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# Decorating Together

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## Today we hope you will:

- ★ Be inspired to create inclusive, engaging spaces,
- ★ Learn new ways to include your community in summer programming,
- ★ Come away with decoration ideas that are interactive, collaborative, and thematic,
- ★ Find joy in networking and communicating with colleagues across the CSLP Membership!



## ICEBREAKER:

In three words: How does **decorating** the library for summer make you **feel**?

<https://www.menti.com/alikq28ibnkn>



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# Concrete vs. Abstract Themes

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**Library as a Place:  
Why do we Decorate?**

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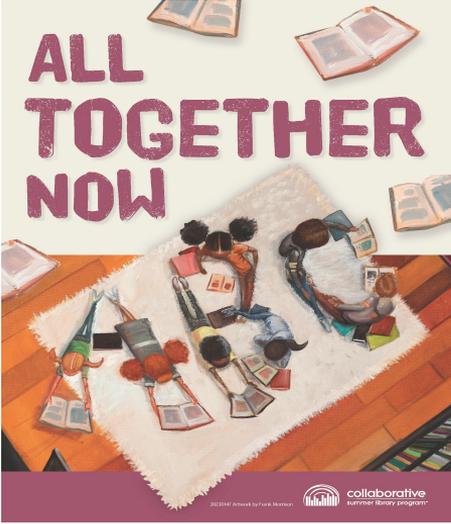
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# 2023 Art & Decor

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# 2023 Artwork by Frank Morrison



# Frank Morrison Artwork: Decoration Ideas!



- ★ Decorate your library with a photo montage of polaroids/printed pictures of patrons holding up a favorite book!

# Frank Morrison Artwork: Tangrams!



[Team Building Thailand](#)



Different color shapes (felt or magnetic board) that youth can create “ABC’s” out of, creating an interactive display.

# Frank Morrison Artwork: Decoration Ideas!



- ★ Have patrons work together to build a robot out of recycled materials to display in the library

# Frank Morrison Artwork: Decoration Ideas!



Wonder Media, Kalamazoo Valley Museum, MI



Traverse Area District Library, MI

# Frank Morrison Artwork: Decoration Ideas!



- ★ Have window or case displays?  
Create a collaborative Lego Display!

# Frank Morrison Artwork: Decoration Ideas!



Create a giant themed street drawing!

# Frank Morrison Artwork: Decoration Ideas!



[Thurston Talk Article](#)

[Carlyon/North Neighborhood Association Article](#)

# Frank Morrison Artwork: Decoration Ideas!



- ★ Black craft paper w/Mandala Stencils for SRP kick-off

Image courtesy of Tennessee State Library

# Adult Poster



Bring in a park bench and set up a fun reading space or photo opportunity in your library!



# Frank Morrison Artwork: Decoration Ideas!



★ “Where do you read?”

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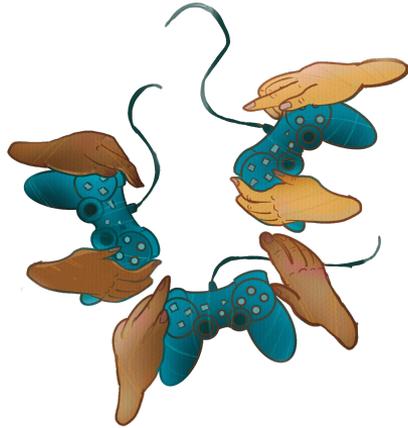
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# 2023 Extra Artwork by Aude Shattuck



# Decorating with Aude Shattuck Artwork



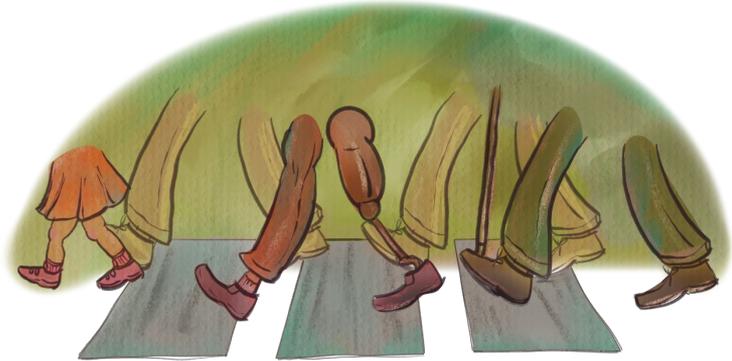
★ Print handprints or people cutouts and have kids place them around a tree or a heart as they visit the library

## Decorating with Aude Shattuck Artwork



- ★ Create a giant watering can, have patrons add flowers and plants they draw or paint to a garden beneath it

# Decorating with Aude Shattuck Artwork



- ★ Marching Feet: Die-cuts of shoes - design your own sneaker to add to bulletin board OR laminate and stick to the floor
- ★ Reflection/Photo-Op: create a crosswalk with a full-length mirror laying horizontally to reflect their feet crossing.

