



Pirate Treasure Hunt!

Family or School-Age Program for Summer 2010

Note: This sample outline is a “lunch bunch” type program for school-age children, but can also be adapted as a family program with light refreshments.

- 11:30 am –noon **Craft:** Make a swashbuckling **Clothespin Pirate!** Then find the clues to our “treasure hunt” in a **Pirate Word Search!**
- 12:00 –12:30 pm Munch your lunch, ye salty dogs, including **Pirate Booty & limeade** (*to prevent scurvy*) while listening to **Pirate Lore & Legends** and an excerpt from ***The Not-So-Jolly Roger*** by Jon Scieszka.
- 12:30 –1:00 pm Use your **Pirate Word Search Clues** to hunt for **hidden pirate pictures** in the Children’s Library. Then return to the meeting room for our **Gangplank Prize** drawings. (*What, did you think pirates had **door prizes**!?*)

Elements of a Pirate Treasure Hunt Program

Craft

Clothespin pirate [...see separate handout at workshop & sample on display table]

Pirate Word Search

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Pirate Lore & Legends

Cull interesting piratical factoids from favorite nonfiction books, such as...

The Ballad of the Pirate Queens – Jane Yolen. Harcourt Brace, 1995.

Pirate – Richard Platt. Dorling Kindersley Eyewitness Books, 2007.

Pirate Diary: the Journal of Jake Carpenter – Richard Platt. Candlewick Press, 2001.

Pirateology: the Pirate Hunter’s Companion – Dugold Steer. Candlewick Press, 2006.

Pirates: Robbers of the High Seas – Gail Gibbons. Little, Brown, 1993.

Series: Edge Books, *Real World of Pirates* (6 vols.) – Liam O’Donnell. Capstone Press, 2007.

Pirate Treasure Hunt

Participants hunt for 10 laminated pictures hidden throughout the library, using clues found in the Pirate Word Search. If the word search is not used, simply make a list of the words from the word search for “treasure hunters” to check off as they look for the hidden pictures. Note: It’s very important to stress that the treasure hunters do not remove the pictures as they find them! They must stay hidden so everyone can have the fun of hunting for them.

Gangplank Prizes (a random drawing)

Here are a few suggestions:

- child’s pirate costume, or just the hat
- pirate children’s books or puzzles
- *Pirates of the Caribbean* DVD or soundtrack
- *Pirates of the Caribbean* edition The Game of LIFE

Hidden Pictures for Hunting

See separate document of 16 full page clip art images – yes, that’s more than 10, but you get more choices!

More Books

Captain and Matey Set Sail – Daniel Laurence

Edward and the Pirates – David McPhail

How I Became a Pirate – Melinda Long

How to Be a Pirate – Cressida Cowell

The Indoor Pirates and

The Indoor Pirates on Treasure Island, by Jeremy Strong

(both described as “hopelessly silly pirates adventures”)

The Man Whose Mother was a Pirate –Margaret Mahy

Peter and the Starcatchers – Dave Barry

Pirate Girl – Cornelia Funke

The Pirate Uncle – Margaret Mahy

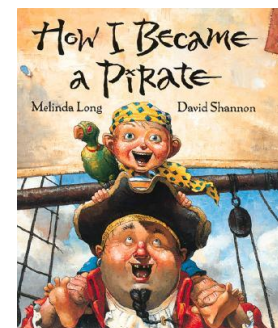
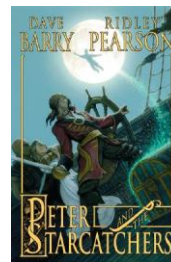
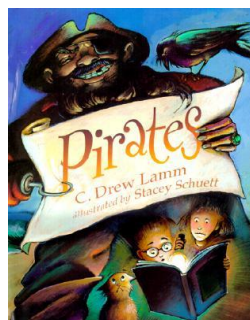
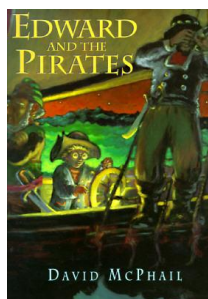
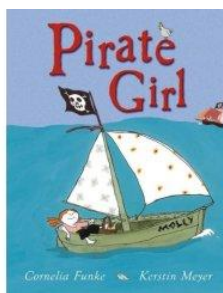
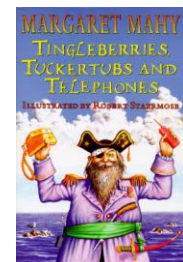
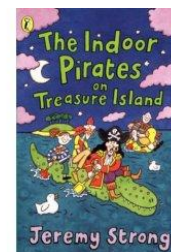
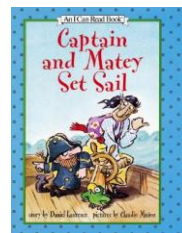
Pirates – C. Drew Lamm

Pirates Don’t Change Diapers – Melinda Long

The Pirate’s Mixed-Up Voyage: Dark Doings in the Thousand Islands

Tingleberries, Tuckertubs and Telephones: a Tale of Love and Ice Cream

– Margaret Mahy



Yo-Ho-Ho, have a barrel of fun!



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Word Search

H W T P X D S K C Y C M T J N
E Y W W I S M R B S L S B O I
X E M A A R O O P A E Y R L A
F U R L E W A L M H H W T L T
M U T T S G V T C P P L M Y P
E U L N M R Z E E G P D X R A
C Y E J M L R G K G X N W O C
Z S B V T U A X P H I K G G V
T D T X S K F P B K T R N E H
N H Q A Z G F V O W B Q L R F
V N E G I J E T A R I P I I D
Q R S U N K E N T R E A U R E
T G C N Y I E O U A U O M A P
H O P O J Z M Q J X K D D R B
O V A C R J D R H M Z T K S Y

Can you find the items listed below in the word search puzzle above? (In the puzzle, there are no spaces between 2-word items.....& some of the words are spelled backwards!

CAPTAIN
CROWS NEST
CUTLASS
JOLLY ROGER
MAP

PALM TREE
PIRATE GIRL
PIRATE JIG
SUNKEN TREASURE
TREASURE CHEST



