



Library program

You're A Star – Hollywood Theme

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Overview

Wait a minute, wait a minute. You ain't heard nothin' yet!" – The Jazz Singer

Both the playground of stars and the boulevard of broken dreams, Hollywood transformed American society with its motion pictures that revolutionized the entertainment world. Exploring the golden age of Hollywood and the silver screen will truly be a time worth remembering”

Setting The Stage

It's Showtime! Place a clapboard near the library doorway to introduce the theme.

Take a digital picture of each teacher in Hollywood glam – sunglasses, boas, and top hats. Print in black and white and have teachers autograph their photos. Beside their photo, title "Accreditations" and list their favourite books.

Create a Hollywood set with a director's chair; a Hollywood Hills sign; megaphones, clapboards, film reels, movie tickets, trophy, a red carpet, and imprints of student's handprints in plaster of Paris or stepping stones to resemble the Walk of Fame near the Chinese Theatre. The Hollywood Megastore (<http://www.hollywoodmegastore.com>) is an invaluable source for thematic supplies. Posters of famous people reading are available from www.getcaughtreading.com.

Prepare a glitzy display of Willow nominees and Newbery potential winners. Showcase students' book responses on a wall with red curtains pulled to the sides like in the movie theatres. For a marquee effect, string rope lights to frame the exhibit.

Meet The Stars

The star-studded Hollywood theme lends itself to an examination of award winning books. Students determine what they consider to be the most distinguished contributions to literature for children in two categories: Willow Awards and Outstanding Literature.

The book club members read new books published between January and December of the preceding year and nominate the very best to be considered for the Mock Newbery Award and the Mock Willow Award. The club selects the award winning and honour books prior to the official announcement made by the American Library Association (ALA) and The Willow Award Committee for the year. The Newbery Award is announced by ALA each January and the Willow Award winners are announced after March.

The categories for the Mock Willow Award are:

- [Shining](#)
- [Diamond](#)
- [Snow](#)

To determine the potential Newbery winning books, either create a list of selected books or as a book club, develop a list of nominees for the Newbery Award. The book club members read new books published between January and December of the preceding year and nominate the very best to be considered for the Mock Newbery Award. The club selects the Mock Newbery Award and Honor Books prior to the official announcement made by the American Library Association (ALA) for the year. The real Newbery Award is announced by ALA each January.

Books "In The Spotlight"

Evince interest in the nominated books through booktalks at school assemblies, classroom visits, and through newsletters.

Casting Calls

Organize casting calls in which students read, trade, and discuss the books. The book club can be a venue to:

- Discuss and research the author's intents, style, content, or format
 - Clarify meaning
 - Speculate about text yet to be read
 - Determine an author's intent, style, content, or format
 - Locate a specific answer in text or consider rhetorical questions inspired by the text
- (Keene and Zimmerman)

Upon completion of a book, students complete one of the following collaborative projects:

Roger and Ebert (Booktalks)

Be the critic! Students rate read potential award-winning books based on a star scale. Supply the writing prompt "I would give this book 5 stars because ..." or "I would give this book a thumbs up/thumbs down because...". Place the book reviews on a bulletin board.

Creation with Choice:

- Students submit an online Book Review (Amazon, Scholastic, etc).
- Students create an online booktalk (podcast or blog post)

Lewis Theatre Movie Premiere

Walk the red carpet as a famous Hollywood Movie Mogul. Showcase the book as a premiere.

Creation with Choice:

- Book Trailers (MultiMedia tools: iMovie, Windows movie maker, PowerPoint, PhotoStory 3, VoiceThread, Photoblog, SplashMedia;
- Sharing tools (Embedding within blogs, YouTube, TeacherTube, SlideShare)
- Comic Strip (ToonDoo)
- Digital Storytelling (Slide.com, Toufee.com, SplashCast, Scrapblog)

The Backlot

Look behind the velvet ropes of stardom for a behind-the-scenes look at the conceptual formation of a story.

Creation With Choice

- Image generators
 - Posters and book jackets (digital photography, photosharing, photo manipulation tools/toys)
 - Movie posters - Create customized movie posters using FD Flickr Toys

(<http://bighugelabs.com/flickr/>). Students choose the photo, titles, and credits.

- Star Magazine – Compile short author biographies into a FAN magazine (FD Flickr Toys: [Magazine cover - http://bighugelabs.com/flickr/](http://bighugelabs.com/flickr/)).
- Concept- or Mind-Mapping tools (Bubbl.us, Gliffy, Mindomo)

Culmination

End the era of Hollywood glamour by hosting *A Night With The Stars*. To prepare for the gala, potential invitees must have read at least three of the selected books and completed a project for each novel. Students who qualify receive a note informing parents of the black tie affair.

Preparations

Invitations

- Make your guests feel like celebrities with Hollywood Star Event Invitations! Seal with a gold star.

Decorations

- Post an entryway sign that reads ENTER VIP AREA HERE. Place above the doorway with double-stick tape.
- Roll out the Red Carpet Runner for guests to walk on.
- Place guests in the spotlight using inexpensive spotlight looking lights
- Create a great picture taking spot.
- Hang white Christmas lights to provide a shimmer.
- Place stars on the floor saying each guests name

Arrival

- Rush arrivals by a man in a tuxedo and a microphone.
- Interview and tape each arrival walking down the red carpet.
- Arrange for someone to take pictures of the stars on the runway.

Table of Decorations

- Place 3-D Stars Centerpiece from Hollywood Megastore on each table
- Drape black tablecloths on each table.
- Decorate each chair with a black fabric and a gold bow.
- Set the table with Hollywood themed party supplies such as: paper plates, cups, and napkins to add flair to the party!

Dinner

- **Sparkling apple cider** to replicate champagne. Serve drinks in plastic champagne flutes.
- Serve food on **silver platters**. Request white glove service if the affair is catered.
- Serve dry snacks and appetizers in metallic or black-flocked top hats turned upside-down.
- Star shaped cheeses and meats with crackers
- Garnish food with edible loose-leaf gold, and cover dessert in tiny edible silver and gold balls.

Events

- **Book Trailers** – Watch students' created slideshows persuading others to vote for their choice of the award-winning book.
- **Best or Worst Dressed?** The same teams had to create an outfit out of feather boas, shiny fabrics, and other random things. I would then model them down the runway and all the parents would decide who won. Cameras are a must during this game!!!
- **Shining Star Karaoke** - Teams sing and dance to songs from movies originated from books.
- **Vote For The Best Book** – Students cast their ballot for their favourite novel of the year. Award the winning book a trophy.

Party Favours

- **Lights, Camera, Action Goodie Bags** - 20 small bags from Hollywood Megastore are perfect for giving away a handful of goodies to guests.
- **Hollywood Camera Pencils** - Pencils from Hollywood Megastore feature a movie camera on top, with rotating dials.