Cricut: From Conventional to Cosplay

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Beyond Scrapbooking

The Cricut was originally created for the purpose of scrapbooking and paper arts, but it has gone well beyond that in its abilities and capabilities.

At the Ada Community Libraries we have been using the Cricut in a wide range of ways for several years now and still discover new, fun ways to use it that make our jobs so much simpler!
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Library Signage

Likely the most practical use of the Cricut in your library will be the ability to create simple, cost-effective signage.

➔ **Directional**
  Use vinyl on walls to create directional cues for patrons.

➔ **Programs**
  Use paper or vinyl on temporary signs for special events and programs.
Professional library signage can be very expensive.

With the Cricut you can achieve professional results with minimal costs.
The Cricut allows you to use different materials to create **simple, effective signs** to promote programs and create directional signs for events.
Decorations and Displays

The Cricut can be used to create decorations to add character to your

➔ Decorations
Where are some places in your library that you could add a bit of fun?

➔ Displays
Use the Cricut to create easy additions to make your displays more inviting
Decorate!

The Cricut makes it really simple to add some fun decorations around your library and perk up spaces.

It is a non-permanent way to add some character.

Some decorations can even be interactive with patrons.
to Be a fairy

I wish that star was real

To fly to a boy lover
Displays!

Creating displays that are engaging and interesting for patrons is a difficult task.

The Cricut allows you to add quick elements that can take a display from being a “bunch of books” to something eye catching and attention grabbing.
Programming

One of the ways we have used our Cricut the most is through programming for different age levels.

➢ Kids Programming

➢ Teen/Tween Programming

➢ Adult/Family Programming
Prepping supplies for crafts

The Cricut helps save a ton of time when preparing materials for craft projects for the littles.

Instead of individually cutting out each piece, the Cricut can be put to work to cut several items in a short amount of time accurately and efficiently.
cut felt for storytime flannel boards and finger play props
Teen and Tween Program Cricut Use

We have used the Cricut in many ways with teen and tween programs. Sometimes the work is done on the Cricut ahead of time and sometimes the teens are able to experience it themselves with hands-on projects.
Use inexpensive vinyl to make stencils for all sorts of program ideas.
There are many ways to use the Cricut in adult and family programs.
use iron-on vinyl to make cheap t-shirts

use indoor vinyl to add detail to costumes
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Here are a list of stores and sites where you can purchase materials for projects.

➔ Joann Fabric and Michaels--coupons do not work on Cricut items so watch for sales and stock up.

➔ Amazon--great place to buy inexpensive permanent vinyl for signs

➔ H&H Sign Supply--sells variety packs of iron on vinyl so you can get many colors for less money than buying entire rolls.
Ideas & Tutorials

Here are a list of sites where you can find inspiration and how-to guides and videos.

➔ Pinterest--do I really need to list this? There are almost too many ideas on ways to use the Cricut here.

➔ YouTube--Official Cricut Channel
  ◆ Cricut Design Space for beginners
  ◆ AuntieTay, Melody Lane, Christopher Alan Designs

➔ 100 Directions project ideas

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