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## Collage: A form of recycling

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The word collage itself intrigued some parents who asked, "What can you make with a collage?"

Helping Thompson was Hannah Moore, a youth library associate who added to the afternoon with

her dinosaur cup. When Moore's tea was hot, the dinosaurs on the cups were skeletons. As the cup cooled their colors filled in.

Thompson had provided headbands, masks, boxes and bracelets the children could cover with comics. She also had on hand a pair of her own shoes she

had covered with comics. Cypert, in fact, took the idea and ran with it, bringing a pair of her own shoes to decorate in POW! ZAM! BANG! POP!

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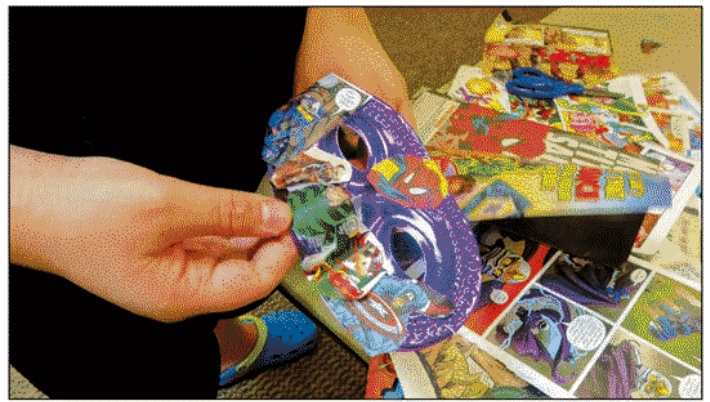
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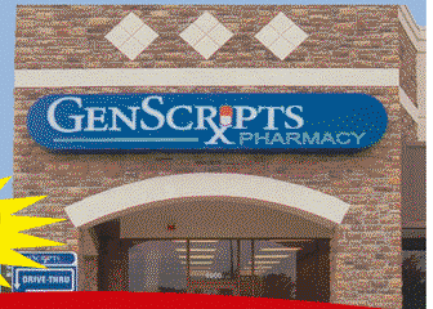
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