

# CREEPY CRAWLIES

## AGES

Children

Teens

Multigenerational

## PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

An insect expert gives a presentation with a Q&A period and an interactive component. Your local Audubon Society branch may have free information packets about insects, and you could hold a show-and-tell event for patrons who have pet insects. Can be adapted for any age group or run as a multigenerational program. Suggested runtime: 90–120 minutes

## MATERIALS AND PREPARATION

You will need:

- Handouts/information packets about insects
- Snacks (optional)

## UNIQUE SPACE AND PERSONNEL NEEDS

Partner with a local Audubon chapter, park, or zoo for a presentation.

## RESOURCES

### Web

Insect craft ideas from the Bug Club: <https://bit.ly/3flpi1S>

Insect information the Amateur Entomologists' Society: <https://bit.ly/35VCnjW>

What's That Bug? blog: <https://bit.ly/2SXbZ3y>

Insect fact sheets from Colorado State University: <https://bit.ly/3dJgkPN>

### Books

#### Picture Books

*Du Iz Tak?* (2016) by Carson Ellis (F)

*Moth* (2019) by Isabel Thomas and Daniel Egnéus (NF)

#### Early Readers

*Ants Don't Wear Pants* (2019) by Kevin McCloskey (NF)

*Bug Girl: Maria Merian's Scientific Vision* (2019) by Sarah Glenn Marsh (NF)

## TIP:

Ask patrons to bring in pictures of insects they cannot identify. See Resources for online bug identification, or ask your expert presenter.

*Snail and Worm: Three Stories About Two Friends (Snail and Worm #1)* (2019) by Tina Kügler (F)

*We Dig Worms* (2019) by Kevin McCloskey (or any Gigggle and Learn book (NF)

*What About Worms!?* (Elephant and Piggie #7) (2020) by Ryan Higgins and Mo Willems (F)

### Middle Grade

*Beetle Boy (Beetle Boy #1)* (2016) by M.G. Leonard (F)

*Bugs in Danger* (2019) by Mark Kurlansky and Jia Liu (NF)

*Evelyn the Adventurous Entomologist: The True Story of a World-Traveling Bug Hunter* (2019) by Christine Evans and Yasmin Imamura (NF)

*The Cricket in Times Square* (2014 [1960]) by George Selden and Garth Williams (F)

*The Girl Who Drew Butterflies: How Maria Merian's Art Changed Science* (2018) by Joyce Sidman (NF)

*The Tiny Hero of Ferny Creek Library* (2017) by Linda Bailey and Victoria Jamieson (F)

### YA

*Birding Is My Favorite Video Game: Cartoons About the Natural World from Bird and Moon* (2018) by Rosemary Mosco (NF)

*Black Light Express* (2017) by Philip Reeve (F)

*Buzz, Sting, Bite: Why We Need insects* (2019) by Anne Sverdrup-Thygeson (adult NF)

*Damselfly* (2018) by Chandra Prasad (F)

*Grasshopper Jungle* (2014) by Andrew Smith (F)

*How We Became Wicked* (2019) by Alexander Yates (F)

*The Insectarium: Collecting, Arranging, and Preserving Bugs Beetles, Butterflies and More* (2018) by Harland Coultas (NF)

*Meal* (2018) by Soleil Ho (F)

*Strange Metamorphosis* (2013) by Paul C.R. Monk (F)

*Starship Troopers* (1959) by Robert Heinlein. (F)

### TIP:

See also Chapter 04: Backyard Habitats for an insect hotel craft and Chapter 05: Backyard Animal Farming for bee and pollinator nonfiction.