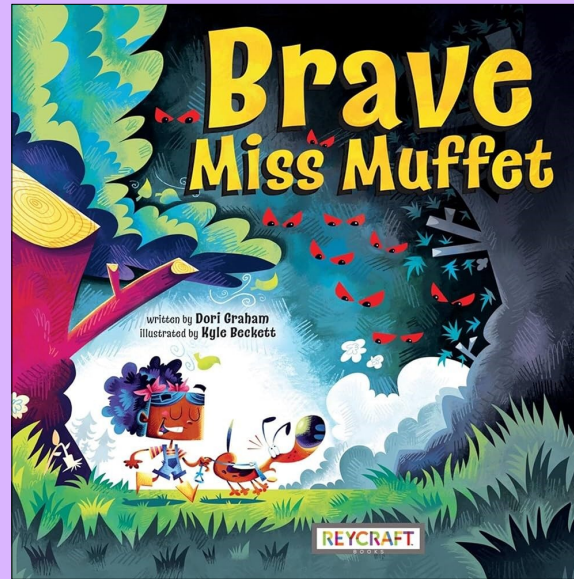


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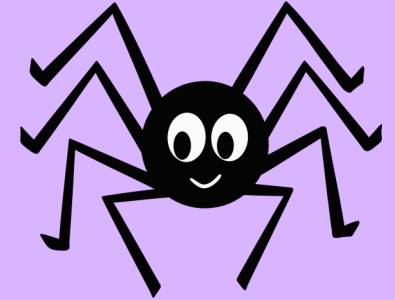
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Brave Miss Muffet by
Indiana Author: Dori
Graham / Early Literacy

Going on adventures almost always requires a little bit of bravery. No one is braver than Miss Muffet in *Brave Miss Muffet*. Read this one with your littles and follow brave Miss Muffet on her adventure to find out if she will ever get scared. Will she?



Program Ideas for *Brave Miss Muffet*

- **Brave Storytime**—Have a storytime where you talk about bravery. Read *Brave Miss Muffet* and other stories that littles can relate to about being brave.
- **Celebrate Spiders**—Have an arachnid adventure! Make spider crafts, learn about different kinds of spiders, watch spiders on YouTube and swap spider stories. Many children are afraid of spiders because they've been taught to be afraid. Teach them how cool spiders can be!
- **Animal Adventure**—Brave Miss Muffet interacts with lots of animals in this story. Invite your littles to bring in their favorite stuffed animals. Keep them overnight at the library and take pictures of them going on night-time adventures. Think flashlights in the stacks, climbing high jinks, and hide and seek. This is a fun, passive program.
- **Explore Mari Evans**—Indiana poet Mari Evans has a wonderful picture book that was first published in the 70's called *Singing Black: Alternative Nursery Rhymes for Children*. Explore this and other titles that turn Mother Goose rhymes on their heads.

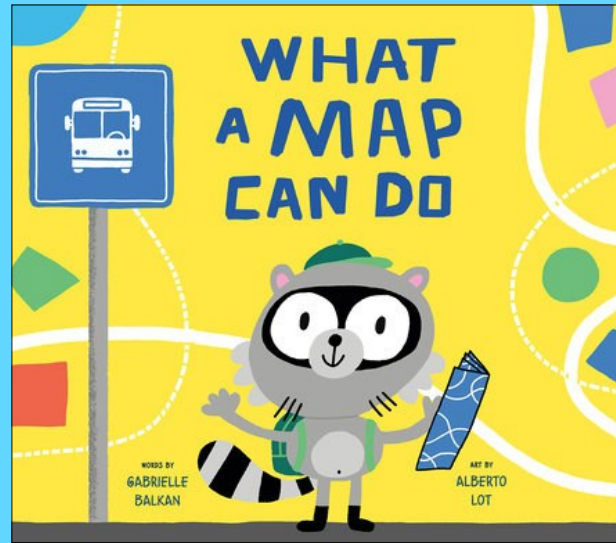
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**What a Map Can Do by
Indiana Author: Gabrielle
Balkan / Elementary**

Many an adventure starts with a map. Get your kiddos map-ready with this amazing picture book adventure starring a cutie raccoon teaching all about maps. For a shorter read-aloud, clip a few pages together.



Program Ideas for *What a Map Can Do*

- **Make a Map**—Read the book out loud, then lead your patrons in a map-making extravaganza. Start small by having them make maps of your program space.
- **Make a Town**—Invite your kiddos to make a town with blocks, boxes, or other 3D objects. Populate the town with toy trucks, dinos, or whatever you have. Take a picture of it from above and show the picture to your group on a screen. Can they find a path from one side of the town to the other? What adventures can you have in your town?
- **Community Walking Tour**—Invite your library families to go on a community walking tour. Affix a simplified map of your neighborhood to clipboards for the children to carry or for them to study in their strollers. Follow the map in a loop around your community. Even a walk can be an adventure. Have a list of things to find while on your walk. Can your children find a bird? A squirrel? A stop-sign? Can you stop at an ice-cream store? Now that would be an adventure!

