

# Free Play

## Chapter 7 Resources

### Books

Unless noted with an “OP,” the following books were in print when this manual went to press. Check your shelves for other books to support the programs in this chapter.

Ajmera, Maya, and Ivanko, John D. *To Be an Artist*. Charlesbridge, 2004. 32 p. (978-1570915031) Pri.

*This photo essay with pictures of children from around the world is a delightful springboard to using various art forms to express creativity.*

Asch, Frank. *Star Jumper: Journal of a Cardboard Genius*. Kids Can Press, 2006. 128 p. (978-1553378860) Pri, Int.

*Alex has had enough of his little brother, Jonathan. In order to escape Jonathan’s weird questions and being a bother, Alex builds a cardboard spaceship to blast-off to a brother-free planet.*

Ayres, Katherine. *A Long Way*. Candlewick Press, 2003. 32 p. (978-0763610470) Pre, Pri.

*After a gift for her grandma arrives in the mail, a girl delivers the present, transforming the box it came in into a variety of forms of transport along the way.*

Bedford, David. *Ella’s Games*. Barron’s, 2002. Pre. OP.

*Ella the mouse has a big imagination. When her brothers refuse to let her join in their play, Ella imagines her own exciting games, and soon her brothers want to let her join them.*

Berg, Jim. *The Original Duct Tape Halloween Book*. Workman Publishing, 2003. 128 p. (978-0761131878, pap.) Int.

*A guide to using duct tape for disguise, decoration, tricks, and treats.*

Burton, Virginia Lee. *Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel*. Houghton Mifflin, 1939. 48 p. (978-0395169612) Pre, Pri.

*Mike Mulligan proves that his steam shovel, although dated, is still useful. Read the book and present children with a variety of items. Ask them to think of other ways they could be used. Also available in Spanish as Mike Mulligan y su máquina maravillosa.*

Champlin, Connie. *Storytelling with Puppets*. ALA Editions, 1998. 249 p. (978-0838907092, pap.) Adult.

*See page 42 for some simple puppet patterns for the “Make a Puppet” program.*

Cressy, Judith. *What Can You Do with a Paper Bag? Hats, Wigs, Masks, Crowns, Helmets, and Headdresses Inspired by Artworks from the Metropolitan Museum of Art*. Chronicle Books, in association with the Metropolitan Museum of Art, 2001. 64 p. (978-0811832205, pap.) Pri, Int.

*Armed with scissors, tape, and glue, it’s easy to turn an ordinary paper bag into an extraordinary*

*hat, wig, mask, or crown!*

Czernecki, Stefan. ***The Most Incredible Cardboard Toys in the Whole Wide World***. Lark Books, 2002. 128 p. (978-1579901370) Int.

*A collection of 17 toys to make, each inspired by a particular country and accompanied by an educational tale. Simple materials, color-coded illustrations, and detailed instructions make construction easy.*

DeKoven, Bernie. ***Junkyard Sports***. Kinetic Sports, 2004. 64 p. (978-0736052078, pap.) Adult.

*A collection of ideas for new, fun, and challenging ways to play.*

Dewan, Ted. ***Crispin, the Pig Who Had It All***. Dragonfly Books, 2002. 32 p. (978-0440417453, pap.) Pre, Pri.

*What do you get someone who has everything? Crispin Tamworth is about to find out. Crispin is the pig who has it all. And each Christmas he gets even more. But his toys always break or become boring. This year, Santa has left Crispin a mysterious box that promises to be "the very best thing in the whole wide world." What could it possibly be?*

Dunbar, Polly. ***Flyaway Katie***. Candlewick Press, 2004. 40 p. (978-0763623661) Pre, Pri.  
*On a gray, gray day, a young girl named Katie finds that adding colors to her life brightens up her day.*

Foley, Greg. ***Thank You Bear***. Viking Juvenile, 2007. 32 p. (978-0670061655) Pre, Pri.  
*Despite the criticism of others, a bear finds the perfect gift for his mouse friend.*

Gelman, Rita Golden. ***Doodler Doodling***. Greenwillow Books, 2004. 24 p. (978-0688166458) Pri, Int.

