

GAME/ACTIVITY | OUTSIDE PRESENTER OPTIONAL

HARRY POTTER'S WORLD

CREDIT AND EVALUATION

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AGES

Multigenerational

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The magic in the Harry Potter series is partially based on Renaissance traditions that played an important role in the development of Western science, including alchemy and natural philosophy. The National Library of Medicine's exhibition Renaissance Science, Magic, and Medicine in Harry Potter's World explores the intersection of these worlds. Incorporating the work of several 15th and 16th century thinkers, the series examines ethical topics such as the desire for knowledge, the effects of prejudice, and the responsibility that comes with power. The following program ideas can be used concurrently with the exhibit or website.

Guest Speaker and Partnership Ideas

- Partner with a therapy dog program ("Expecto PAWtronum!"). Invite therapy dogs into the library or have a guest speaker talk about pet health (and link back to Fantastic Beasts or "patronuses").
- Partner with an owl rescue/rehab entity or zoo for a Harry Potter-themed owl presentation or owl pellet dissection (What did Hedwig eat?).
- Talk about "fake news," such as in Harry's trials with *The Daily Prophet* newspaper in *Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix*. Make connections to fake news reporting in the current climate.
- Partner with a local college astronomy department or a local astronomy club for an all-ages event.

SPACE

Meeting room

Outside (for astronomy club)

NOTE:

You can also book a physical version of the exhibition! Check <https://bit.ly/2NMiyIQ> for availability.

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PERSONNEL

One to two staff members or volunteers

RESOURCES

Web

NLM exhibition: Renaissance, Science, Magic, and Medicine in Harry Potter's World

<https://bit.ly/2Hwep11>

NNLM: Summer health programming

<https://nnlm.gov/initiatives/summer-reading>

MedlinePlus: Pet health

<https://medlineplus.gov/pethealth.html>

Therapy Dogs International

<https://tdi-dog.org>

Tinker: STEAM group for library staff who work with children and teens

<http://tinkergroup.wordpress.com>

Make It @ Your Library: Community makerspace projects

<http://makeitatyourlibrary.org>

NLM: Genetics reference

<https://ghr.nlm.nih.gov>

Pottermore: Harry Potter fan site

<https://pottermore.com>