

PAMA @ Home

Virtual Family Fun Activity

Archives Awareness Week

Illuminated Initials

Bring art, culture and historical exploration home with a variety of easy fun filled activities for all ages. Using simple materials, PAMA is happy to provide easy step-by-step instructions for art activities, games or fun things to do while at home.

Share your creations with us on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram and tag us @visitPAMA. All tagged submissions will be entered in a draw to win some PAMA swag.

Spotlight on History

Celebrate Archives Awareness Week with a snapshot from history!
Learn about today's resource then explore history in a different way through the connecting activity.

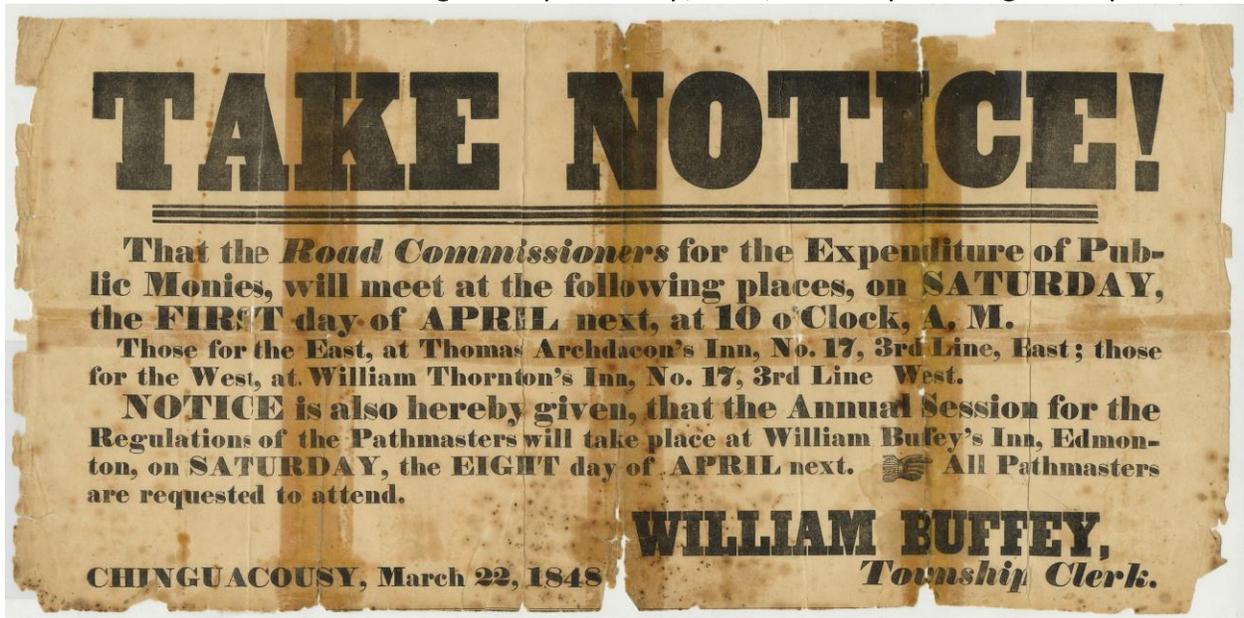
J.G. Briddick electrician invoice/note, Streetsville, 10 Apr. 1909, Town of Streetsville fonds



- This electrician invoice / note is found among the papers of the clerk of the Village of Streetsville (now part of the City of Mississauga)
- The invoice identifies supplies needed for a specific electrical job: "The following material is required for the mains into the station" and then lists the types and quantities of wires and "transformers" required
- It is of note because of the interesting and stylistic font found in the upper-left corner

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Take Notice! broadside – Chinguacousy Township, 1848, Township of Chinguacousy fonds



