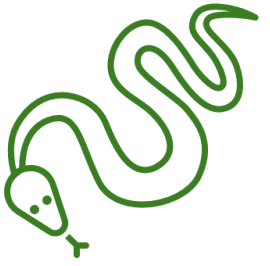


SNAKES IN THE LIBRARY! BOOK SNAKES AND OTHER PRESERVATION-RELATED CRAFTS FOR LIBRARY OUTREACH

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Book Snakes and Other Preservation-Related
Crafts for Library Outreach



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Agenda

- Why do preservation crafts?
- Three examples
 - Book Snakes
 - Stab binding
 - Pamphlet binding
- Other craft ideas
- Tips for hosting and promoting

Why host preservation crafts?

Why not?

- Cost
 - Low-cost, second-hand, donated, pooled supplies
- Time
 - Start short and simple, enlist help, outreach tool
- Lack of expertise
 - Start simple, the internet is full of tutorials

Why host preservation crafts?



Connect with campus/community
Fun during finals



LEFT: University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign/ Fred Zwicky
RIGHT: UIUC Library Teaching, Learning, and Academic Support

Why host preservation crafts?

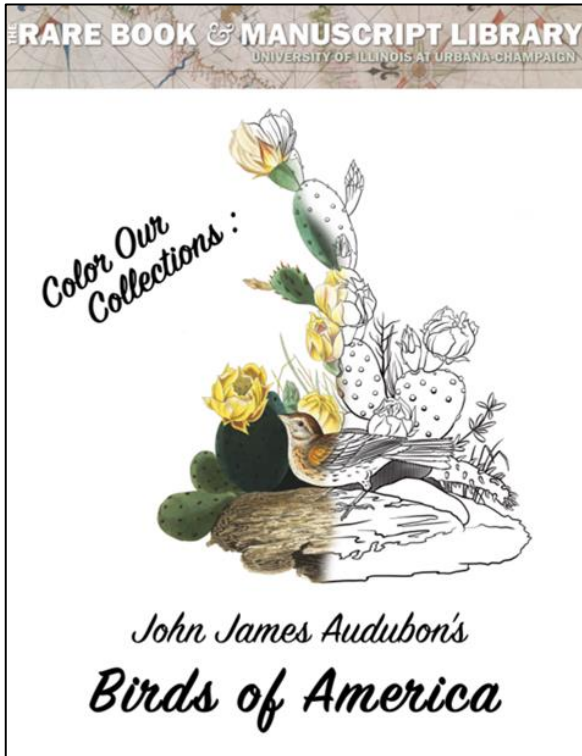


LEFT: Library of Congress Printable Materials:
<https://www.loc.gov/preservation/resources/educational/bookmarks/preserveyour/index.html>
culturalheritage.org/caring-treasures

ABOVE: ALA/Core Preservation Week:
<https://preservationweek.org/>

Promote care & handling of library books
or preservation of heirlooms & collections

