Grumpy Bird Community Event Ideas

Try out these fun outreach and community event ideas to bring One Book 4 Colorado into your community, and invite community organizations and businesses into your program and library!

- Have a **Grumpy Bird** Walk at your library or another venue. Read **Grumpy Bird**, then have a staff member or volunteer lead the group for a walk outside. Walk with the children following in a line. Stop. Have the children stop. Stand on one leg. Have the children stand on one leg too. Jump. Have the children jump too. "Fly" back inside and gather for a snack of gummy worms. If time allows you can add in a **Grumpy Bird** craft or coloring sheets.

- Host a birding program at your library or other venue. Read **Grumpy Bird**. Have the kids make "binoculars" out of paper towel or toilet paper tubes. You can find instructions here: http://www.pbs.org/parents/crafts-for-kids/binoculars-for-kids/. Then take a walk outside and look for birds. Learn more about birding with kids at http://www.parks.state.co.us/SiteCollectionImages/parks/Landing/Kids/Birding%20with%20Kids.pdf and at

  http://www.colorado.gov/cs/Satellite?blobcol=urldata&blobheader=application%2Fpdf&blobkey=id&blobtable=MungoBlobs&blobwhere=1251615686901&ssbinary=true.

- Borrow a "Discover Kit" from the Museum of Natural History, University of Colorado, Boulder. There are some bird related kits. You can learn more at http://cumuseum.colorado.edu/education-tours/materials.

- Have an outside organization come to your library to present a bird program. Read **Grumpy Bird** as part of the program. Here are some organizations that provide bird programs:

  - Hawkquest (statewide) http://www.hawkquest.org/
  - Denver Zoo http://www.denverzoo.org/classes-camps
  - Tagawa Gardens (Centennial) http://www.tagawagardens.com/tgassoc.htm
  - Rocky Mountain Bird Observatory (Brighton and Fort Collins) http://rmbo.org/v3/About_Us/ContactUs.aspx
  - Nature & Raptor Center of Pueblo http://natureandraptor.org/
  - Birds of Prey Foundation (Broomfield and surrounds) http://www.birds-of-prey.org/
  - Wild Wings (Denver metro area) http://www.wildwingseducation.org/index.htm

- Contact local bird stores to see if they can partner to put on a program, such as the chain stores Wild Birds Unlimited, https://maps.wbu.com/find.php (there are stores in Grand Junction, CO Springs, Fort Collins, Arvada, Denver, and Aurora) and Wild Bird Centers, http://www.wildbird.com/ (in Boulder, CO Springs, Denver, and Centennial). Check also for locally owned stores.

- Have a **Grumpy Bird** sidewalk chalk party. Have everyone go outside to a nice big patch of sidewalk. Draw a scene from **Grumpy Bird** together on the sidewalk. You could create a sidewalk mural with lots of flowers, trees, grass, and of course, **Grumpy Bird**. Play "Follow the Leader." Then, you can enjoy some lemonade and gummy worms together.

- Put on a **Grumpy Bird** play. You can see a class do a fabulous job of this on YouTube at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tj7HwH4FQ2M.

- Host a bird craft program. There are some great ideas at Activity Village: http://www.activityvillage.co.uk/bird-crafts. Read **Grumpy Bird** before or after craft time.

Organizations and venues to partner with:

- Preschools
- Childcare centers
- Homeschool groups
- Local bird stores
- Local craft stores
- Local shopping malls
- Garden centers
- Pet stores
- Pediatric medical office or hospitals
- Recreation centers
- Local, state, and national parks
- State and national forests
- Science museums and centers
- Children's museums