



Meet Bubbles!

Leveraging Teens' Creativity to Engage Your Whole Library

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Canton Public Library
connecting your community





Who we are



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Your Favorite

Storytimer's

Favorite Storytimer



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Bubbles

Librarian

Reader

Chicken Nugget Lover

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TLC BACKGROUND



TLC Beginnings

Teen Leadership Council is a group of dedicated teens who promote an inclusive and supportive library family. Working from Canton Public Library, we create programs in the library, allow for a social and creative outlet for teens, provide resources for others, and foster a better community.

-TLC Mission Statement



- Empowered to do what **THEY** want
 - Autonomy
- Treated like Adults
- Professional Experiences
 - Interview Process & Project Proposals
 - Working with Community Partners

TLC 
Philosophy



Application Process

- Formal Application*
- Invitation to Interview
- Interviews*
 - Rejections happen
- Paperwork*

*Handouts available



Project Proposals

- Names of Leaders
- Project Name
- Project Description
- Why is it worthwhile?
- Potential Challenges?
- Type of Project
- Logistics
 - Who
 - How Many
 - How Long
 - How Much
- Supply List
- How to Prep
- How to Advertise





How TLC Has Shaped Itself



2021

Themes

Family & Friends
Mental Health
School
Social Issues

2022

Shuffle

Same themes, different groups
Group Leaders

2023

Next Generation

New Brainstorm
Focus on Programs





Project Examples



**Cookies &
Characters**



**Holi
Event**



**Reading
Buddies**

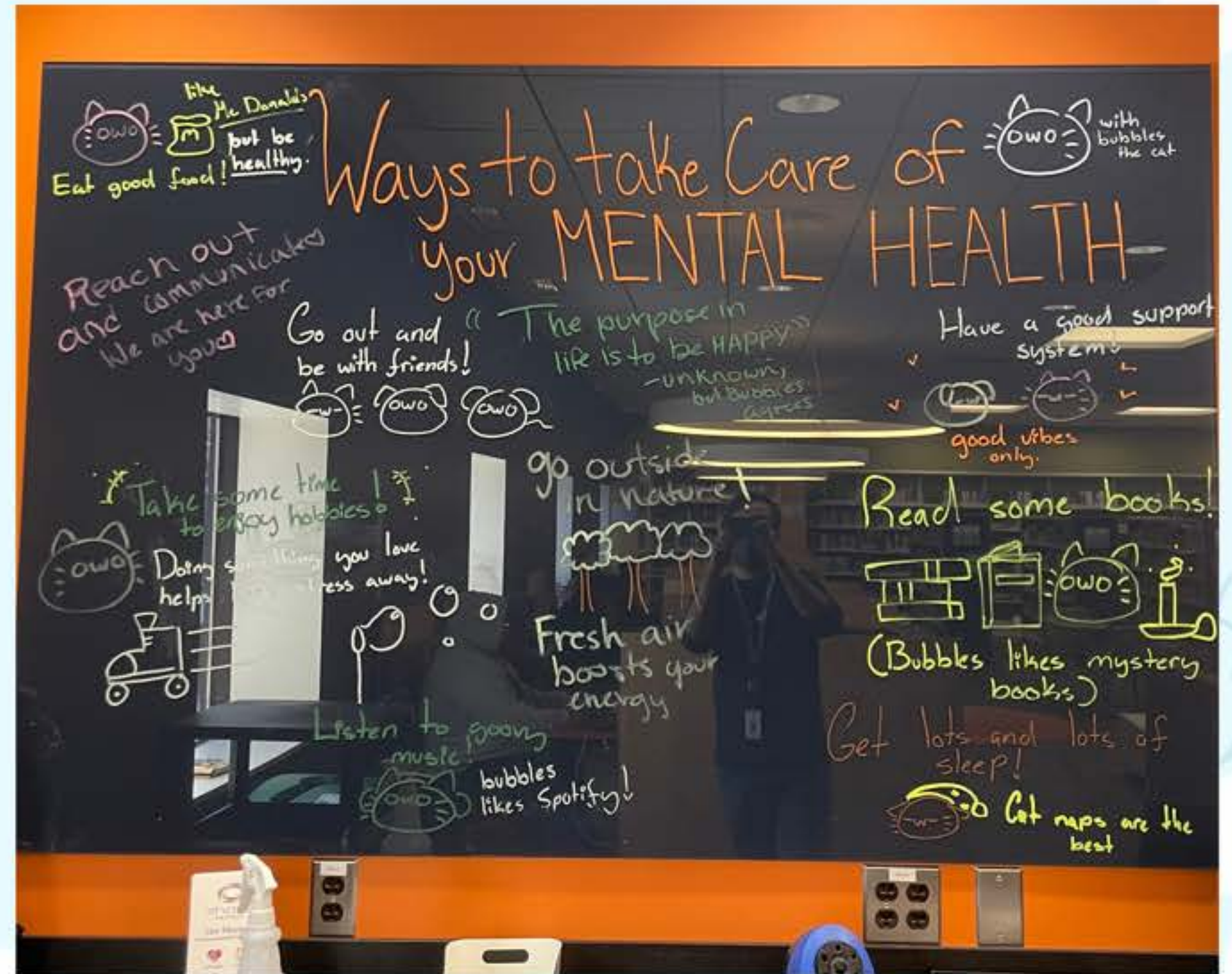
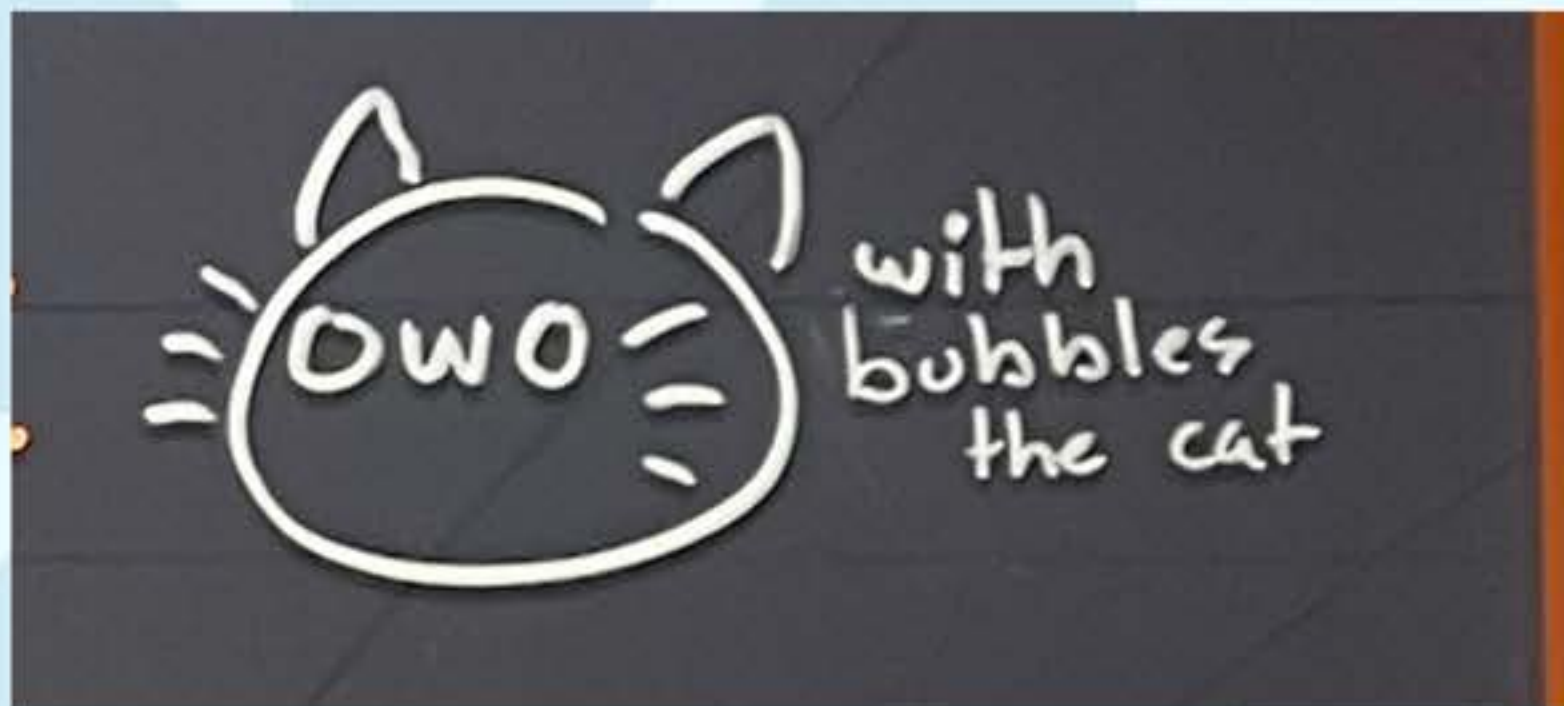