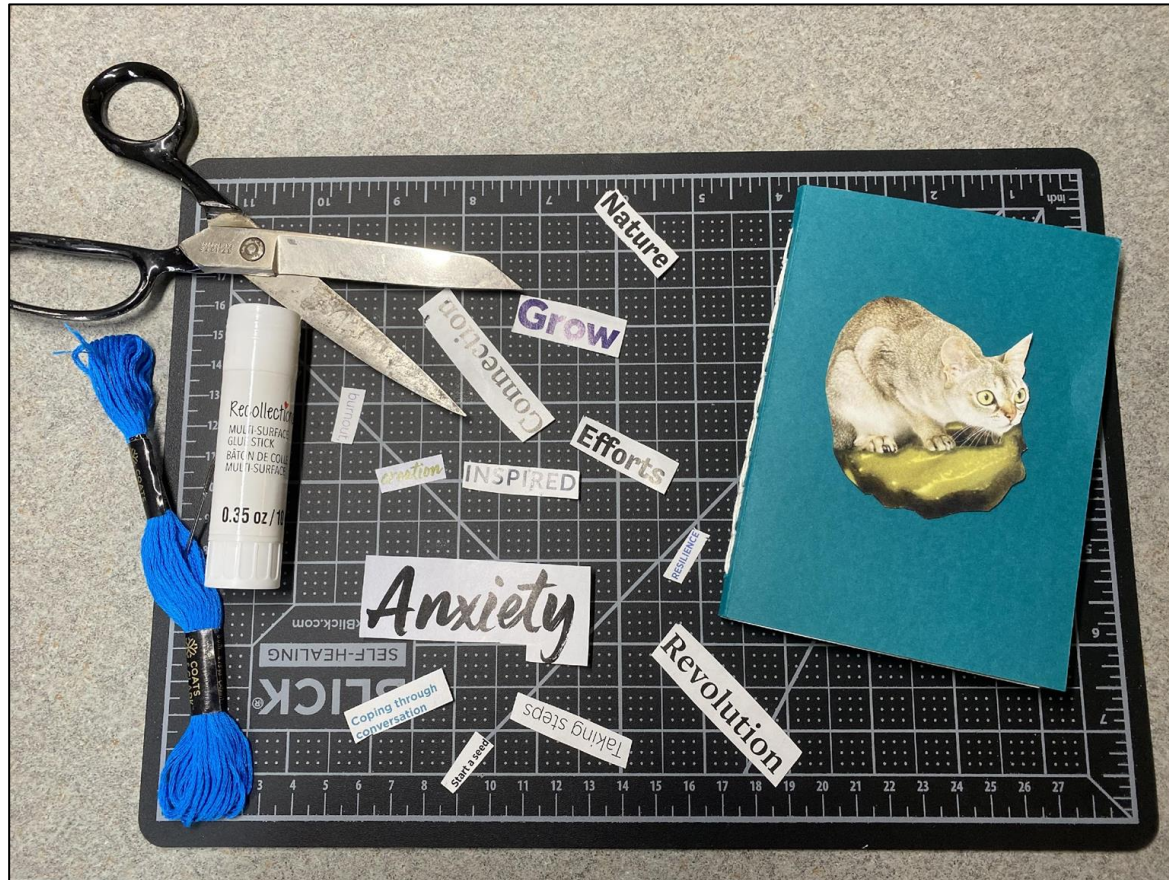
Why host preservation crafts?



Promote a collection



Why host preservation crafts?



Poetry, artist books, zines, etc.

Why host preservation crafts?



Introduce preservation-related careers

Why host preservation crafts?



“Inreach” to library staff – promoting morale AND preservation

Why host preservation crafts?

Advancement
with donors,
alumni & Friends



FOUNDATION WEEKEND

The Art and Science of Preserving Our Library's Collections

Learn about how the Library preserves our collections and make your own simple books. Experts will also be on hand to answer any preservation questions about your own collections and heirlooms.

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Craft Tutorials

Book snakes – fabric book weights

Four-hole stab binding – traditional Asian binding style

Five-hole pamphlet binding – simple single-signature book

https://mediaspace.illinois.edu/media/t/1_sugbtvdm

Other craft ideas . . .