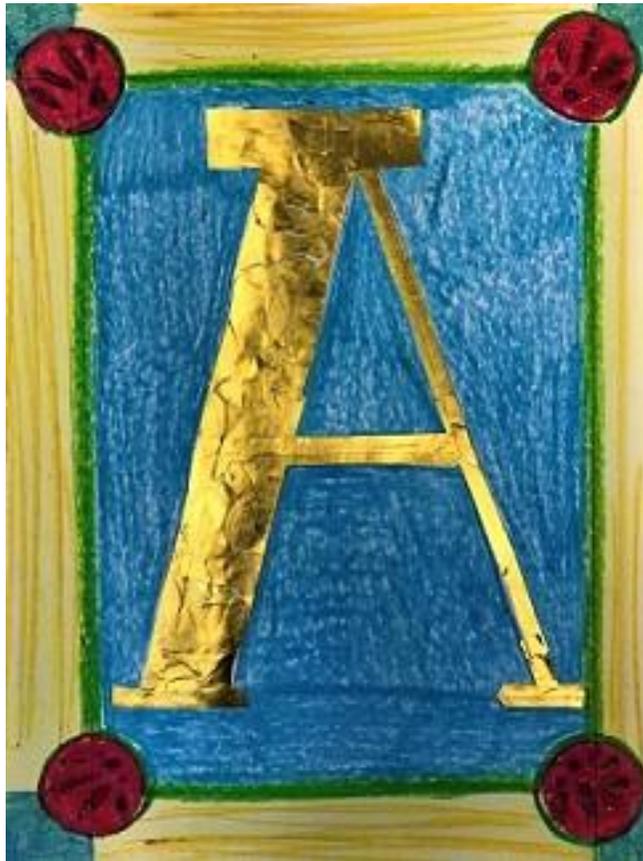
Region of Peel Archives, Township of Chinguacousy fonds

- This is one of the earliest broadsides (posters) in the collection – created by local Chinguacousy Township officials in 1848
- It was being used to notify those responsible for area roads (Road Commissioners and Pathmasters) of upcoming meeting dates for their members
- Keep in mind that at this time there were no telephones or personal computers, so getting messages like this to citizens required public advertising, often at the local inn, general store, or post office.
- Of particular interest: The Pathmasters were being told that their meeting was going to take place at William Buffey's Inn in Edmonton, the original name for the hamlet of Snelgrove (now found in the City of Brampton). The post office changed the name to Snelgrove (after the many Snell family members in the area) after much area mail was accidentally routed to Edmonton in Alberta.
- While the block text is striking, look also for the interesting drawn hand with the pointing finger

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Illuminated Initials

Font and text can be used to convey more than just the words written. Illuminated letters have been used for centuries to convey the importance of text, now you can make your own.



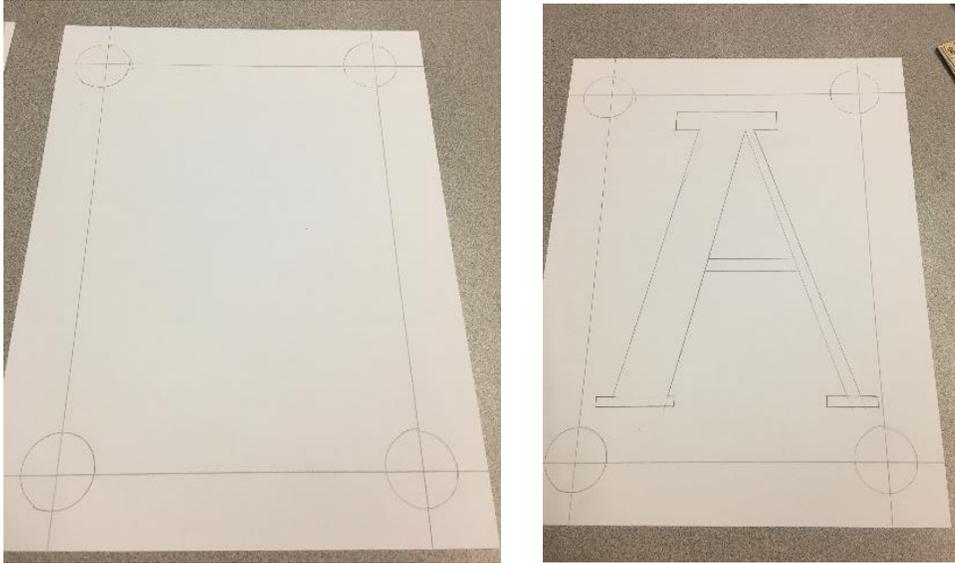
Materials:

