

# MINI



# MAKERS



*FRIDAY FEB 3  
NEEDLE FELTING  
PARTICIPANTS: 14*

*FRIDAY MARCH 1  
AIR DRY CLAY CREATIONS  
PARTICIPANTS: 12*

Mini Makers was an afterschool event designed for 7-10-year-olds. In the sessions, we explored different creative activities. In the first session, the children learned about needle felting. They created simple shapes and designs using cookie cutters and colourful felt roving. In the second class, the children made mini clay mosaics using air-dry clay and colourful shaped mini tiles, crafting imaginative creations that displayed their artistic expression. The activities only took an hour, depending on their level of interest and attention. During the last half-hour, they played cooperatively with Lego and created a game with one another in a dungeon setting that involved clues. In the second session, some children wanted to quit their craft early to continue the game but were encouraged to stay on task until the final half hour. A few just made endless clay creations for the whole time and had an entire storyline and imaginative world they were creating.



## GOALS: ↘

The primary goal of these programmes is to foster creativity, imaginative thinking, and innovative expression in a fun educational environment.

## OUTCOMES: ↘

- Both activities involved a multi-step process that encourages cognitive development.
- Activity that brings children into the library, making it a structured and enjoyable after-school experience.
- Exposure to arts and crafts. Not all families have access to supplies, materials, or the time to engage in creative pursuits.
- Completing a tangible project they can take home helps children develop a sense of accomplishment, which further nurtures their creativity and self-esteem.