BIRTH OF BUBBLES



Mental Health Tips with Bubbles the Cat

- Spring of 2021
- Mental Health group clarus board display
- Natalie the artist



The Mistake & The Solution 🐾



Teen Board Ideas

Slader

- leave a math problem, get an answer
- A game everyone could participate in.
- understated book under a bunch of categories

- doodle board (draw small icons)

- Sticky note Therapy

Take a review
Leave a review

- Poll Question

x	✓
HT	HT

Build a Story/doodle

Tell a funny story

Asynchronous game/puzzle

Mad Libs

→ Bubbles Lore
→ Create Bubbles' Personality



Meet Thorndyke!





Bubbles Lore Mad Libs

Bubbles the librarian is a cat from . (adjective)

 . (place) He works really hard to . (activity)

His favorite hobbies are , , and . (noun), (hobby), and (hobby)

His fur is and . (color)

 . (feature) His eyes are and his wings and tail are . (color) He loves and his favorite sport is . (sport)

He loves people and having fun!




Help create Bubbles the cat! ✨

Directions: Take a sticky note and fill in the blank with the type of word! Help us create Bubbles, the teen Mascots, Story! (his love, if you will)

Bubbles & his brother Thandyke! Come visit him in the children's section!

(he can't reach higher shelves so he flies)

"Final" Design

<p>Bubbles started as a doodle on this very board. Due to popular demand, the beloved cat was brought to life thanks to the communities ideas and the Teen Leadership Council. Bubbles is a mascot for the Teen Section.</p> <p>Thank you for helping create him with all of your input!</p>	<p></p> <p>BUBBLES</p>	<p>Bubbles spawned from a mysterious book in the Teen section. He flies around with his magical scarf that helps him fly to reach tall shelves. He rides his skateboard around the library after it closes. Don't worry, he always cleans up his mess!</p> <p>Bubbles enjoys reading, especially mystery books, <u>revisiting</u> his idol Russ In Boots, eating chicken nuggets, and <u>of course</u>, blowing bubbles. He loves to work at the library since he can help people. This Air-loving cat also enjoys meeting new people and working hard to the library as fun and exciting as possible!</p>
<p></p> <p>-Bubbles Feeding-</p>	<p>Bubbles is not very strong, so he uses his scarf to help him carry heavy books and fly. Bubbles loves to read with his brother Thornduke who lives in the Children's section.</p>	<p></p> <p>-Bubbles Skateboarding-</p>

