

## Adult Take & Make Ideas for Your Library

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### Questions:

- Do patrons help themselves to kits or do they have to reserve a kit?
  - Melissa - both. They have some available to pick up on tables in the library and if a patron is making an appointment to pick up at the drive-up window, they can reserve one
  - Lindsey - both. They have some on tables in the entryway and by the circulation desk. When patrons needed to make an appointment for curbside, they could request a kit. When the library opens without needing an appointment, the kits will be first come, first served.
- Annual Report question - Lindsey counts all the kits picked up for the annual report
  - Melissa does too
- Craft budget for the year?
  - Lindsey - it's part of the overall Programming budget and since they're not spending as much on in-person programming, they have some flexibility in their spending. She aims for \$1-\$3 per person per kit.
  - Melissa - about \$250 per project (total) and she usually makes about 50 kits (depending on the project).
- Partnership/Collaboration
  - Lindsey works with her City Media Coordinator for the filming and editing of the videos
  - [Bright Futures of Wisconsin](#) partnership to help with the packaging and assembling of kits
  - Could also use other local volunteers for this
- Ideas for supplies
  - For the macrame jars
    - Have people use their own jar, whatever kind
    - Canning jars
      - I JUST saw this question. People can definitely provide their own jars, but the measurement for different size jars is different - just a heads up. :-)
  - For packaging supplies
    - Clear poly zip envelope plastic organizer envelopes from Amazon (16 for \$11)
- Microphone recommendations
  - Melissa uses the microphone in her phone. Her voice carries so it isn't a problem. It does pick up everything, though, so be careful in setting things down.
  - Lindsey uses a microphone from their City Media Coordinator

- David Lee King recently reviewed a lavalier microphone on his blog here: <https://davidleeking.com/fifine-lavalier-microphone-test/>
- Video editing software
  - Recommended in chat: [Animotica](#)
  - SCLS libraries have a video editor on staff computers. You can add music, change the speed, add text, add photos, etc. in the video editor app.
  - Melissa uses Adobe Premier Rush (part of Adobe Creative Suite) and YouTube lets you do some editing
- Royalty free music sources
  - Soundzabound is no longer available through BadgerLink (<https://badgerlink.dpi.wi.gov/bulletin/2020/06/soundzabound-music-library-no-longer-available-pbs-wisconsin-education>) but a quick Google search gave me lots of options for royalty free music. Music options may also be available in editing software.
- Do you ever have the list of supplies so that if someone comes along after a craft is done so that people can recreate a project months later?
  - Melissa: I don't have supplies listed, other than saying what they are in the video. However, I have had people ask me for the supplies and I happily share the links.
- Beaded Garden Stakes:
  - Amazon! Copper wire - Melissa's correction post webinar: I had ordered 14 gauge. It's pretty soft. It will work, but I want something a bit heavier I think. I (Remember my "Try Before You Buy" tip? ;-)
  - Instructions will be on their site next month: <https://www.mhpl.org/>