*A young girl doodles at her desk while behind her a large sheet of paper shows the multicolored line drawings of her doodles.*

Henkes, Kevin. ***Jessica***. Greenwillow Books, 1989. 32 p. (978-0688078294) Pre, Pri.  
*Ruthie does everything with her imaginary friend Jessica; then on her first day at kindergarten, she meets a real new friend with the same name.*

Hillenbrand, Will. ***My Book Box***. Harcourt Children's Books, 2006. 32 p. (978-0152020293) Pre, Pri.

*A determined elephant creates his own book box and discovers all the magic and fun of books and reading. Includes instructions for making a book box.*

Irvin, Christine M. ***Cardboard Tube Mania*** (Craft Mania). Children's Press, 2002. 32 p. (978-0516277561, pap.) Pri.

*Includes 12 projects including a kazoo, a rain stick, and a haunted house.*

Johnson, Crockett. ***Harold and the Purple Crayon***. HarperCollins, 1954. 64 p. (978-0060229351) Pre, Pri.

*Harold goes for an adventurous walk in the moonlight with his purple crayon.*

Keats, Ezra Jack. ***The Trip***. Viking Juvenile, 2007. 40 p. (978-0670061952) Pre.

*Lonely in a new neighborhood, Louie creates a magic box from a shoebox and sees his old friends trick-or-treating.*

Kennedy, John E. ***Puppet Mania: The World's Most Incredible Puppet Making Book Ever!*** North Light Books, 2004. 64 p. (978-1581803723, pap.) Pri, Int.  
*Learn to make 13 cool puppets by renowned puppeteer John E. Kennedy.*

Lionni, Leo. ***Little Blue and Little Yellow***. HarperTrophy, 1995. 32 p. (978-0688132859, pap.) Pre, Pri.  
*A little blue spot and a little yellow spot are best friends, and when they hug each other they become green.*

Martin, Laura C. ***Recycled Crafts Box: Sock Puppets, Cardboard Castles, Bottle Bugs and 37 More Earth-friendly Projects and Activities You Can Create***. Storey Kids, 2003. 88 p. (978-1580175227, pap.) Pri, Int.  
*Discusses recycling and provides information and instructions for making art projects from recycled materials.*

McAllister, Angela. ***Harry's Box***. Bloomsbury Publishing, 2003. 32 p. (978-1582347721) Pre.  
*A young boy and his dog spend an afternoon playing with a cardboard box and imagining that it has become all sorts of exciting things.*

Mitchell, Mari Rutz. ***Creating Clever Castles and Cars***. Williamson Publishing, 2006. 128 p. (978-0824967833) Pre, Pri.  
*Kids can make various kinds of "structures," including a spider web, igloo, nest, spaceship, circus tent, and general store using cardboard boxes and other items.*

Patricelli, Leslie. ***The Birthday Box***. Candlewick Press, 2007. 32 p. (978-0763628253) Pre.  
*An imaginative young child has a wonderful time playing with a box he receives for his birthday.*

Portis, Antoinette. ***Not a Box***. HarperCollins, 2006. 32 p. (978-0061123221) Pre.  
*To an imaginative bunny, a box is not always just a box.*

Richmond, Margie Hayes, ed. ***Look What You Can Make with Tubes***. Boyds Mills Press, 1997. 32 p. (978-1563976773, pap.) Pri, Int.  
*Cardboard tubes are transformed into a vast array of toys, games, decorations, and gifts.*

Ryan, Pam Muñoz. ***Mud Is Cake***. Hyperion Books for Children, 2002. 40 p. (978-0786805013) Pri.  
*A brother and sister find that when they use their imagination mud can become cake, and they themselves can become almost anything.*

Rylant, Cynthia. ***Alligator Boy***. Harcourt Children's Books, 2007. 32 p. (978-0152060923, lib. bdg.) Pri.  
*A boy puts on an alligator head and tail and is transformed into an alligator boy.*

Schaefer, Carol Lexa. ***The Squiggle***. Dragonfly Books, 1999. 32 p. (978-0517885796)

Pre, Pri.