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Bubbles Skateboarding



REIGN OF BUBBLES



Made by
Natalie + Anya



bottom



front

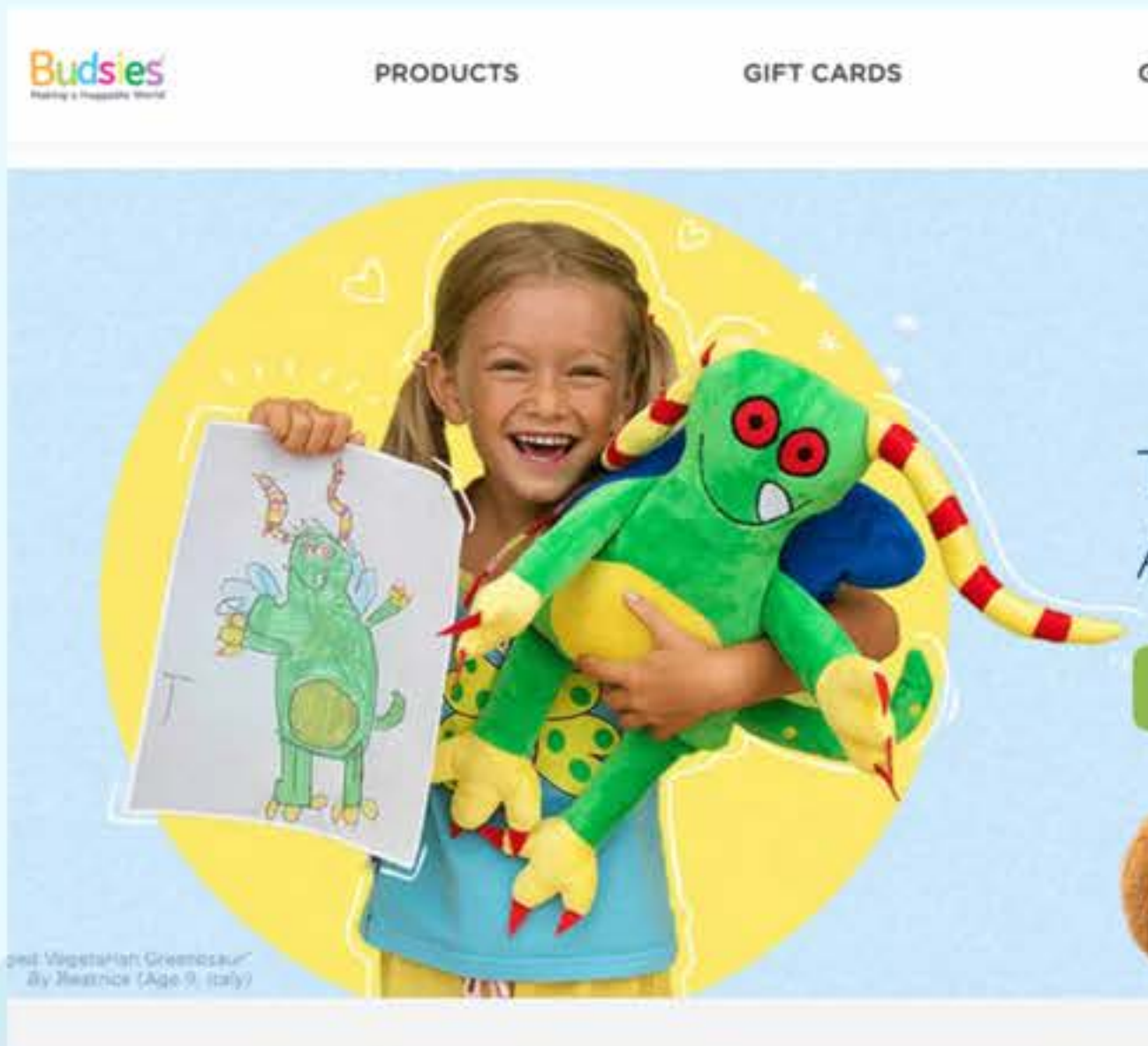


side

- The mascot was complete!
-
-
-
- Or was it?!

“What if we made
a plushie?” 

BUDSIES



- “Custom stuffed animals”
- \$149 for the basic Budsies
- 4-6 weeks
- You can pay extra for more features
- Great company

What Bubbles Brings to CPL



Passive Programming

Website Tamagotchi
Scavenger Hunts
iSpy Handouts
Coloring Pages

Cheap Library Swag

Buttons
Bubbles Bucks
3D Printed Coins
3D Printed Guys

Shared Experience

Family Visits
Bubbles Adventures
Staff  Community



Passive Programming

- Adds depth to classic library programming
- Contributes to the sense of ownership the community and staff experience
- Website Widget





