



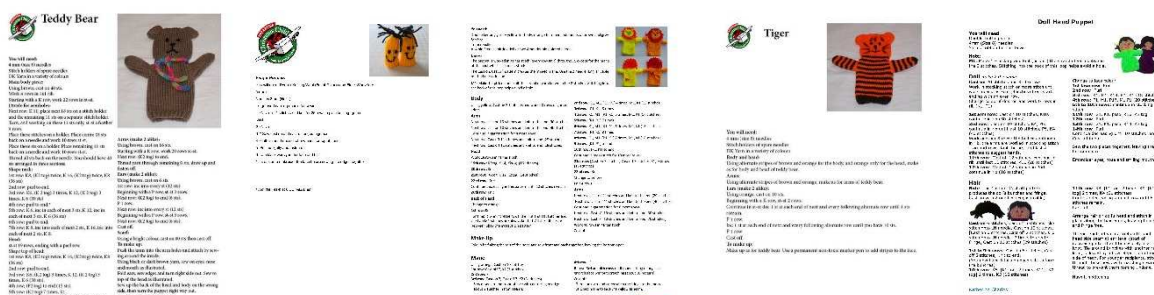
We know your knitting needles and crafty fingers are poised and at the ready!

So here we go with this year's **charity challenge**...

In 2017 fabulous library crafters made thousands of knitted and crocheted squares, after two amazing Library exhibitions in summer 2017, at West Bridgford and Retford, all the squares were donated to make blankets for the KasCare and Child Africa charities.

Our charity crafting theme this year has been inspired by the Operation Christmas Child (OCC) knitting and crochet resources. The charity annually requests toys that do not contain stuffing for their shoebox appeal.

This year we would like library craft groups, library visitors and mobile library users to make **fun puppets for hands and fingers...**



Two patterns are attached to illustrate the type of items required by OCC. There are many examples on the internet and all can be adapted but **please only knit, craft, sew and crochet puppets for this project**. All the puppets will be gathered together to make a joyous display around the mezzanine floor in Worksoop Library Gallery during the 2018 Summer Reading Challenge Exhibition (SRC).

The **'Puppet Craft Exhibition'** will be on show from Friday 13 July to Monday 10 September.

At the end of the exhibition the Arts Team will pass them to the Samaritans Purse appeal to be included in Christmas 2018 shoeboxes distributed by Operation Christmas Child.

Please fill in and attach the returns label below to your kind donations before handing them to your nearest Inspire Library.

Craft Bomb 2018

Get Creative

Please deliver to Inspire Arts Service at

Kirkby-in-Ashfield Library

21 Precinct Rd, Kirkby-in-Ashfield, Nottingham NG17 7BQ

From: (name of individual or group)

at.....Library

Use **#inspire #getcreative #puppetfun** to share your examples of everyday creativity with each other and online.

All items received by **Monday 2 July 2018** will be included in the SRC exhibition at Worksoop Library.

Get Creative

Get Creative is a campaign that celebrates and supports the everyday creativity happening in homes and public spaces across the UK. Get Creative aims to inspire people to try something new at home or at a Get Creative event and to encourage people to share their own examples of everyday creativity. For more information, see: www.getcreativeuk.com