

Published November 22nd, 2023 Autumn craft-making brings kids to the library By Vera Kochan



Maya (7) and brother Lucas (3) are proud of their Autumn Craft creations Photo Vera Kochan

The month of November brings to mind colorful leaves, hot chocolate, and Thanksgiving. On that note, Moraga Librarian Nirit Schnitzer and Librarian Assistant Emily Ferne offered kids the opportunity to attend a free Autumn Crafts event on Nov. 16.

In keeping with the theme of the season, kids could color a white paper acorn and write on it what they were thankful for. The finished product was turned over to library staff to be hung up in the children's area.

Leaf People were made with precut, multi-colored, paper maple leaves for the bodies and pipe cleaners for the arms and legs. Crayons, markers and colored pencils were on hand for any detail-work, such as facial features.

Pre-printed white paper mugs were available for the kids to decorate with stickers and large balls of cotton, which

stood in for marshmallows on their hot cocoa "mugs". It was noted, for those tykes who have a vivid imagination, that the "marshmallows" were not edible.

You can't celebrate Thanksgiving without the obligatory turkey. Paper plates served as the bodies while different colored, paper feathers were attached to bring the bird to "life." Googly eyes gave the doomed-for-Thanksgiving-dinner bird that extra frantic appearance.

As is typical with those parents and nannies that brought younger children, the adults wound up partaking of the assembly process and appeared rather pleased with their results. Oh, to be a kid again!

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