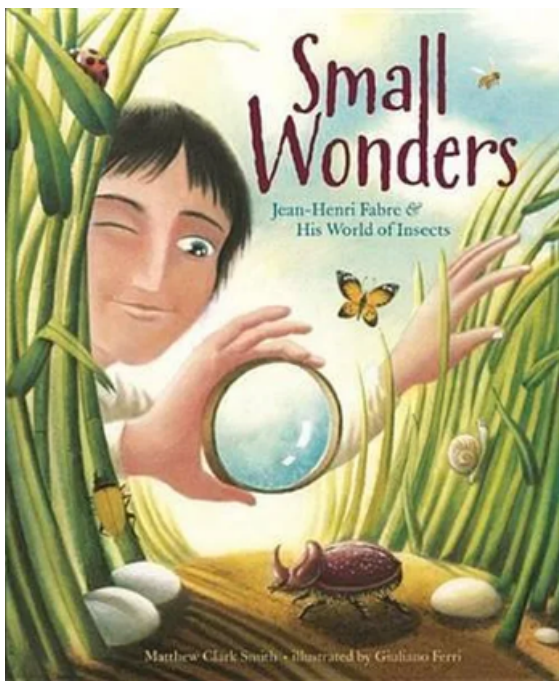


NATURE'S ARTWORK



Insects and bugs may not be your favorite aspect of nature, but they play an important role in maintaining a balance in nature's eco system, and they do it in style. Their bold colors, intricate designs and patterns, and a variety of textures are fantastic natural sources of artistic inspiration.

After reading this month's book, select your favorite insect or bug to serve as your primary source of information for a new drawing, painting or collage. Pull from the bold colors of a scarab beetle, the symmetrical patterns within a butterfly, or the texture of a spider. Begin your work with a regular pencil before adding color and detail with the art material of your choice.

Share photos of your creative process or reading the book using #LymanAllynAtHome. Be sure to check out our latest temporary exhibition *Small Wonders: Insects in Focus* on view until July 23, 2023.



April Book of the Month

*Small Wonders: Jean-Henri Fabre
and His World of Insects*

What better way to introduce young readers to the world of insects than with this picture-book biography of who many consider to be the father of entomology, Jean-Henri Fabre. Allow yourself to get lost in the world of beetles, bees and ladybugs as Giuliano Ferri's illustrations bring incredible detail and life to Mathew Clark Smith's words.