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Handout

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Your Investigators:

Trash Investigators

Inspiring Creativity on Your Bookmobile!



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Be inspired! Look at trash and cast offs as something you can use on your bookmobile to create interest.

Basic Skills for Retrieving What You Need

Learn where to pick to find what you need:

- ◆ Dumpsters
- ◆ Garage/yard sales
- ◆ Goodwill & thrift stores
- ◆ Your own home
- ◆ Your library & branches

Learn how to beg, borrow, plead from your co-workers. Offer to make them a poster or let them use some of your creations.

Be inspired by Pinterest.

Think about how an item can be repurposed.

Adhesive Weapons:

- Glue sticks
- Magnets
- Glue gun
- Paper clips
- Scissors
- Velcro
- Wide tape
- Duct tape
- Clothesline
- Clothes Pins



Artistic Weapons:

- Crayons
- Markers
- T-pins
- Colored pencils
- Colored paper
- Rulers
- Sharp Blade
- Paint



Re-Purposing

- Wall paper sample books
- Dated magnets
- Bed sheets
- Old books
- Picture frames
- Ribbon
- Fabric
- Containers of all kinds (except nut containers due to allergies)



Decoration & Signage

- Frames
- Fabric
- Tension Rods
- Comics
- Doors
- Ceiling
- Floor
- Give-a-Way Posters
- Seasonal
- Mobiles
- Postcards
- Business Cards
- Posters on Gazebo at Events
- Balloons During Parades



Be Observant! Always carry a notebook and pen for ideas and be ready to take a quick photo with your smart phone or with a digital camera. Or, you can sketch out a quick idea.

Themes & Contests

- Seeds
- Bugs
- Fly Guy
- Counting Contests
- Quizzes



Hint: Carry out your theme throughout your bookmobile.

Storytimes & Crafts

- Storytimes on the Bookmobile (Sit while you share the story)
- Nametags
- Lining up — boarding and disembarking from the bookmobile
- S.T.E.M. Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics
- Magnets (Stick 'em to Cookie Sheets)
- Give-a-Ways: Take & Make



Be Courageous! Any idea can be referred to as a "Pilot Project". That way, you are not locked into continuing it if it does not work, but you can try almost anything!
