

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 Giggle 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.