

# CRAFT KITS FROM THE PROVIDENCE ATHENÆUM'S CHILDREN'S LIBRARY

## DANDY DRAGONFLY PUPPET!

*It's common to see colorful dragonflies darting in and out of the plants and grasses near freshwater ponds and lakes. With a little help from you, this little dragonfly will be very happy to fly around your house!*



### Supplies in kit

- 1 pair of wings template
- 1 strip of green paper
- 1 straw
- 2 white dots for eyes
- 2 colored dots for eyes
- 1 foam brush

### What you'll need from home

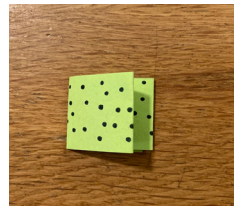
- watercolor paints
- black marker
- hole puncher
- glue stick or liquid school glue
- sticky tape

### Directions

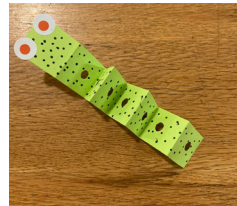
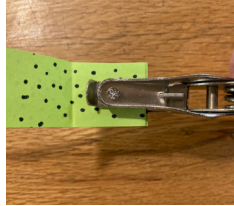
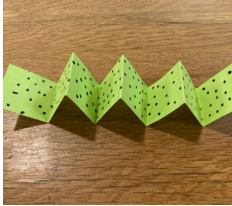
1. Use the foam brush to dab watercolors on the wings. Clean the sponge tip between each color, and give it a little squeeze before dabbing it on your colors and dotting it on the paper. Set the wings aside to dry, then cut them out.



2. Add decorations to both sides of the dragonfly's body with marker. Fold the paper strip in half three times as pictured. Unfold the paper strip, and stretch it out.



3. Now *refold* the strip making accordion folds. Ask an adult for help if you don't know how to make these folds. Then pinch the folds together, leaving the last part open as pictured. Punch a hole as close to the middle of the square of folds as possible with your hole puncher. Reopen the strip, and add the eyes to the end that has no hole punched.



4. When the wings are dry, cut them out, turn the strip over, and glue on the wings. Make sure that the most colorful side of the wings will be showing when you turn the dragonfly over.



5. Thread the straw through the holes and tape the head to the end of the straw. Here's your dandy dragonfly puppet!



## BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

*Dragonfly, Beetle, Butterfly, Bee* by Maryjo Koch

*Sir Small and the Dragonfly* by Jane O'Connor

*Time for Bed, Miyuki* by Roxane Marie Galliez

*Come Along Daisy* by Jane Simmons

*Dragonfly* by Emory Bernhard



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