# Decorating with Aude Shattuck Artwork



- ★ Displays for:
  - Playlists
  - Audio Books
  - Video Streaming

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# Engaging Your Community

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## Example: Tiny Art Gallery

- ★ Hand out tiny canvases around the community and have people bring them in for a tiny art exhibit!



West Bloomfield Township Public Library, MI

# Example: Origami Garlands

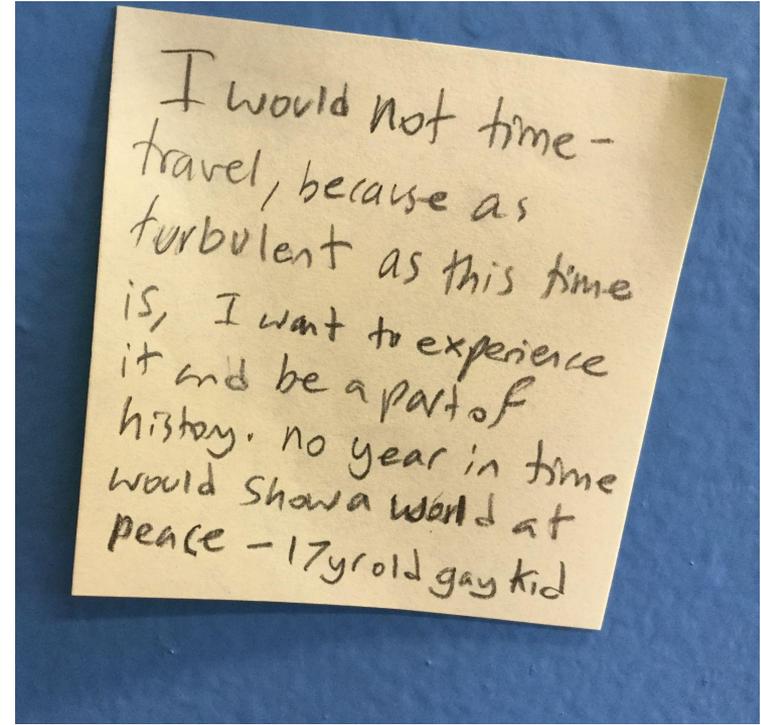
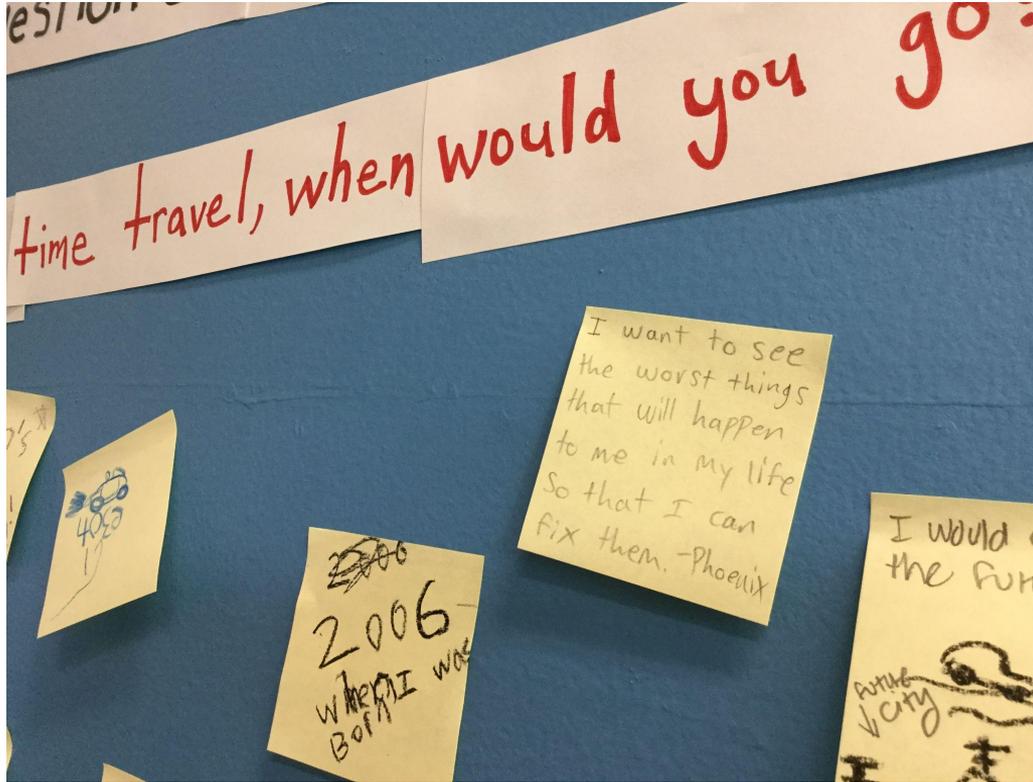
★ Host a station in the library or origami workshops at outreach events, string together creations into garlands to decorate the library!