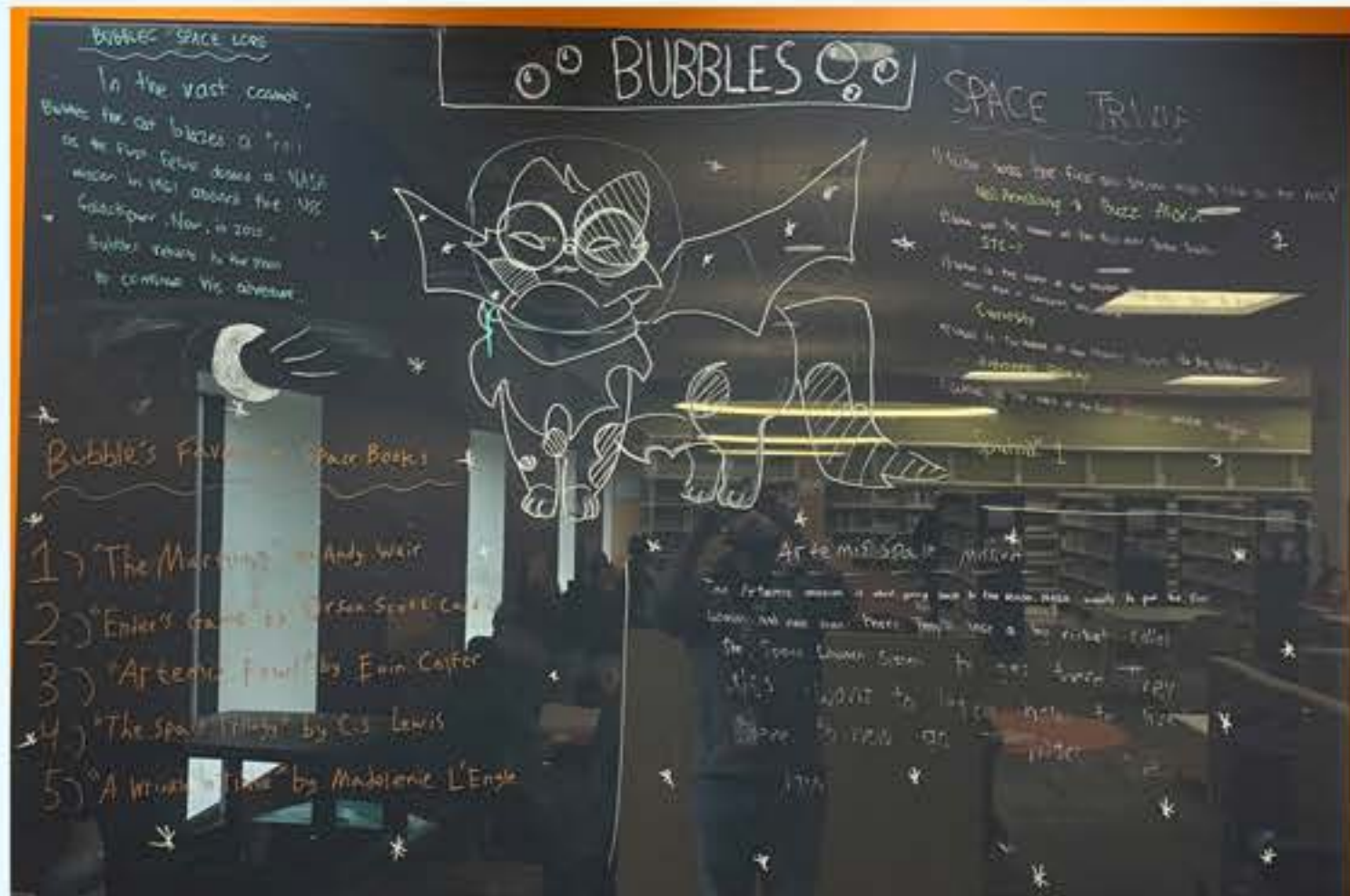
Cheap Library Swag

- Uniquely CPL
 - Cheap but has sentimental value
 - Buttons create a sense of community
 - Opportunity for really cool prizes



Shared Experience

- High Fives and lots of love
- Staff can get in on the fun too!
- Bubbles Adventures



CAT-NAPPING

Canton Public Library - Security Incident
[#\[REDACTED\] \(Bubbles has been abducted\)](#)

Bubbles was abducted from the teen area.



