

Book-Themed Parties Report

Your party theme: Captain Underpants (book series by Dav Pilkey)

Your name: Laura Miles

Date of the event: November 11, 2008

Short summary of the event:

Children answered trivia questions about the Captain Underpants books, discovered their new, gross name, and played games relating to the theme, such as an underwear toss and decorating their own toilet seat.

How much time and how many staff were needed to:

	# hours	# staff
Plan & prepare activities	8	2
Set up	0.75	2
During the event	1	3 (+1 teen volunteer)
Clean up	0.5	2

What were your favorite aspects?

1. Trivia power point: The kids really knew facts from the books! I think they enjoyed answering questions about something fun and interesting to them.
2. Reading aloud: Everyone loved hearing a chapter from a book. It was fun for me, too!

What would you do differently if you did this party again?

1. Change the power point: Besides using trivia from the books, I also included some riddles and jokes. The jokes weren't funny to the kids, though I loved them! So I would cut some of those out for their sake. ☺
2. Allow more time for reading aloud: Cut out some slides on the power point so we can read more silly underwear books or poems aloud. I ran out of time during that segment of the program.

Details and instructions for specific activities, crafts, etc.: (Attach copies of activity pages, handouts, etc.)

1. To create the "toilets" for the underwear toss game, I used two shallow, wide boxes we had around the library. I cut out toilet seat shapes from white posterboard and hot glued them to the tops of the boxes.
2. Jessica found fun pictures of Captain Underpants online, and then she turned them into power point slides. We used characters and events from the books for questions, along with facts about the author and jokes.

Useful resources (websites, books, etc.):

Books

Cool Story Programs for the School-Aged Crowd by Rob Reid

The chapter on “Underwear and Other Unruly Clothing” gave me great ideas! Every library should have this book. It has creative programs for kids grades K-6. He also offers suggestions to tweak the programs for preschoolers and older kids. I’ve used this resource many, many times.

Series-ly Celebrating: Book Parties for Popular Children’s Series
by Sharron Cohen and Christy Rosso

Something Funny Happened at the Library by Rob Reid

I used several ideas from his section on theme parties.

Websites

www.pilkey.com/junk.php

Coloring pages, word searches and mazes. Give away at the program.

Website also has tons of jokes, info about Dav Pilkey, and games for kids.

www.scholastic.com/captainunderpants/fun.htm

How to draw Captain Underpants. Give away at the program.

www.champaign.lib.oh.us/photoalbum/captunder02.htm

This library had good pictures of their party games and displays.