SUPER LIBRARIANS PRESENT:

CELEBRATING DIVERSITY & MULTICULTURALISM THROUGH CRAFTS

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TODAY’S DISCUSSION

KEY TOPICS

• When do children notice “differences”?
• Cultural Appreciation vs. Cultural Appropriation
• Developing cultural sensitivity
• Engaging with families
• Why diversity and inclusiveness is so important in crafts and in the library?
• Our philosophy
• Crafts you can do at your library
• Time to make a change
WE ARE DIFFERENT, WE ARE THE SAME: HELPING CHILDREN LEARN ABOUT DIVERSITY

"FILL THEIR LIVES WITH AS MANY POSITIVE EXPERIENCES WITH DIVERSITY AS POSSIBLE"
WHEN DO CHILDREN NOTICE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PEOPLE?

- At age 2, children begin to notice gender & racial differences.
- At 2½ or so, children learn gender labels (boy/girl) which they begin to apply to skin color.
- Around 3 years of age, children notice physical disabilities.
- At about 4-5 years, they start to display gender-appropriate behavior and become fearful of differences.
LEARNING ABOUT DIFFERENT CULTURAL ASPECTS OFFER NEW EXPERIENCES FOR CHILDREN. IT ALSO HELPS THEM REALIZE THAT WE’RE ALL HUMANS, DESPITE DIFFERENCES IN HOW WE LOOK OR DRESS, OR WHAT WE EAT OR CELEBRATE.
APPRECIATION VS. APPROPRIATION

What's is the difference?  What you can do?  Celebrate, DO NOT appropriate!
DEVELOPING CULTURAL SENSITIVITY

- Open, respectful dialogue about other cultures is essential.
- Focus on weaving diversity into the fabric of children’s lives.
GETTING TO KNOW YOUR FAMILIES

BE AVAILABLE

BE INFORMATIVE

BE RECEPTIVE
Learning to appreciate differences...
And... to appreciate similarities!
TAKE A MOMENT!
QUICK POLL:

As much as we can celebrate our differences, we can also celebrate our similarities. We’re all born with 300 bones, but how many do we have as an adult?
CRAFTS CAN OFFER A FUN WAY FOR CHILDREN TO LEARN ABOUT DIFFERENCES AND SIMILARITIES AMONG PEOPLE AND CAN ALSO HELP TO INTRODUCE THEM TO THE CONCEPT OF DIVERSITY
All types of differences such as race, religion, language, traditions, and gender identities can be introduced through crafts and activities.
Multicultural & Diversity crafts can teach children to celebrate and respect differences and similarities in everyone!
CELEBRATE DIVERSITY WITH CRAFTS!
RAMADAN
ROCK ON RAMADAN!
DIWALI
DIY DIYA!
PRIDE
PRIDE STREAMERS!
DIA DE LOS MUERTOS
MINI ALTARS
MULTICULTURAL CRAFT
PAPER DOLLS
TIME TO MAKE A CHANGE.
FROM AWARENESS TO ACTION!
THANK YOU!

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