

Celebrating Superheroes

Description of Program:

Celebrate the 75th anniversary of DC Comics with this story time dedicated to Superheroes. For ages 6 to 10.

Program Plans:

As guests arrive, hand out name tags and ask them to write down their Superhero name. Start the program off by asking the children who their favorite superhero is and why. Then read a few of your favorite superhero stories and intersperse a few of the games and activities before ending the program with a craft and snack.



Stories:

Kapow! by George O'Connor

Truth, justice, and the American Eagle way! A young boy realizes what it really means to be a superhero.

SuperHero ABC by Bob McLeod

Humorous superheroes such as Goo Girl and The Volcano represent the letters of the alphabet from A to Z.

Dex: the Heart of a Hero by Caralyn Buehner

Tired of being overlooked because he is so small, Dexter, a big-hearted dot with big dreams, transforms himself into a superhero.

Max by Bob Graham

Max, the young son of superheroes, is a late bloomer when it comes to flying, until he is inspired by the plight of a falling baby bird.

Craft Ideas:

Create Your Own Superhero

Supplies: Magazines, Glue, Scissors

Have the participants use images from magazines to collage a Superhero. Then have them name the Superhero and give them a super power.

Goofy Goggles

Have the kids create and decorate their very own Superhero goggles. A pattern can be found in: McGee, Randel. *Paper Crafts for Halloween*. Berkeley Heights, NJ: Enslow Publishers, 2009.

Make Your Own Comic Strip

Supplies: Comic Strip Template, Pencils

Handout the templates and let the kids draw their comics. Templates are available at:

<http://www.flummery.com/teaching/>

Activities or Games:

Secret Identity Challenge

Have the kids try to match the superhero to his or her secret identity.

Examples:

Spiderman = Peter Parker

Wonder Woman = Diana Prince

Batman = Bruce Wayne

Robin = Dick Grayson

Superman = Clark Kent

Cat Woman = Selina Kyle

Incredible Hulk = Bruce Banner

Mr. Incredible = Robert "Bob" Parr

Pass the Kryptonite Game

Pass around a large Styrofoam rock while music plays. When the music stops, you are out if you are stuck with the Kryptonite. Use music from superhero movies like "Superman" or "Batman".

Super Powers Games

- Super Hearing: Play a sound effects record and have the kids try to identify the noise.
- Super Sight: Have the kids look at enlarged or reduced pictures and everyday items to try and guess what they are.
- Super Smell: See who can identify different smells blindfolded.

Snacks:

- Green Finger Jell-o (Kryptonite)

- Spider Web Cupcakes (recipe can be found at

<http://www.bettycrocker.com/recipes.aspx/scary-spiderweb-cupcakes>)

- Superhero Punch (Lime Sherbet Punch)

<http://www.foodnetwork.com/recipes/paula-deen/lime-sherbet-punch-recipe/index.html>

Additional Resources (online & book):

- DC Comics website: <http://www.dccomics.com/dccomics/>

- After the program point kids to this website where they can create comic strips online and print them out. <http://www.makebeliefscomix.com/Comix/>