

## THE ARTS

## **ARTIST EXTRAORDINAIRE**

## Do three learning activities with your child, then visit the library to get their badge!

Play with sidewalk chalk with your child. Encourage them to draw pictures and write letters or numbers, and help them as they need it!
Gather a few things that your child can paint with that are not paintbrushes such as sticks, rocks, toothpicks, cotton balls, even plastic figurines. Give your child paint and paper and let them explore painting with new materials.
Use play dough to create sculptures.
Take a walk with your child. Collect different items that you find outside like sticks, leaves, and pebbles. When you get home, have your child make a collage with the items.
Mix primary paint colors (red, yellow, blue) to create new color combinations.

Making art helps build fine motor skills.

Fine motor skills are the coordination of small muscles, usually the hands and fingers. Building these skills will help your child when they learn to write.