RETURN OF THE KING



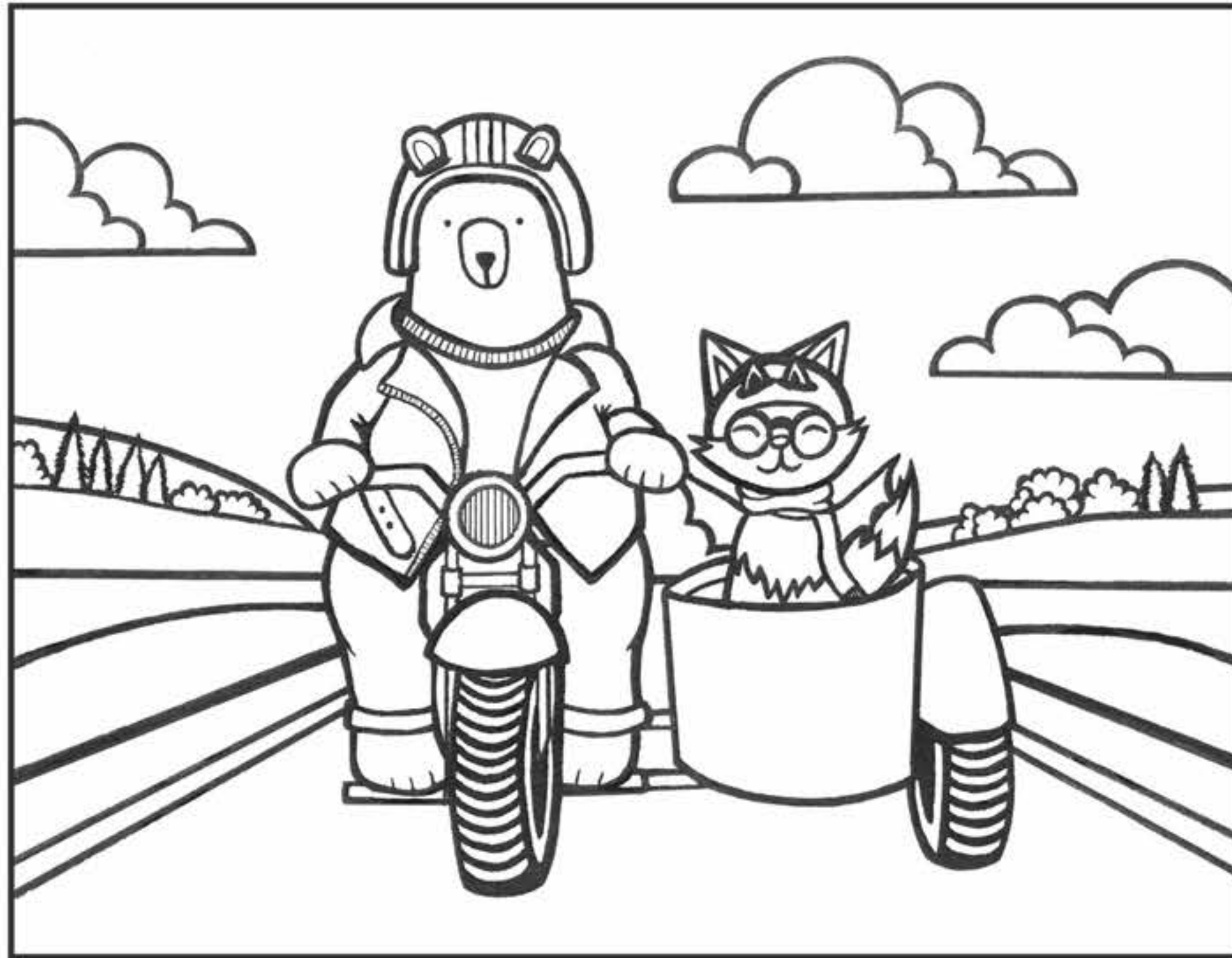


Hello! I'm Bubbles, CPL's Teen Library Mascot designed by the Teen Leadership Council!