Image courtesy of Tennessee State Library



# Example: Post-It Wall



Olympia Timberland Library, Olympia, WA

## Example: Self Portrait Gallery

- ★ Create a self-portrait gallery in your library for people to contribute to and show off the diversity and creative of your patrons!



8th Graders, Lake Fenton Schools, MI

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## Example: Draw Together!

- ★ Kids and adults create a collaborative work of art together!



KC and Tobe White collaborative artwork

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# Interactive Decor & Photo Ops

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## Example: Bulletin Board Photo Opp

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Amy Lewis Young, Clinton-Macomb Public Library

## Example: Neurographic Art

★ “Redraw the world!”

Give over a whole wall to this art process or ask teens to draw their own on large pieces of paper that you then hang around the teen area.



Kearsley High School, MI

## Example: All Together Now Photo Frame

★ Photo Frame using artwork for 2023, or have teens create a design to use.



Photo courtesy of Cathy Lancaster,  
Library of Michigan

## Example: Friendship Benches

- ★ Also known as “Kindness” or “Buddy” benches, decorate and place one outside or in your library.



[Friendship Bench](#)

## Example: Puzzle Piece Display

- ★ Buy a giant blank puzzle and leave out the pieces for people to decorate. When it's done, put the puzzle together and display it!



[WebJunction Collaborative Puzzle Art Project](#)

## Example: Photo Opportunities

- ★ There are many animals that live in groups. Pick one to feature in cardboard cut-outs!



Prescott Valley Public Library, AZ

## Example: Interactive Book Displays

- ★ Create a book display with an interactive component, like one of these!

(These displays were mostly created by Freddy Vineberg at the Olympia Timberland Library, an interactive display genius!)

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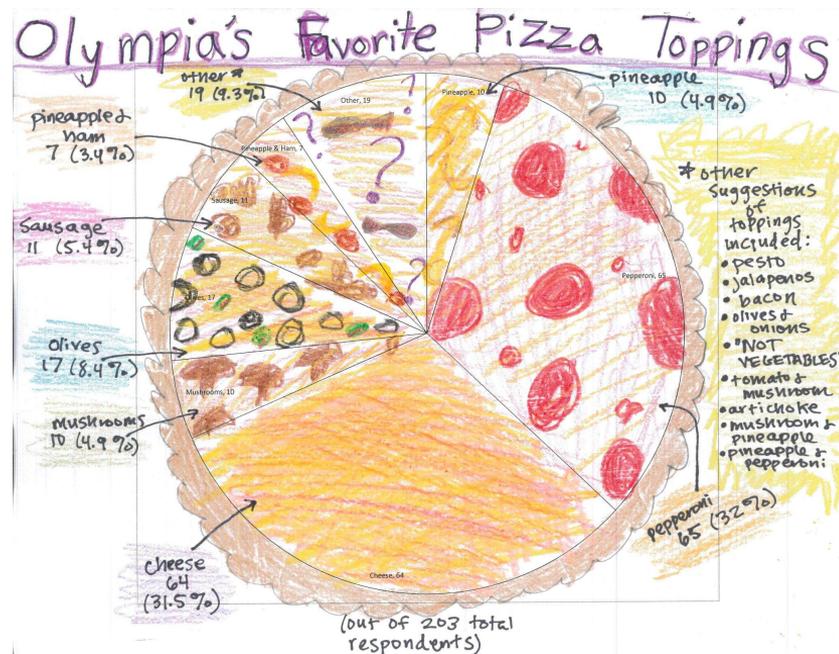




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**Think Big & Beyond!**

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## Example: Community Quilt

- ★ The South Sound Modern Quilt Guild worked together to create this beautiful piece of art for the library!