Button making

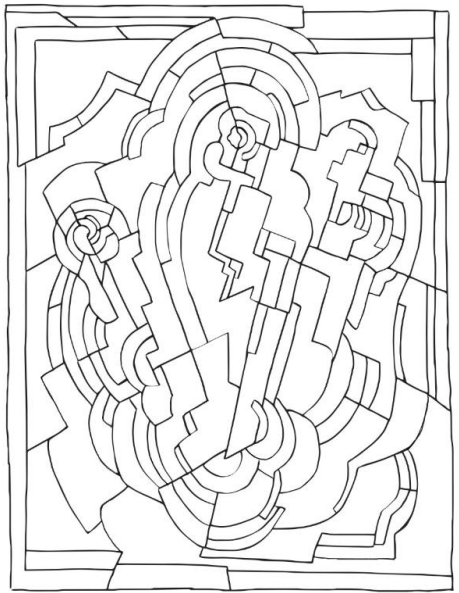


Paper marbling

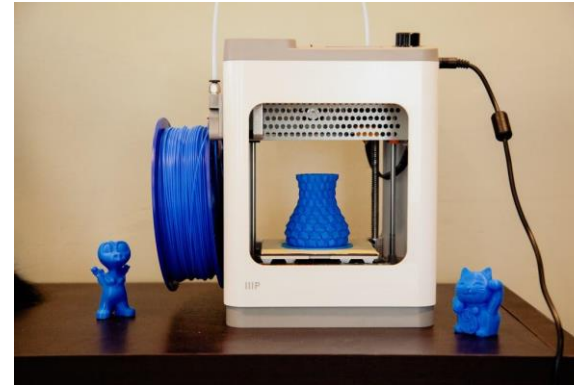


Mylar dust jacket covers (BYOB)

Other craft ideas . . .



Coloring pages



Library tech

TOP LEFT: New York Academy of Medicine
Color Our Collections:
<https://library.nyam.org/colorourcollections/tools-resources/>

Other craft ideas . . .



Zine making



Upcycling
discards/scrap paper

. . . sky's the limit!

Tips for Hosting A Library-Craft Event





Anticipate set up time

- Being prepared means you aren't left scrambling or twiddling your thumbs!

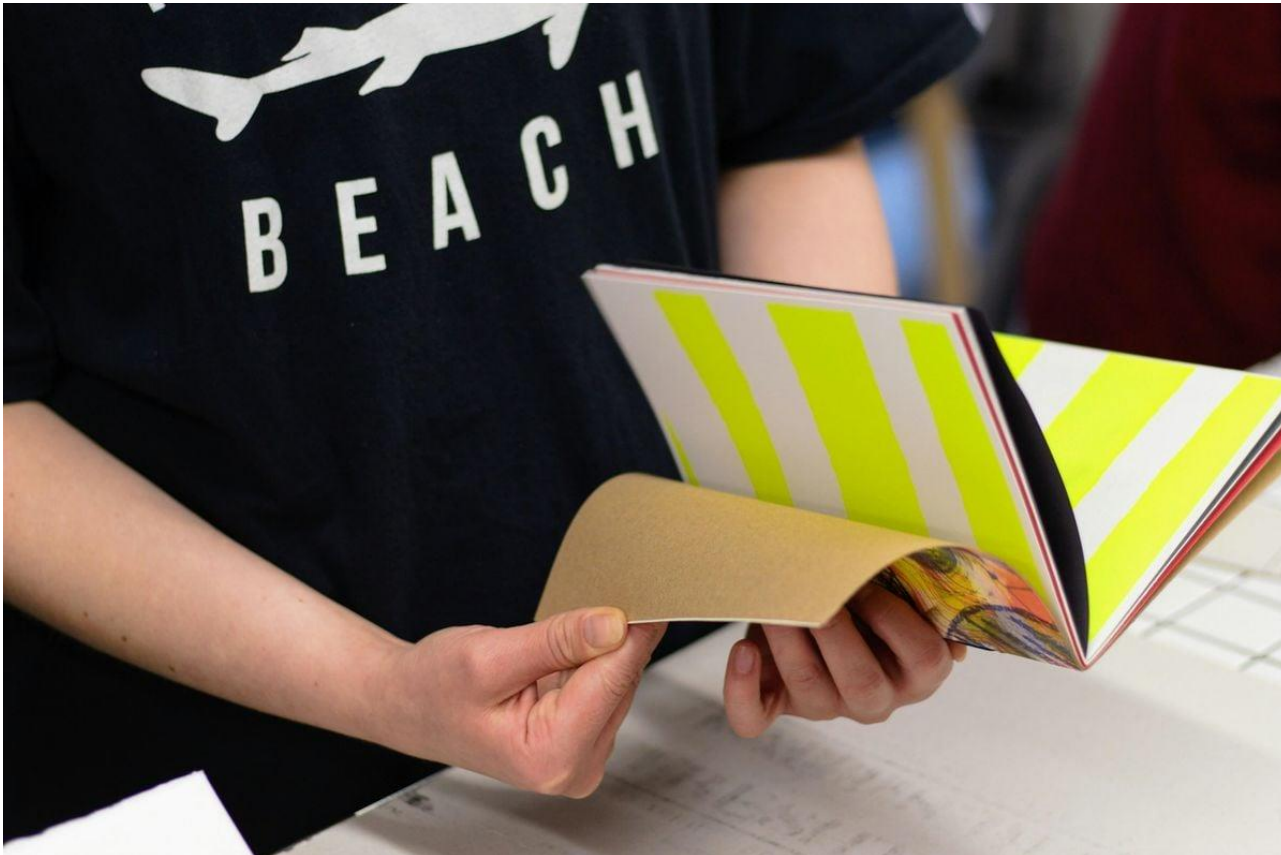
Practice teaching – on yourself and guinea pigs!

