



DIY Mini Library

Celebrate National Library Week in April by designing your own tiny library out of a metal tin and miniatures to display.



Ingredients (Included):

- 1 metal tin
- Patterned paper
- Popsicle sticks
- Miniature books (various kinds, some can be decorated)
- Assorted miniatures, size 1:12
- Book stickers

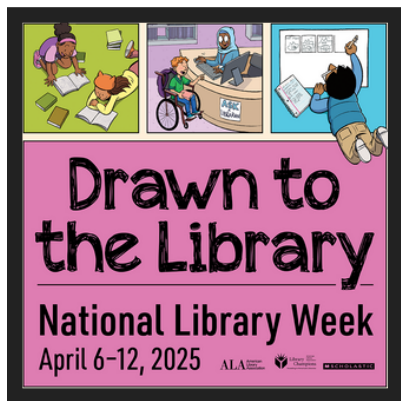
Millions of people across the country visit libraries for a variety of items and experiences. Whatever draws you in, the library has something for everyone. Make your own library replica with the items in this kit to celebrate National Library Week!

There aren't a lot of instructions for this tiny library kit, but here are some tips:

- The popsicle sticks make great shelves. You can cut them to size (carefully!) with sharp scissors. Sand off any sharp edges.

You Supply:

- Glue
- Scissors
- Any other decor you want: some suggestions provided in the instructions



- The patterned paper works well as wallpaper but you can also cut it up for a variety of other uses. Maybe you want to make book covers with it instead!?
- Plan your layout before you start using glue. Some of the miniatures are bigger than others and require more space. This is especially important if you want to be able to close your tin. Mine, pictured above, doesn't close by design. I will leave it open for display.
- Don't forget you can use the bottom of the tin as another shelf!
- Some of the books can be opened and decorated. Make them your own!



- Elmer's glue or a glue stick works fine for the patterned wallpaper. Elmer's will also work for the shelves and miniature items, but hot glue works better for more stability.



- If you're careful and display your tiny library on a level surface, you don't have to glue all of your items down. You can move the books, plants, cups, and more without glue if you want.
- Other ideas for fun decor:
 - paint or collage a Scrabble tile and glue it on the wall as artwork
 - glue letter beads to the wall to spell out a message
 - make and paint tiny furniture out of cardboard or toothpicks
 - decorate the outside too!
- Thanks to the Croton (N.Y.) Free Library for the idea! Photos of tiny libraries other than my own were taken from their National Library Week library display.



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