Olympia Timberland Library, Olympia, WA

# Example: Interactive Mural



“What we mean by interactive is that ... we’re looking at possibilities and ways that we can offer visual cues from the design of the mural itself so that people will be enticed to roll, walk , jump or play on the ground mural itself,” Azzaro said. “We also want it to be an inviting space ... (that is) approachable and accessible for everyone.”

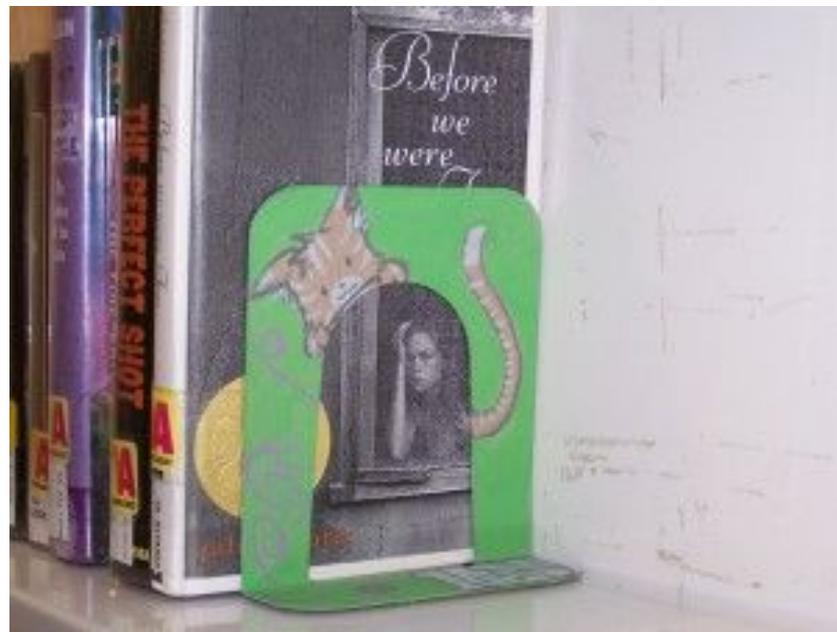


[Mindful Murals](#)

[Superior Township Library Article](#)

## Example: Bookend Decorating

★ Have your patrons paint bookends at home or at a program and use them throughout your library beyond the summer!



[YALSA Blog Post](#)

# Example: Peace Poles



Decorated garden posts at each branch location, or use as a fundraiser or prizes.



St. Charles Public Library, MO

# Example: Kindness Rocks



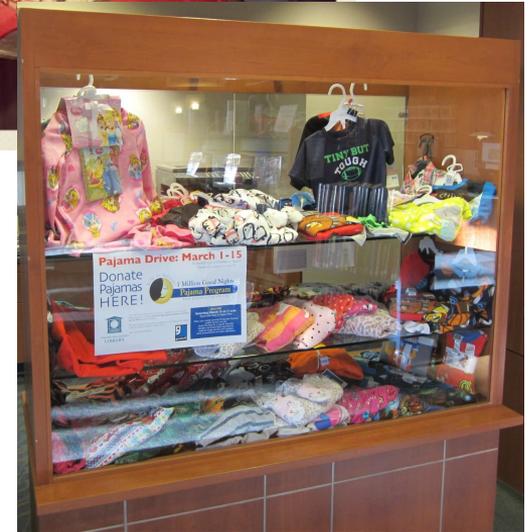
Outdoor decor:  
Kindness Rock  
Inspiration Garden!



<https://www.thekindnessrocksproject.com/>

# Example: Donation Boxes

★ Do a donation drive for a local organization and be sure to use donations as a display in your windows!



Traverse Area District Library, MI



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# What's Next?

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# Google Sharing Form!



Add your decorating ideas to the Google form at this link! You'll have access to all of the idea submissions:

<https://bit.ly/CSLPdecor23>



To view submissions:

<https://bit.ly/DecorIdeas23>



# Social Media Sharing

★ Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram: **@CSLPreads**

★ Facebook Groups:

- [CSLP - Feeding the Whole Child: Libraries and Food](#)
- [CSLP's Official Summer Library Programming Group!](#)

# Newsletter

★ CSLP produces a newsletter with ideas on a regular basis, make sure you are subscribed!



[Sign Up Here!](#)

**Now let's hear from you!**

# Thank You!

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