

ENDANGERED SPECIES BOOKENDS

AGES

Teens

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Teens choose from endangered animal figurines to create bookends to take home (or leave for the library's teen shelves). Include quick facts and/or videos about endangered animals, and remember the endangered species book display! Approximate runtime: 60–90 minutes



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MATERIALS AND PREPARATION

You will need:

- Wood, rocks, bricks, or spare metal bookends
- Acrylic paint, paint brushes, and paper plates
- Newspaper or brown craft paper to protect tables
- Hot glue gun and glue sticks
- Hammer and nails (if using wood)
- Large plastic animal figurines

Set out animal figurines from which teens choose two to paint. While the first coat of paint dries, discuss endangered animals, give quick facts, or show video clips. After the second coat of paint dries, hot glue the painted animals to the bases.

UNIQUE SPACE AND PERSONNEL NEEDS

Add staff for tween audiences and/or large groups. You will need access to electrical outlets for the final step of hot gluing.

TIP:

If you use wood, precut the pieces or ask a local carpenter or hardware store to cut it for you.

RESOURCES

Endangered Species Fiction

Middle Grade

The Invention of Hugo Cabret (2007) by Brian Selznick

The True Blue Scouts of Sugar Man Swamp (2013) by Kathi Appelt

YA

Chomp (2012) by Carl Hiaasen

Endangered (2012) by Eliot Schrefer

Flashpoint (2011) by Sneed B. Collard III

The Highest Tide (2006) by Jim Lynch

The Last Mile (Lithia Trilogy Book #3) (2018) by Blair Richmond

Not a Drop to Drink (2014) by Mindy McGinnis

Scat (2012) by Carl Hiaasen

Skink (2015) by Carl Hiaasen

Stakeout (2011) by Bonnie Doerr

Trail of Lightening (2018) (The Sixth World #1) by Rebecca Roanhorse

Watership Down (2012 [1972]) by Richard Adams

Where Things Come Back (2012) by John Corey Whaley

Wolf Girl: Finding Myself in the Wild (2010) by Doniga Markegard (NF)

Wolves, Boys, and Other Things That Might Kill Me (2011) by Kristen Chandler

TIP:

For endangered species nonfiction, see Chapter 05: Endangered Species Stop Motion Animation.

TIP:

Do your teens know about Cli-Fi? The teen fiction list on this page includes climate fiction titles featuring animals and habitats.