

## **LIBRARY PRESENTATION and DISPLAY IDEAS**

Most libraries have reading sessions for children, teens and adults. Talk to your local library to offer to make a presentation to one, or more, of their reading groups. The School Lesson Plan CD that is available through Emu Today & Tomorrow would be perfect for a presentation like this. It can be shown using a computer, on a wall using a projector, printed out pages or posters can be made at your local print shop.

I took the School Lesson Plan CD to my local print shop and had the individual pages from the presentation blown up to poster size and laminated so that they would last longer. I punched holes in the top corners of each page and tied the posters loosely together. I can now take them with me, along with an easel, to display the posters. My presentation can now be made without worrying about electricity for projectors or computers.

With practice, by following the script that goes with the pictures, the School Lesson Plan presentation can be done in 15 minutes or less. With younger children keeping their attention can be difficult. A short presentation works best for them.

For the younger children, one of the children's books about emus could be read to the group after the presentation. My favorites for young children are "Edward the Emu" and "Edwina the Emu" by Sheena Knowles and Rod Clement. They are cute stories with colorful pictures. Both of these books are available very reasonably on Amazon.com.

The same presentation could be done for a Sunday school class. Pat Winston's book series about "Earl the Emu" would be a good choice for a Sunday School presentation. Again, they contain good stories and colorful pictures. These books can be ordered online. Do a search for "Earl the Emu" to find Pat's website.

Take along an emu egg shell, a piece of emu leather and some feathers for the children to "handle". They love to touch and feel new textures. Give each child a cartoon picture of an emu or an activity sheet from the AEA website to take home. And don't forget your business cards or farm brochures, especially if, you give farm tours or sell products.

Your table display can be as simple or elaborate as you want. I like to use a fancy table cloth and include emu egg shell pieces, emu feathers, several 8"x10" pictures (I included an aerial shot of our emu farm), one or two decorated eggs and some brochures, along with several bottles/jars of emu oil products. An emu statue, a stuffed animal or an emu eggshell as a vase for small silk flowers adds a bit of interest to the table.

For displays only, sometimes a bank or library will have a glass display case that can be used. If an unattended table display is used, 20 gallon or larger aquariums (with glass bottoms) make good dust covers and will keep items from being touched or damaged.

The important thing is to introduce your audience to the "Wonderful World of Emus".

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