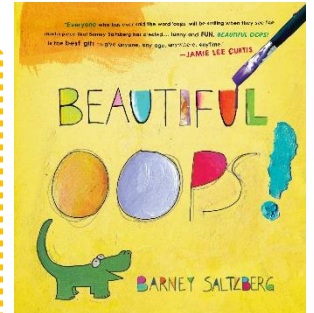


Books of the Month

Louise Loves Art by Kelly Light - In this story of artists, a girl and her younger brother create art in unexpected ways and places! A darling story of sibling love – and humor...ages 4-6.

Beautiful Oops! By Barney Saltzberg – This book illustrates that what we might think of as a mistake can always turn into an even better creation! Ages 3-7.



OTHER BOOKS ABOUT ART and CREATIVITY:

Black Bear, Red Fox: Colours in Cree by Julie Flett – An introduction to basic colors for babies naming each of the colors in both Cree and English. Lovely, simple illustrations for little ones! Ages 0-4.

Draw! By Raul Colon – In this wordless story, a boy little boy creates drawings of many safari animals and, from these drawings, imagines himself on a safari. Ages 4-7.

Drawn Together by Minh Le – Although a little boy and his grandfather may not feel they have much in common, including a common language, they soon learn that they do have a common language to help them communicate – the language of art. Ages 4-8.

Harold and the Purple Crayon by Crockett Johnson - Harold is a little boy with a big imagination – and an even bigger purple crayon! He creates all sorts of adventures and stories with this wonderful crayon. This is a classic, timeless story that can inspire many budding artists to begin with a simple paper and crayon and create their own worlds....ages 3-6.

Ish by Peter H. Reynolds – Ramon, like any true artist, has his own unique style when it comes to drawing. Although he loses his confidence for a time, his sister helps him to renew his trust in his own style! Ages 4-7.

Maybe Something Beautiful: how art transformed a neighborhood by F. Isabel Campoy – At the beginning of this story, the neighborhood where Mira lives is dull and gray. But bit by bit, the community comes together to create murals on the walls of stores and other buildings in their neighborhood until the walls and the community itself changes from colorless to colorful and vibrant. Ages 5-9.

Niko Draws a Feeling by Bob Raczka – Niko often feels as if no one understands or appreciates the pictures he creates. Until one day, when he makes the best discovery of all – someone who also thinks outside the box...Ages 5-8.

The Black Book of Colors by Menena Cottin – This is a remarkable book that helps readers really imagine what it might be like to live without sight. All of the illustrations are raised from the page so readers can feel the colors on each page. Braille letters accompany the illustrations and a full Braille alphabet offers sighted readers help reading along with their fingers. Ages 4-7.

The Book of Mistakes by Corinna Luyken – Another story that illustrates how we can turn mistakes into opportunities. Ages 4-7.

Think Circles! By Karen Robbins – This book is part of a series (Think Squares, Think Triangles) that teaches shapes and counting to young children in a fun, interactive way. Ages 0-5.

Songs of the Month

The Color Song

Sing using the tune "This Old Man"

Red, red, red touch your head,
Blue, blue, blue touch your shoe,
Brown, brown, brown, bend and touch the
ground.

White, white, white, take a bite.
Black, black, black touch your back,
Purple, purple, purple, spin in a circle,
Pink, pink, pink, give a little wink,
Gray, gray, gray, now shout hurray!

This is the Way...Art Themed!

*Sing using the tune "Here we go round the
Mulberry Bush"*

This is the way we stir the paint,
Stir the paint, stir the paint,
This is the way we stir the paint
So early in the morning.

*Continue with dip our brush, paint the paper,
blow it dry, frame the picture using actions
that fit the words.*



Art Project Learning Activities for MARCH

Contact Paper Collage

What you need:

Contact paper – buy it from any large craft supply store
Materials to stick to the contact paper - **cotton balls, Q tips, crepe paper, feathers, googly eyes, colorful tape, construction paper, tissue paper, stickers, sequins, magazine pages, newspaper pages...**

So simple to set up and lots of great opportunities for open ended exploration. Cut out contact paper and tape it to a wall, table, or other surface, sticky side out. Part of the fun with this project is the different areas around your room you can attach contact paper to since children can create art standing up, sitting down, or lying down! You could put a colorful tape border around each child's piece of contact paper or not. This is collage at its best – open ended AND sticky!



Crayon and Oil Pastel Texture Rubbings

This is a really fun activity that allows children to experiment with textures and shapes. Old broken crayons work perfectly. Gather indoor and outdoor materials (packing materials, wallpaper samples, comb, keys, ribbons, fabrics, leaves). Oil pastels are especially vibrant. Put all the materials out along with a lot of blank paper and invite children to try different combinations of materials.

Another idea – make your own texture rubbing cards with cardboard and a variety of materials that you glue to the cards ahead of time. Spread all the cards out on a table and let children color onto paper over them.

Here are some books to use that support this activity:

- ***The Black Book of Colors* by Menena Cottin**
- ***Harold and the Purple Crayon* by Crockett Johnson**

You may register for FREE STARS classes by clicking on the date of the class on the CALENDAR of the Pierce County Library web site: www.piercecountylibrary.org.
The next STARS Class will be Saturday, March 16th, and is on the topic of "Language Play!"