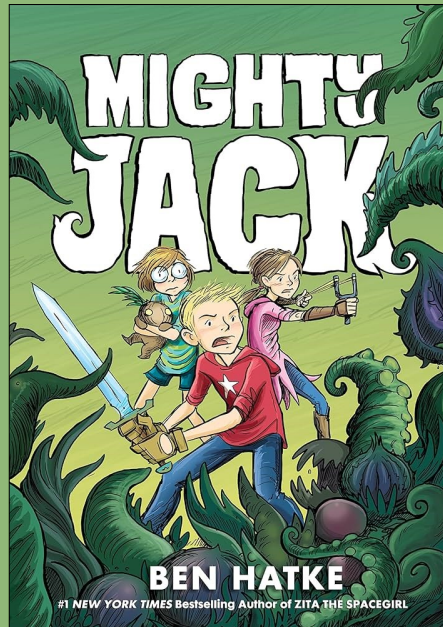
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Mighty Jack by Indiana Author: Ben Hatke / Middle Grade

This graphic novel is a perfect fit for your adventure-based summer reading program. Jack acquires a bunch of beans and, once planted, they change his life forever. Sounds like a tale you know? Trust me. It's not. Feature this book and related programs for a thrill packed summer your school-aged kids will not soon forget.



Program Ideas for *Mighty Jack*

- **Adventure Book Club**—Take kids on an exciting journey with a series of programs dedicated to reading unforgettable tales of adventure, including *Mighty Jack*.
- **Cardboard Armor**—This book is a perfect tie-in with the cheapest craft supply around: cardboard. Have your patrons make swords, shields, and helmets, then make a video of them sparring. Get permission to share it on social media.
- **Paint a Flower Pot**—Invite your participants to paint a flower pot however they like, then plant some seeds. It's up to you whether you use magic beans or the more common grass seed that grows quickly. Read a selection from the book to help kids make connections to the story.
- **Comic Book Workshop**—Provide your patrons with a variety of comics and graphic novels to look through. Then set them loose with pencil and paper. Talk about elements of story. Alternatively, try a how-to-draw program.

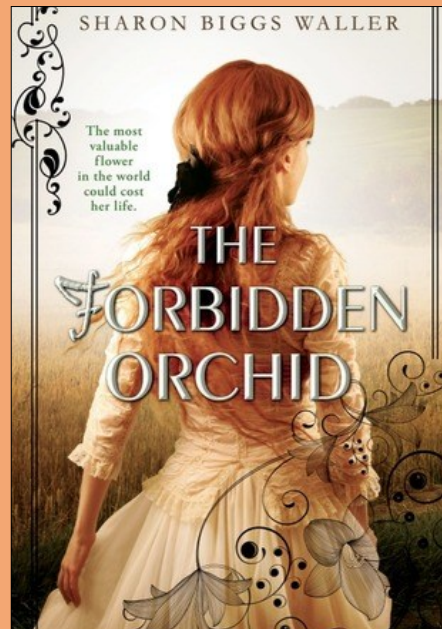
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The Forbidden Orchid by Indiana Author: Sharon Biggs Waller / Young Adult

Want a story where a young woman has to save her family from ruin by dressing like a boy and stowing away on a ship to hunt for a rare plant in China? Want to learn more about the opium wars of the mid-1800's? Want an adventure at sea? Have I got a book for you.



Program Ideas for *The Forbidden Orchid*

- **Paint a Tea Clipper**—Pair art with adventure for a tea and canvas program. Serve tea and cakes then give your teens a canvas to paint. Search YouTube for “How to Draw the Cutty Sark” for step-by-step directions. Adventure awaits!
- **Go on a plant hunt**—Teens can easily hunt for plants in Indiana. All you need is a park and a field guide to Indiana plants. Walking in nature is an adventure for everyone, but watch out for poison ivy!
- **Taylor Swift Flower Program**—Want an indoor way to hunt for flowers? Search for mentions of flowers in Taylor Swift lyrics while making friendship bracelets, listening to T. Swift, writing your own lyrics, and decorating journals to get it all off your chest. Is it a stretch? Maybe. Will it be fun? Definitely.
- **Maps, maps, and more maps**—The first step to many an adventure is a map. Explore maps in your library, the Library of Congress’s collections, or maps digitized by the Indiana State Library. Search online for directions to make fantasy maps with rice.

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