- Gives confidence in your teaching, and an assessment for sticking points and pacing



Know how much to prep (or not to prep)

- Small group with a quick demo? Let them prep!



Structure your teaching

- Come-and-go or one-off? Large or small? Single demo, stations, or multiple instructors?



Be over-familiar with your technique

- Some may work quickly and want to know more!

Don't worry over messing up!



Tips for Promotion

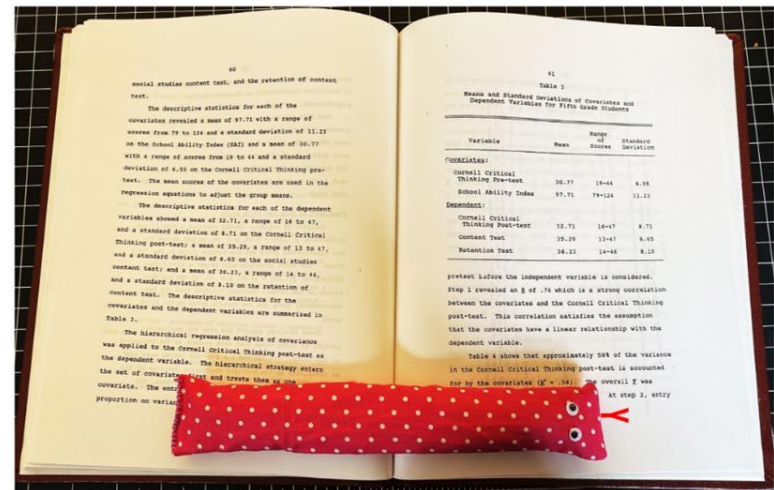
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Make your own book snake!



Today, 1:00-3:00pm, Orange Room

These cute study buddies gently hold open the pages of your book without breaking the spine



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Drop by to learn how to make three simple book structures. Try one or try all three!

For more information: go.library.illinois.edu/PresWeek2022

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Clear messaging

- People love free stuff (and snacks!)
- Adequate info for participants helps them come

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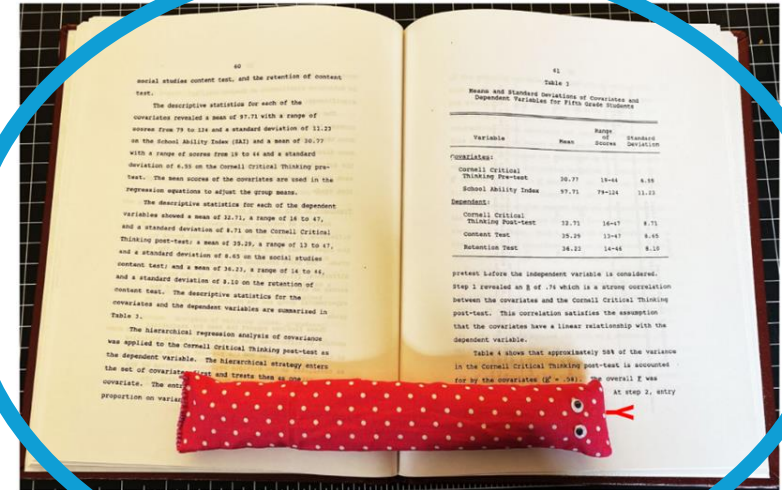
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Who is your audience/what are your goals?