- White Paper/Cardstock
- Pencil
- Eraser
- Markers/Pencil Crayons/Crayons
- Ruler
- Gold wrapping paper/aluminum foil
- Glue Stick
- Scissors

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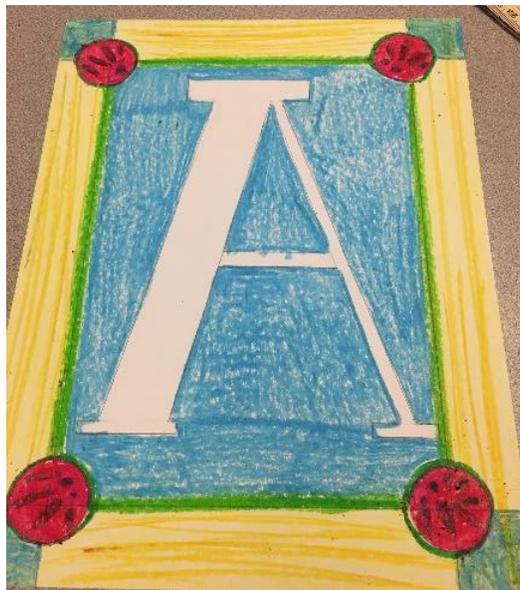
Step 1:

Choose the first letter of your first or last name. Take a piece of paper and use a pencil to draw how you would like the letter to look. You can also use a ruler if you would like to create a border around your initial.



Step 2:

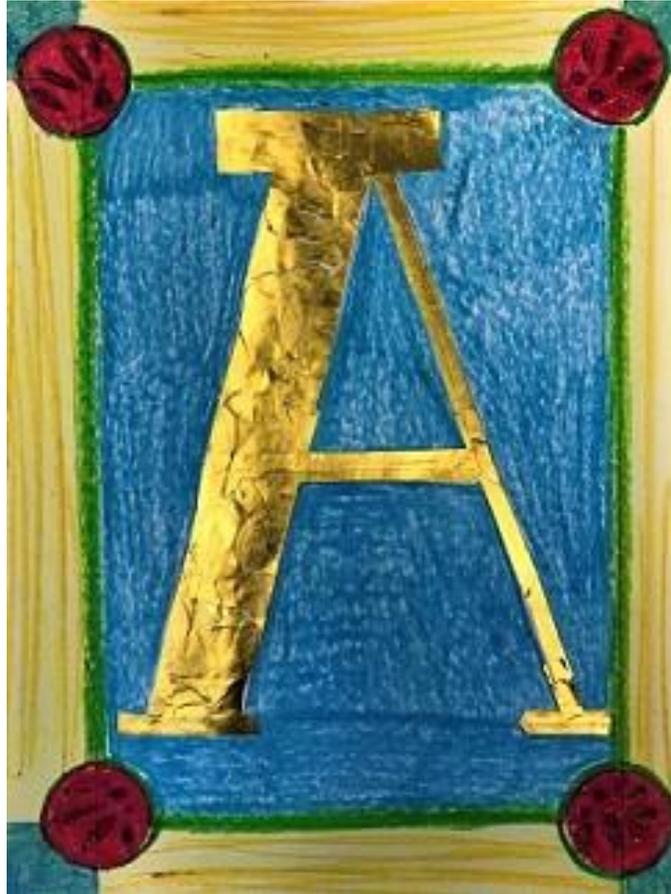
Use your markers/pencil crayons/crayons to colour in your design. Don't colour-in your letter, just the background. Remember a lot of illuminated illustrations feature flowers, leaves and swirls.



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Step 3:

Cut out small pieces of gold wrapping paper/aluminum foil and glue them into the outline of your initial to complete your design. Historically, gold leaf – a thin sheet of gold – was often used to create designs on objects and paper such as letters in manuscripts.



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