



METROPOLITAN LIBRARY SYSTEM



This Week's Craft:

## Painted Leaf Hanging!

# READ

- [Crafting with nature: grow or gather your own supplies for simple handmade crafts, gifts, & recipes by Amy Renae](#) Fuse your love for crafting and the outdoors with this incredible compilation of DIY crafts, recipes and gifts made with natural materials you can grow or gather yourself. Gardening and crafting expert Amy Renae takes you on a journey to collect plant materials from the woods, the backyard, the garden and even the pantry, then craft those items into something special yet easy to do.
- [Fall Leaves by Loretta Holland](#) Autumn is in the air: days grow shorter and nights are long. Birds leave, flowers, too. Apples and temperatures fall-then snow! Part poem, part silent stage, this luminous picture book puts autumn on display and captures the spirit of change that stays with us long after fall leaves. Unlock the secrets of this busy and beautiful time of year as the natural world makes way for winter.
- [Leaf by Daishu Ma](#) How much power does a single man, let alone a single leaf, have in the industrial world? In this wordless, all-ages graphic novel, our protagonist discovers a leaf that radiates a vibrant light. He returns to a detailed metropolis - depicted in somber grays and blues - and searches for answers. During his quest, he stumbles upon a man who knows what's really happening in the city's labyrinthine ducts; a woman who spends her life studying and classifying obsolete flora; and the truth about the ever-dwindling environment. Leaf is a graphically stunning story that unfolds with a dream-like pace.

# WATCH

[Fletcher and the Falling Leaves \(2009\)](#) It is autumn and Fletcher is worried because his favorite tree is losing its leaves. He wants to help but when the last leaf falls, he feels he has let down a friend...until winter arrives and his tree is transformed.

# KEEP LEARNING

[Activity Kit: Tissue Paper Snails Ralph Ellison Library](#) Kits include everything needed to make your craft with instructions included.