

# Be a Hero with the 2015 Texas Summer Reading Children's and Early Literacy Programs

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## C&LP Children's Manual

### Chapter 2

#### Displays

- Guess Who? Bulletin Board – pg 51
- Community Heroes Display – pg 52
- Superhero Stand-Ups – pg 52

### Chapter 3 - Heroes Throughout History

**Craft:** Goliath Paper Bag Puppets - pg 83  
*Goliath: Hero of the Great Baltimore Fire* by Claudia Friddell Pg 83

**Extra Craft:** Stick Horse

Materials: newspaper, xeroxed horses heads onto cardstock, yarn, tape, stapler

Directions:

Roll two or three sheets of opened up newspaper into a long tube. Tape or staple the horses head onto the top of the paper tube. You can staple two heads if you want, one on each side of the tube. Tape yarn on the head for reins.

**Group Activity:** Kitten Rescue Scavenger Hunt - pg 84  
*The Bravest Cat! The True Story of Scarlett* by Laura Driscoll  
*Hero Cat* by Eileen Spinelli

### Chapter 4 - Community Heroes

**Group Game:** Firefighters' Relay - pg 120

**Craft:** Patriotic Star Wreath - pg 122  
Paper Wreaths  
<http://www.pinterest.com/scrapbuckcom/paper-wreaths/>

**Craft:** Mini marshmallow shooters – pg 126  
[www.cometogtherkids.com/2011/09/mini-marshmallow-shooters-or-pom-pom.Html](http://www.cometogtherkids.com/2011/09/mini-marshmallow-shooters-or-pom-pom.Html)

**Craft:** Giant Tortoise Rocks – pg 130  
**Book:** Mzee in *Owen & Mzee: The True Story of a Remarkable Friendship*

**Craft:** Dog Hero Origami – pg 133  
Copies of the Dog Hero Origami instructions – pg 160

### Chapter 5 Superheroes to the Rescue!

**Game:** Kryptonite Disposer Race - pg 173

**Flannel Board Rhyme:** Ready for Action – pg 169  
By Shawn Wolf  
Reproducible pattern - pg 184. You will need a person, mask, cape, insignia, belt, lasso, and vehicle.

**Game:** Flying Superhero Balloon Race - pg 178  
Flying Superhero reproducible - pg 196

**Bulletin Board/Passive Program:** Name the Superhero – pg 180

**Craft:** Superhero Balloon Juggling Balls - pg 182

## Chapter 6 Bam! Pow! Read! Superhero Training Camp

**Superhero Camp Song** - pg 204

Sung to the tune of "Tooty Ta" by Dr. Jean.

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=5fltOXEJDeQ&feature=kp](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5fltOXEJDeQ&feature=kp)

### Costumes

Dress the Part: Basic Superhero Medal – pg 205

Dress the Part: Crusader's Cape - pg 207

Dress the Part: Fabulous Fabric Wrist Cuffs - pg 213

Dress the Part: Amazing Accessories (Belts and Headbands) -pg 214

Dress the Part: Fabric Secret Agent Mask - pg 217

Dress the Part: Paper Mighty Masks - pg 217

Reproducibles - pgs 227–230

More Costumes in Early Literacy Manual

Superhero Masks - pg 96

Superhero Capes - pg 97

[Doomestic No Sew Capes](#)

### Feats and Deeds:

- Balloon Minefield - pg 211
- Group Game: Save the People - pg 212
- Feats and Deeds: Laser Field - pg 214

## Chapter 7 - Spectacular Sidekicks

**Sidekicks Lunch Bunch** – pg 241 - 242

- Gadget #1: Secret Message Decoders
- Gadget #3: Twirling Torpedoes
- Reproducible – pg 256

**Sixty-Second Superheroes and Sidekicks** - pgs 242 – 244

- Balloon Bounce
- What Goes Up Must Come Down
- Puzzler

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**Preschool Talent Show** – pg 25

**Fingerplay:** Grandma's Glasses – pg 42

**Song:** "My Grandfather Clock" – pg 42

by Bob McGrath and Katharine Smithrim

**Behind the Scenes at the Library** - pg 64

**Flannel Board** – *My Truck Is Stuck!* by Kevin Lewis - pg 78

**Craft:** Fire Helmet - pg 79

Also in Chapter 3 of the Children's Manual pg 121

Reproducible - pg 136

**Flannel Board:** Vegetable Soup - pg 118

**Song:** "Noodles in My Soup" - pg 120

**Flannel Board Story** - pg 136

Book: *Planting Seeds* by Nancy Elizabeth Wallace.

Reproducible pattern - pg 148

**Display:** Family Pets Display - pg 160

**Craft:** Woolly Sheep - pg 163

Reproducible - pg 175

Alternative: clothes pin legs

## School

Music: "Super Hero Day"

Kimmy Schwimmy's song. Have teens learn the dance or make up their own.

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=MNUUgS33smY](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MNUUgS33smY)

Song's lyrics reproducible – pg 198

Fables: Lion and the Mouse – pg 131

History: Wilma Rudolph

Kids Heroes:

<http://www.kidsareheroes.org/lily.htm>

## Resources and Extras

Texas State Library and Archive Commission

<http://www.tsl.texas.gov/>

The Collaborative Summer Library Program

<http://www.cslpreads.org/>

### Grants for Library Programs

Texas Commission on the Arts

This is an easy grant to apply for. It covers 20—50% of performer's fees that are on the Texas Touring Roster.

To get started you will need a user ID and password.

Contact Derek Mudd at 512-936-6563 or

[derek@arts.texas.gov](mailto:derek@arts.texas.gov).

#### ***Application deadlines:***

- **August 1** - performances occurring Sept. 1-Dec. 14
- **November 1** - performances from Dec. 15-March 14
- **February 1** - performances between March 15-June 14
- **May 1** - performances between June 15-Aug. 31

### Batman Party Ideas

[Batman Cube Craft](#)

[Batman Mask](#)

[Batman and Robin Tube Toy](#)

[Party Snacks and Games](#)

[Bat Stick Puppet](#)

[Comic Book Coasters](#)

[Comic Book Necklace](#)

[Comic Book Necklace 2](#)

[Comic Book Wallets](#)

[Pin the Symbol on Batman Game](#)

### Superhero Lists

<http://www.superherodb.com/characters/>

- Superheroes and their villains
- Superpowers
- Sidekicks

### American Sign Language

[www.signingsavvy.com](http://www.signingsavvy.com)

### ASL Pro

[www.aslpro.com/](http://www.aslpro.com/)