*As she walks to the park with her school class, a young girl finds a piece of string, which her imagination turns into a dragon's tail, an acrobat, fireworks, a storm cloud, and more.*

Sís, Peter. ***Madlenka's Dog***. Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2002. 40 p. (978-0374346997)

Pre, Pri.

*Madlenka wants a dog but when her mother and father say no, she uses her imagination and the people she meets on the block all play along. With cutouts and lift-the-flaps.*

Smith, Dana Kessimakis. ***A Brave Spaceboy***. Hyperion Books for Children, 2005. 32 p. (978-0786809332) Pre, Pri.

*As a little boy and his family move to a new home, he builds a rocket ship out of a box and pretends he is on a journey to Mars.*

Steig, William. ***Pete's a Pizza***. HarperCollins, 1998. 32 p. (978-0062051578) Pre, Pri.

*When Pete feels miserable because rain makes it impossible to play ball outdoors, his father finds a fun indoor game to play with his son.*

Swados, Elizabeth. ***Hey You! C'mere: A Poetry Slam***. Arthur A. Levine, 2002. 48 p. (978-0439092579) Pri, Int.

*One summer morning in the sizzling city, seven kids gather on a street corner to share the power of poetry. As they move through the neighborhood, the kids transform their experiences—standing up to a tough kid, slurping spaghetti and ice cream, a good “hiccup cough sniff” cry—into a poetry slam.*

Van Leeuwen, Jean. ***Oliver Pig and the Best Fort Ever*** (Dial Easy-to-Read). Dial, 2006. 40 p. (978-0803728882) Pri.

*Oliver Pig decides to build a fort in the backyard, and his friends become involved with the project as well.*

Walsh, Danny. ***The Cardboard Box Book: 25 Things to Make and Do with an Empty Box***. Watson-Guptill, 2006. 112 p. (978-0823006106, pap.) Int.

*Provides instructions for a variety of craft projects to make with a cardboard box.*

Williams, Karen Lynn. ***Galimoto***. HarperCollins, 1990. 32 p. (978-0688087890) Pri.

*Walking through his village, a young African boy finds the materials to make a special toy.*

Wilson, Joe. ***Ductigami***. Boston Mills Press, 2006. 96 p. (978-1550464290, pap.) Int.

*Step-by-step instructions for a variety of duct tape creations.*

## Web sites

***The Duck Tape Club***. [www.ducktapeclub.com](http://www.ducktapeclub.com).

*Includes directions for making things from duct tape.*

***The Duct Tape Guys***. [www.octanecreative.com/ducttape/howto](http://www.octanecreative.com/ducttape/howto).

*More directions for making things with duct tape.*

***The Imagination Factory***. [www.kid-at-art.com](http://www.kid-at-art.com).

*Lots of creative ways to make art with recycled materials.*

***Junkyard Sports.*** [www.junkyardsports.com](http://www.junkyardsports.com).

*The brainchild of Bernie DeKoven, Junkyard Sports encourages participants to create their own games.*

***Poetry Poker.*** [home.cogeco.ca/~rayser3/popok2.txt](http://home.cogeco.ca/~rayser3/popok2.txt).

*Directions for playing Poetry Poker and a long list of words.*

***S&S Worldwide.*** [www.ssw.com](http://www.ssw.com).

*Inexpensive source for a variety of art, craft materials, and toys including Legos.*

***Super Simple Songs.*** [www.supersimplesongs.com](http://www.supersimplesongs.com).

*Includes audio and video of “Rock Paper Scissor” game from Imagination storytime.*

***United Container Company.*** [www.unitedcontainer.com](http://www.unitedcontainer.com).

*Inexpensive boxes for sale.*

***Young Adult Professionals Page.*** [yapp.us/DuctTape.html](http://yapp.us/DuctTape.html).

*Links to several Duct Tape sites.*