CRAFT KITS FROM THE PROVIDENCE ATHENÆUM’S CHILDREN’S LIBRARY

PENNY SPINNER!

A little art, a lot of science, and a chance to practice your fine motor skills come with this fun and simple craft. To learn about the science of “tops” check out the link at the end of the directions.

Supplies in kit

• 1 template with 2 spinner designs
• 1 precut cardboard disc

What you'll need from home

• glue stick or school glue
• 1 penny

Directions

1. Color the spinner disc designs and cut them out. Then gently fold the paper circles and snip a slit along the short line in the center of the circle.

2. Line up the paper circle slit with the precut slit in the cardboard disc (the slit is where you slide in the penny), then glue the paper circle to the disc. Repeat on the other side. Now you can have two different effects when you spin your spinner.
3. Insert the penny through the slit in the center of the disc so that it is halfway through as pictured.

4. Now it’s time to take your Penny Spinner for a spin! Extra Information about the science of spinning tops can be found at: https://wonderopolis.org/wonder/what-makes-a-toy-top-spin

BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

Sparkle and Spin: a Book about Words by Ann Rand
On Earth by G. Brian Karas
One Bright Penny by Geraldine McCaughrean