- How many people do you want/can you accommodate?
- Internal outreach? Students? Community members?

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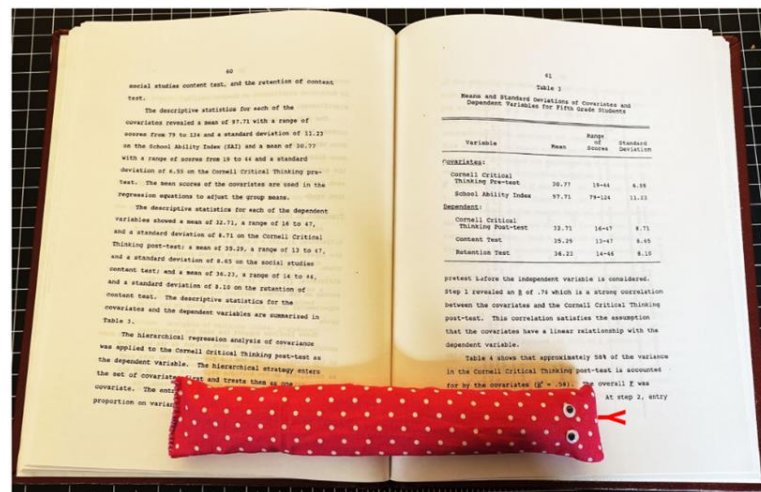
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Find areas of overlap

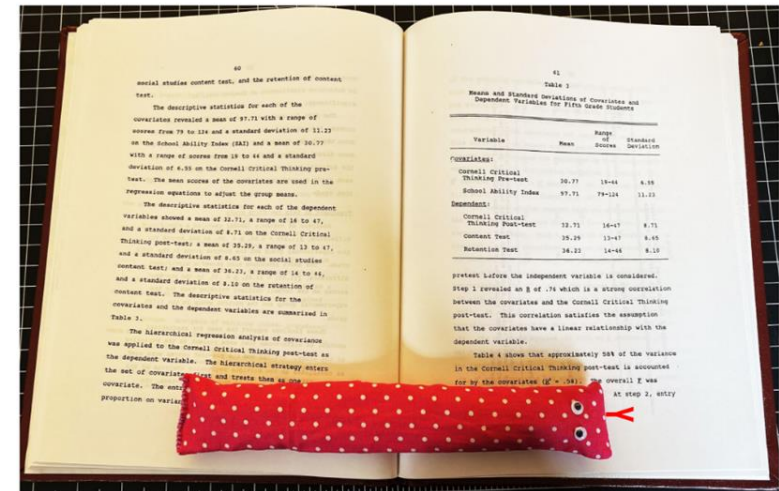
- Piggybacking other events (finals, holidays, library-wide events?)

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Timing

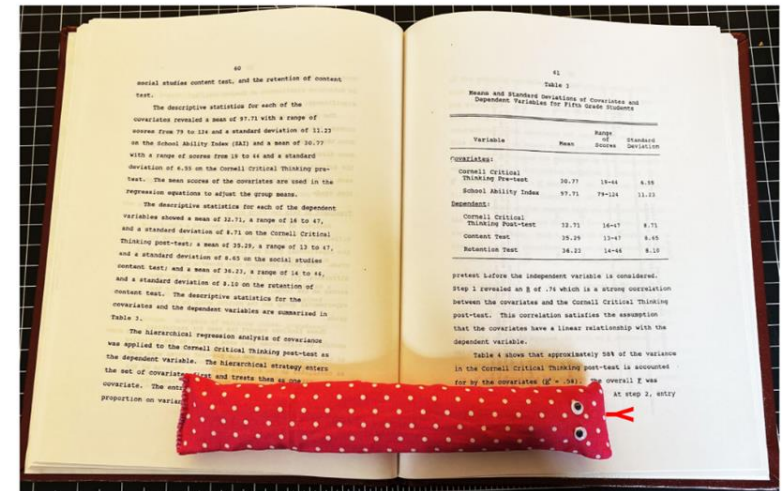
- Promote early, promote often

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Thank you!

