Think about the possibilities for \*teens\* by going to YouTube and watching author Karen Tack demonstrate the squeeze-bag technique for applying frosting, where she literally "Makes Waves"! [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c0T6\\_kGITml](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c0T6_kGITml). (YouTube video is called "McCormick Karen Tack Cupcake Demo")

Spin-off possibilities for your library include a cupcake decorating contest in which the library provides specialty ingredients like neon food coloring and candy pieces. Kids can go online and use the interactive food color wheel at [www.mccormick.com/Products/Extracts-and-Food-Colors/FoodColors.aspx](http://www.mccormick.com/Products/Extracts-and-Food-Colors/FoodColors.aspx), or visit [www.hellocupcakebook.com](http://www.hellocupcakebook.com), to see more cupcake designs and read the latest tweets by the author. Estimated cost for 24 penguin cupcakes: \$30.00 (or \$18.00 if volunteers make and donate the frosting recommended in the book).

### Carol Roberts, Troy Public Library

#### Books on the Beach/Seaside Storytime

Using a sand pail or a beach bag, fill with small toys or objects that would be used or played with at the beach: toy shovel, plastic boat, toy sea creature, or anything you want.

Set up a beach scene with a large beach towel and umbrella and play ocean waves in the background. Have a child pull an object from the container and then read the book which relates to that item. For a plastic fish read *Rainbow Fish* or *Over In the Ocean In a Coral Reef* etc. Adaptable for toddlers and preschool age children. \$10 or less

#### Teen Water Film Series

Show films either weekly or have a movie marathon limited to movies with water themes.

Some classics: *The Poseidon Adventure* (1972), *Jaws* (1975) *Splash* (1984)

\$5 refreshments

### **The Great Sea Monster Hunt! - Terry Pavoldi, Middleburgh Library**

This is a perfect program for tweens:

Print out 6 images on card stock of famous water monsters using Dave's Mythical Creatures & Places <http://www.eaudrey.com/myth> and <http://seamonster.org/>. You'll need two copies of each image for a total of 12. Hide six of the images around the library. Create clues that will take kids all over the library looking for the picture of their monster. When kids arrive share the images and tales of the six water monsters with them. Divide the group into six teams and tell them they will be hunting for a sea monster using the clues. (I use the same clues for each team – just mix them up so they're all going to a different place at a different time.) When they find their "monster" have them identify it by name. When they have done that they will receive their prize – could be candy or a certificate as an excellent "Sea Monster Hunter."

### **Submarines - Kathy Stempel, Berne Public Library**

Participants will make a model submarine and learn about buoyancy. Boat and submarine language will be repeated and we will sing *\_A Sailor Went to Sea.\_* Playdough purchased at the dollar store can be your only cost or your favorite dough recipe will work. The dough is used to create a model of a submarine. The other materials for the program are recycled.

### **Water Cycle Program - Carol Gaillard, Cheney Library (Hoosick Falls)**

Use these images to discuss the water cycle.

<http://www.kidzone.ws/imageschanged/water/bwatercycle1.gif>

<http://www.kidzone.ws/imageschanged/water/bwatercycle2.gif>

<http://www.kidzone.ws/imageschanged/water/bwatercycle3.gif>

<http://www.kidzone.ws/imageschanged/water/bwatercycle4.gif>

Use handouts on pp. 92-95 of the children's Make A Splash manual to for rhymes, a craft, and a word find.

The cost of The Water Cycle presentation would be the cost of paper to construct the water cycle on plus a brad to turn it with. The paper suggested is card stock which would be a little more expensive than construction paper.

### **Plant a seed, read! - Jaimee Meyer, Albany Public Library (Main)**

As each child and teen registers for summer reading on opening day, they plant a seed or two. They can choose to house their seed in the library, where we will be growing flowers and small herbs in window boxes, or bring it home to watch it grow.

We will have window boxes lining our windows and plant flowers or simple herbs that love the strong afternoon sun!

Inexpensive – costs are seeds, soil, and containers.

### **Library Olympics – Judith Wines, Altamont Free Library**

#### **The Events:**

Paper Plate Discus

Paper Towel Roll Javelin

The Standing Long Jump

The Balance Beam (pulled a string taught across an area rug. Kids had to cross the string, toe to heel without straying from the string, as quickly as possible.)

Slither Race - kids raced on their bellies, w/o using their hands.

Knee Race - kids raced, kneeling.

Book Balancing Race - book on head

Book Balancing Race - book on hands

Free Style - this was an opportunity for kids to demonstrate whatever kind of sporting skill could be done on our area rug. We got cartwheels, advanced slithering, rhythmic dance, etc.

This was an informal event that was a ton of fun, partially because it seemed mildly transgressive to be doing these things in the Library. Kids were entirely content to watch and cheer on the other kids while waiting their turn. At the end we did an impromptu parents' division.

### **Gyotaku Fish Printing – Barbara Goetschius, RCS Community Library (Ravena)**

For the brave and not-easily-grossed-out, this Japanese art of monoprinting can be done with real fish. I, however, purchased rubber fish models from DickBlick.com. They are expensive (\$7.49 for a seahorse up to \$13.99 for a trout or \$46.99 for a set of 4 fish).

Fish printing can be done on paper (copier paper, rice paper) or fabric (cotton, washed first). You can use finger paints, tempera, printing inks, or washable markers. For fabric, look for inks that can be heat set.

Apply the paint or ink lightly to the fish with fingers, foam brushes or brayers. Place the paper over the fish, press down, and rub. It may help to have someone hold one end of the paper firmly so that the print doesn't get blurred if the paper moves. Peel off and allow to dry.

If you use washable markers, color in the fish then lightly mist it with water. This requires an atomizer, not a regular spray bottle, to keep the mist from becoming a light rain and dribbling all over. Place the paper over the model and continue as above.

### **All You Need for a Beach - Barbara Goetschius, RCS Community Library (Ravena)**

Plastic or Styrofoam containers (Please recycle!)

- With lid if possible; (MacDonald's salads have nice ones.)
- Without lid, bring sealable plastic bags

Play sand

Pebbles and small seashells

Beach umbrella : cut circles out of paper (3" diameter or larger) and cut a slit to the center; overlap straight cut edges to make a cone shape & secure with glue. Poke one end of a short chenille stem up through the center point & bend over to secure. Et voila! You have an umbrella.

\*\* Note to grown-ups: You can use skewers instead & save the extra umbrellas for your celebratory mai tais after SRP is over.

Small rectangles of fabric for towels

Twigs for driftwood

Any other small objects you find or things to make fishing poles or whatever else suits your fancy. (For example, pompoms make good beachballs.)

### **SAND CLAY**

Recipe from Lotions, Potions, and Slime: Mudpies and More! By Nancy Blakey

Ingredients:            2 cups sand (I find more Play Sand is needed per batch to avoid sand soup.) (50 lb. Bag at Lowes or Ace ~\$5)  
                                 1/3 cup wheat paste powder (DickBlick.com (~\$2.56 for 1 lb.)  
                                 1 cup water

Strictly Optional:      GLITTER!

Mix the sand and wheat paste powder in large bowl. Add water gradually and mix well until it has the consistence of clay. (You may need to adjust the amount of water downward.) The recipe can be tripled to make a large castle or give each child their own little pile to play with.

Bring out cookie cutters, paper cups, cans, etc. to sculpt the clay. Use heavy cardboard or a piece of plywood as a base if you are making a sand castle, or if kids are planning to take their work home. It will take several days to harden.

Cleaning up is easy: Let it dry and brush off clothes and other surfaces. Vacuum.