

Summer Drama Club for Tweens

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Program-at-a-Glance

This program, created especially for tweens, focused on developing teamwork and fostering imagination, creativity and self-expression. At each meeting, the tweens

- Performed improv exercises to warm up
- Read a picture book & created a play from that picture book
- Designed their own costumes from recycled materials
- Performed for their parents, siblings and storytime patrons

Improv Exercises / Warm-ups



EXAMPLES

- “Barnyard” – Children make their favorite barnyard animal sounds when their number is called.
Purpose: To relax in a new group.
- “Magic Tube” – Children think of other objects that are similar in shape to the tube.
Purpose: To develop pantomime skills through improvisation.
- “Pantomime” – Children choose a slip of paper with an activity written on it and pantomime the activity using motions and facial expressions. No speaking allowed.
Purpose: To get experience pantomiming, and being creative.



From Page to Stage: Turning Picture Books into Scripts

Featured Books:

- *Anansi and the Magic Stick* by Eric A. Kimmel
- *The Blue Jackal* (Panchatantra Fable)
- *Bark, George* by Jules Feiffer
- *The Gunniwolf* by Wilhelmina Harper



Creativity at Work: Making the Costumes



Children made innovative costumes using recycled items and basic supplies on hand such as:
paper, markers, felt, ribbon, foam, feathers, glue, and tape.

It's Showtime: Performing the Skits

The children enjoyed performing for parents, siblings, and storytime patrons.



Pleased Patrons!

“I have to tell you, Megan has really enjoyed the drama program! She shares with us what she has done and really likes coming up with/ making her own costumes. Monday this week, she and Joshua came home and made up their own short skit. They performed it for us after dinner. It was very creative, included costumes, and had some comedy. It has made a difference, in that she wants to express herself in different ways. She sees the importance of a team and seems more open to listen to Joshua’s ideas. It has been a GREAT experience for her! Thanks for doing this.” Niki Tucker

