DRESSING UP YOUR BEN FRANKLIN

Bring flair to your library displays by dressing up your little Ben Franklin! He is also a great conversation starter for discussing the FDLP and its resources.

We dress our little Ben Franklin to match the book display behind our circulation desk.

We have two methods for creating Ben's outfits:

1. Print out clothes and accessories
2. Use construction paper to create clothes and accessories

Print out a Costume

- If you have access to a color printer you can print out clothes and accessories for Ben
- Ben's awkward proportions can make printing clothes tricky
- Works best with simple clothing items (ex. hat, vest, shoes)
- You will need an image that can be re-sized without ruining the quality
- Print out on cardstock for best results

Design a Costume

- More work, but gives you the opportunity to be really creative
- Make templates of often used clothing items like shirts and pants - this will cut down on time when creating new outfits
- Trace an outline of Ben on a piece of paper to help you brain storm and design
- Use clipart and coloring pages as inspiration and templates

Expert Tips

- Use painter's tape to attach clothes, other tapes will damage Ben
- Keep clothes after you are finished with them, you never know when you can repurpose an item

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