



Lyman Allyn

Book of the Month

Under the Sea

This month our art project is going three-dimensional! Inspired by the aquarium setting of our books, our corresponding art project is to make a diorama, or sculpture, of your favorite water-based friend. Maybe you're inspired by Marcellus and create an octopus hideaway, or you're captivated by a stealthy shark or delicate jellyfish.

We have found that shoe boxes make an excellent base for diorama projects, but you can use any box you have around. Creating a diorama can take time, even over the course of multiple days. Taking this into consideration prior to getting started may help you create a workstation that can be left out or if you need to create a more temporary art set up. When making a diorama the easiest first step is to paint your background then paint details on top once it is dry. Any additional elements you wish to include will be up to you, just keep in mind that using hot glue may be the best way to secure your elements.

We can't wait to see what you create! Share your creations with us using #LymanAllynAtHome.



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Adults will dive into the mind of Marcellus, a giant Pacific octopus whose budding relationship with the aquarium's night shift custodian Tova Sullivan may just help heal a part of her grieving heart. Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby Van Pelt, originally published in May 2022, will make its small screen debut this weekend, so be sure to add this book to your reading list before sitting down for a movie night.

Younger readers will dive into the 1993 award-winning book "My Visit to the Aquarium," written and illustrated by Alike. Join a young boy and his siblings as he explores this fictional aquarium to learn about the creatures under the sea.

