



**Legos, Pokémon, and Book Clubs:
After-school Activities for the
Elementary Set
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Starting your club

What books are most popular for your 5-10 or 8-12 age groups?

Cookbooks?

Pokemon?

Legos?

Star Wars?

Board Games?

Magic?

Science?

Chess?



- **How do you anticipate needs?**
- **Are parents asking for specific types of books or programs?**
- **Are multiple children expressing interest in the same type of books and/or events?**



- **Know your audience:**
- **What age range of kids most frequently stay for periods of time in the library?**
- **Is there a need for after school programs in your area?**



How often do you meet?

Weekly? Bi-weekly? Monthly?

Evenings?

Afternoons?

Mornings?



Lego Club

**Where to get Legos:
Donations of Legos
Friends group
E-bay
Other?**



- **Directed Play**
- **Themes**
- **Criteria**
 - must use this**
 - type of brick etc.**
- **Sharing out the blocks/pieces**
- **Dump vs. Containers?**

Displaying your Lego sculptures





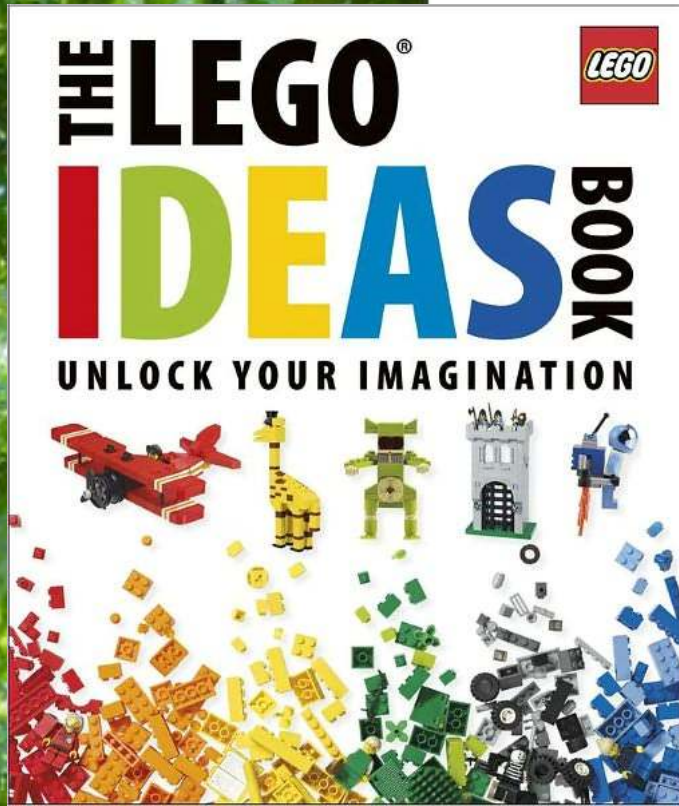




Don't forget clean up!



..And don't forget the books!



- The Lego Ideas Book
- LEGO star wars character encyclopedia by Hannah Dolan
- LEGO brickmaster: star wars
- LEGO star wars: the visual dictionary
- Standing Small by Nevin Martell
- The Lego Book

- As well as early reader LEGO series
By Greg Farshtey, Daniel Lipkowitz, Ace Landers, and more



BOOK CLUB

- Not all books work well for book clubs
- Know your age group
- Know their interests
- Know their reading levels
- Have a backup book for conservative families







Passive Crafts/Seasonal Clubs

- Crafts are huge at our library and programs around different hands on ideas are terrific ways to get kids excited about books that tie in to what they did.



One time programs and events

- Art Shows
- Kid bookmark design contest
- Fancy Nancy parties – tea party
- Diary of a Wimpy Kid parties
- Pokemon party
- Titanic Party
- Teddy Bear Picnic Parties
- Stuffed Animal Overnight parties



One time programs and events

- Decorate your own
 - Holiday card
 - Picture frame
 - Headband
 - T-shirt (stencils & fabric paint)
 - Bookmark
 - Origami
 - Comic strip
 - Hemp jewelry
 - Tissue paper flowers
 - Gingerbread house
 - Cupcakes
 - Burnt toast art



Crafts that work well for groups

- Jewelry
- Simple Science Projects
- Air drying clay
- Duct Tape
- No bake recipes or food ideas

Candy sushi

Pickle cars

Scrapbooking or Altered books



Where do you get ideas?

- Summer Reading Manuals
- OLA Conference!
- [Pinterest](#)
- Blogs
 - <http://kidsbookclub.pbworks.com/>
 - <http://kidsblogs.nationalgeographic.com/dogearred/>
 - <http://www.scholastic.com/bookwizard/>
 - Pubyac listserve