

Unworkshop: Unique Non-Craft and Science Programs

Shared Successful Programs that have been done already:

- Tornado Box (all ages) - describe project, directions available online
- STEM (Engineering & Building)
 - Spaghetti Building
 - Newspaper Bridges (older elementary)

- Pipe Insulation
- Matchbox Car Tube (structures)
- Science Teams - storytimes with the younger children where older children help out
- Lego Clubs
 - Challenges or guided?
 - Guided doesn't seem to work as well - it seems to hold back the participants' creativity
 - Dole out the Legos to be fair
 - Display finished projects
 - Lego Mars Rover (tie in with science theme)
 - How do you get more Legos?
 - Advertise at adult desk
 - Ask parents of college graduates
 - Post on web site and library's facebook
 - Word of mouth
 - Garage sales
 - Personal facebook pages

Other Ideas & Possibilities:

- Post-It War Teen Programs (search for ideas online)
- Playdough Party (for ages 3-5) -- can use homemade playdough and add kool-aid for color and aroma
- Soap Pouring & Making
 - Microwave needed
 - Adding figurines to the soap (make sure they are not too heavy)
 - Big blocks of melted soap -- use yogurt containers as the mold
- Shrinky Dinks -- use markers & good colored pencils

Unique Non-Craft Ideas:

- Dr. Seuss Celebration (March 2nd birthday, but can be done any time of year)
- Author Celebrations (e.g. Tedd Arnold's "Fly Guy" books -- make a fly swatter)
- Write fan letters and mail
- Skype author visits (e.g. Kate Messner and others offer affordable Skype visits -- look at link off of Messner's web site)

- Magic Tree House Book Club
- Free Playtime Days
- Puzzles