**Craft and library-based activities**

Taking part in craft and other library-based activities can encourage imagination, movement, and talk within the library.

# **Design a book**

Provide children with a template *(Social 4)* to design the front and back cover of a book, displaying their title, illustration and blurb. Consider displaying the designs in your library.

# **Design a bookmark**

Provide children with a template *(Social 5)* to design the front and back of a bookmark that they can keep for themselves, or give to someone else.

# **Find the author**

Create wordsearches featuring a range of children’s author names hidden within them. Once children have completed the wordsearch, encourage them to hunt for the authors’ books on the bookshelves after.

# **Author – real or not?**

Support children to learn about new authors, and find some fictional frauds! Create a list of children’s authors (real and not) and encourage children to search the bookshelves, finding out who is a real author and who is not.

# **Create the character**

Provide easy to use crafts for children to re-create well-known fictional characters, and encourage them to browse book/create stories related to these characters afterwards.

