

## It's Time . . . to Celebrate!

# A WRINKLE IN TIME's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2012

### A Wrinkle in Time 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party Ideas

#### Step 1

Post a 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary party invite/poster on your bulletin board, window, or in your e-newsletter/web site to let patrons/students know in advance to plan to attend. Hang an ***A Wrinkle in Time*** anniversary poster or cover images in a prominent place in your library or school.

#### Step 2

Set the ***A Wrinkle in Time*** Cosmic Party Scene

In honor of the original cover design, consider using green and blue streamers, balloons, napkins, plates etc.

- Create a banner. Some suggested banner lines:
  - It was a dark and stormy night. (The first line from the book)
  - It's time to read ***A Wrinkle in Time***
  - Or to get in the spirit of the event, simply Happy 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary ***A Wrinkle in Time***
- Make guest name tags, featuring favorite characters from the book: Meg Murry, Charles Wallace, Calvin, Mrs. Whatsit, Mrs. Who, Mrs. Which, Aunt Beast, IT, etc.
- For a truly cosmic feel for the endless universe, you can purchase silver stars from your local party store or make them from cardboard and cover with tin foil. Hang them from the ceiling using fishing line or thread at different lengths.
- Create or label sections of your room to be designated as the different planets in the story. Post signs with the planet names and have staff (or guests) ask fun Q&A's from the book. For example:

Earth – kids area

*Q: What was Madeleine L'Engle's favorite meal? / A: Cream of Wheat with butter and brown sugar*

Uriel – party area or refreshments table

*Q: What is Madeleine L'Engle's favorite song? / A: Drink to Me Only With Your Eyes*

Happy Medium's Planet in Orion's Belt – check out area

*Q: What was the original title of ***A Wrinkle in Time***? / A: Mrs. Whatsit, Mrs. Who, Mrs. Which*

Camazotz – history or political science section

*Q: What inspired Madeleine L'Engle to write ***A Wrinkle in Time***? / A: Einstein's writing*

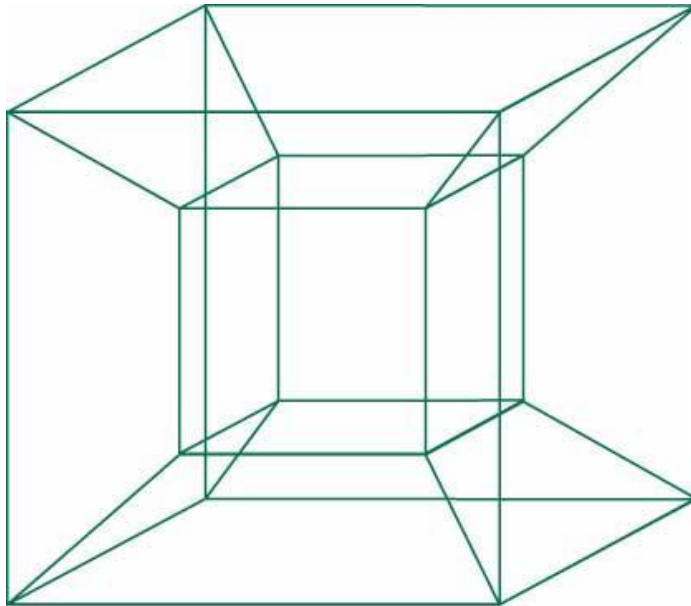
Ixchel – science fiction, fantasy or teen area

*Q: How many times was **A Wrinkle in Time** rejected by publishers before being bought by Farrar Straus Giroux? / A: 26 times*

- Set up **A Wrinkle in Time** / Madeleine L'Engle table with the complete **A Wrinkle in Time** quintet books and L'Engle's other amazing titles.
- Invite a local fortune teller to come and have a table at the event.
- Ask the staff to dress as their favorite character from the book or invite your patrons to do the same. Have a contest for best dressed character!

### Post the definition of a tesseract

(tēs'ə-răkt') n. The four-dimensional equivalent of a cube.



Academy Artworks

### Step 3

Have the music take you back in time! During the party, use your iPad/phone/etc to play the top 20 songs of 1962, the year **A Wrinkle in Time** was published!

1. Green Onions Booker / T. & the MG's
2. Bring It On Home To Me / Sam Cooke
3. You've Really Got A Hold On Me / Miracles
4. The Loco-Motion / Little Eva
5. Sherry / Four Seasons
6. I Can't Stop Loving You / Ray Charles

7. Up On The Roof / Drifters
8. Twist And Shout / Isley Brothers
9. These Arms Of Mine / Otis Redding
10. Do You Love Me / Contours
11. Wipe Out / Surfari
12. Twisting The Night Away / Sam Cooke
13. He's A Rebel / Crystals
14. Surfin' Safari / Beach Boys
15. Love Me Do / Beatles
16. The One Who Really Loves You / Mary Wells
17. You Belong To Me / Duprees
18. Any Day Now / Chuck Jackson
19. Big Girls Don't Cry / Four Seasons
20. Having A Party / Sam Cooke

#### **Step 4**

***A Wrinkle in Time*** activities for kids of all ages

- If you have room, make an IT piñata filled with candies for kids to “conquer.”
- Download the poster activities from the mackids.com site and offer them as handouts or giveaways to take home at the end of the party.
- Read a character description from the book. Have a drawing area for kids to draw their versions of IT, Aunt Beast, Mrs. Whatsit, Mrs. Who or Mrs. Which. Supply crayons, pencils, glue, glitter and arts and crafts pieces to make their own magical works.
- Have staff read their favorite excerpts of ***A Wrinkle in Time***
- Suggest patrons or staff create *A Wrinkle in Rhyme* poems to read at the event.

#### **Step 5**

Kick off the beginning of your party with *Out of This World* refreshments that are Murry family favorites

- Hot cocoa and cookies
- Finger sandwiches from the book: read and jam, tomatoes and lettuce, liverwurst and cream cheese, tuna fish and celery
- Go for the all-time favorites; pretzels, chips & salsa, candy bowls, veggie or fruit platters

- Serve a **“Love Conquers All”** Punch

INGREDIENTS:

1 bottle (64 ounce size) grape juice

2 bottles (2-liter size) lemon-lime soda or ginger ale

ice cubes with fruit floaters like grapes or orange slices

PREPARATION:

Pour grape juice and soda into bowl or cauldron at party time. Add ice cubes to cups when ready to serve.

Here's a cool cosmic way to carbonate your drink with those fizzy bubbles that you find in soda -- yes, carbon dioxide from dry ice! Add dry ice to bowl/cauldron in place of ice cubes. Ladle drink mix into serving cups, but do not put dry ice into individual cups. During the event, the carbonation will dissipate; remember to add more soda or juice if the mixture gets too cold and starts to freeze.

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