- Tell me about your favorite book, give me some head scratches, or we can hang out at the computers or booths!
- I'm claustrophobic and territorial, so please don't bring me into any of the study rooms or outside of the Teen Space.
- Please be gentle (I bite).



REPLICATION IDEAS



- Your community probably has untapped creativity
 - Create a contest! Reach out to local art classes
- It doesn't have to be your teens

Get  Started



Get Creative

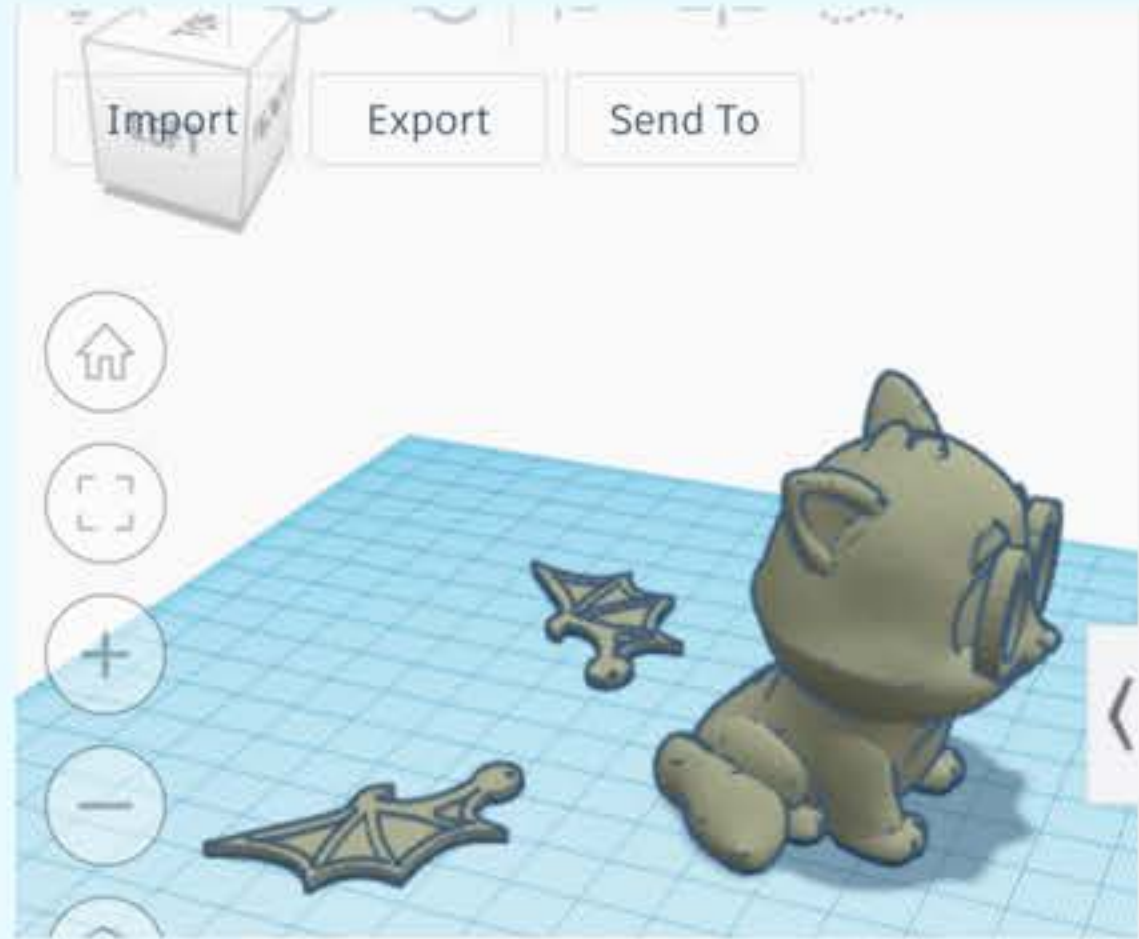
- Bring it to life!
 - Amigurumi
 - Felting
 - Paper Dolls
 - 3D Print



Pattern Examples



**Christmas
Bubbles
(Cross Stitch)**



**Assembly
Required
Bubbles (3D
Print)**



**Cutesy Cuddly
Bubbles
(Crochet)**



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