

PROGRAM TITLE: Altered Books Craft

BRIEF PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: Recycle old books and transform them into works of art. Participants can collage, rip, color, draw, glue, and sew in the books.

MATERIALS NEEDED:

- *Hardcover books. We used discarded books from our collection. Choose short books so that participants can get more done.
- *Scissors.
- *Glue and glitter glue. Glue diluted with water can also be used for collaging, like modge podge.
- *Paint and brushes. We used poster paint, but acrylics also work well.

- *Markers, pens, and pencils.
- *A variety of decorative and colored paper and tissue paper.
- *Old magazines for collaging.
- *A hair dryer for drying glue and paint.
- *Wax paper to put into pages while they dry.

- *Xacto knife.
- *Sequins.
- *Ribbon.
- *A hole puncher (single).
- *Stickers.

COST:

About \$20 to 25 for craft supplies, depending on how much you already have.

PROGRAM PROCEDURE:

- *Present information on altered books, pictures of altered books, and one or more samples.
- *Participants choose a book.
- *Using the materials provided, participants get creative with their books.
- *Participants should rip out 5-10 pages in between altered pages to make room for the altered pages.
- *It's useful to dry pages with a hairdryer once they're finished, so that participants can move on to another page without ruining their work.

USEFUL PLANNING RESOURCES FOR LIBRARIANS:

(Books, websites etc)

The International Society of Altered Book Artists: <http://www.alteredbookartists.com/>

This site has a gallery of altered books.

The Altered Books Workshop: 18 Creative Techniques for Self-Expression by Bev Brazelton.

Altered Art: Techniques for Creating Altered Books, Boxes, Cards and More by Terry Taylor

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

The program was scheduled for an hour and half, but could have easily run for two hours. In an hour and a half, most participants didn't finish their books, but got a very good start. This would be a good program to do in two segments, or else participants can finish at home.

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