

Coleman, Tina and Peggy Llanes. *The Hipster Librarian's Guide to Teen Craft Projects*. Chicago, IL: American Library Association. 2009. 92 p. \$40.00. (ISBN: 978-0-8389-0971-3)

Feeling anxious about introducing craft projects for the teens in your library? Don't be, say the authors. In their introduction, Coleman and Llanes supply plenty of moral support and reasons for reaching out to young adult patrons through craft activities. Mindful of funding restrictions, most of the projects make use of no-cost or low cost materials, some of which can be pulled out of the recycling bin!

Even the most seasoned crafter will appreciate this title, which includes 12 craft projects. Each project is rated from easy to hard, and includes a time estimate, supervision level, appropriate group size, and my favorite, mess factor! A complete list of supplies and tools is provided, as are detailed instructions accompanied by black and white photographs. As a bonus, a one page printable instruction sheet can also be found online at the link supplied for each project.

On the easy, short side, the authors offer melted crayon bookmarks which require minimal supplies and can be completed in 30-60 minutes – though the mess factor is high. My favorite is the book pillow project. What's a book pillow? It features straps to hold a book open, and has a pocket for "a bookmark, book light, or tissues for those tearjerkers on the shelf." As with the other projects, there are suggestions for use and integration into library programming. For example, book pillows could be sold at Friends' book sales, and the melted crayon bookmark activity would work well with summer reading programs.

The appendix includes a supply list, index and additional print and online resources. Keep this craft guide handy for a day where you need a little inspiration, or for the new teen services librarian on the job.

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