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*** Summer Reading Program***

Gardening and Nature

Description:

Decorate a bird house or feeder

Materials:

- Provided birdhouse or feeder
 - We have several premade birdhouses and feeders
 - Others will be kits to put together
- Hammer for kits
- Paints and paint brushes
- Collected materials to embellish
- Glue for attaching collected materials
- Paper and pencil

Note/Tip:

- Please call ahead to register for this program so we may provide enough kits for each child
- Please let us know if your child would like to make their own birdhouse or birdfeeder, or if they are too young and need a pre-assembled one

Instructions:

- For kits, assemble according to included instructions
- Paint your birdhouse or feeder
- Glue on the materials you've collected, such as

- Bark, pinecones or pinecone scales, acorn caps, dried leaves or flowers
- Fabric flowers, leaves and berries
- Can pull tabs, paperclips, bottle caps, thumb tacks
- beads, glitter, stickers, whatever makes an interesting design
- Hang outside for the birds to enjoy

Observations/Results:

- Do the birds come to visit your creation
- Do any birds make nests in your birdhouses
- Do they lay their eggs in their nests?
- What are the nests made of?
- Do any of the eggs hatch
- How many birds visit your bird feeder
- Try different types of birdseed and see which they prefer
- Photograph your finished project and send the library a copy
- Make notes of your observations and send them to the library, too

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