

Color of the Day/Rainbows

The concept of the Rainbow could be used for one week of programming or carried on throughout the duration of SRP as a weekly event, adaptable for all three levels.

For teens, give a booktalk on the YA book *Rainbow Boys* by Alex Sanchez – a title often challenged – it calls for 8 audience volunteers.

If you were doing a different color every week, the program below would be for your Violet week.

50 Shades of Violet (This can also be called Purplicious . . .)

Based on the 2014 Pantone Color of the Year: Radiant Orchid

<http://www.pantone.com/pages/index.aspx?pg=21129>

This theme can be done on all three levels. Below are just a few of the books that could be the basis for a storytime or teen event:

- *Harold and the Purple Crayon* by Crockett Johnson
- *I Never Saw a Purple Cow* (poem)
- *Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse* by Kevin Henkes
- *Purple* by Sarah L. Schuette
- *Purplicious* by Victoria Kann
- *Purple Little Bird* by Greg Foley
- *Sally and the Purple Socks* by Lisze Bechtold
- *Captain Underpants and the Preposterous Plight of the Purple Potty People* by Dav Pilkey
- *The Amethyst Ring* by Scott O'Dell
- *The Mystery of the Purple Pool* by Gertrude Chandler Warner
- *The Color Purple* by Alice Walker
- *Riders of the Purple Sage* by Zane Grey

Activities:

- Purple Show & Tell
- Purple Fashion show
- Purple Food
- Display of books with purple covers
- Lavender Plant/Fragrance/Farm
- African Violets or Orchids – invite a speaker from a local nursery
- Amethyst
- Discussion on how Color of the Year is chosen; invite a local printer/graphic artist/regular artist; ask them to talk about Pantone colors
- Crafts (Pick a favorite but use purple paper, crayons, markers, paint, yarn etc.)
- Book Tie-In: <http://www.crayola.com/crafts/inside-a-purple-purse-craft/>
- Purple finger paint made in a zip-lock bag using shaving cream and equal drops of blue and red food coloring (mixing two primary colors to create a secondary color)
- Write a haiku about purple (if you use the words “Radiant Orchid” you only need 12 more syllables!)