Snowflake Take-and-Make
Have you ever wondered about the tiny snowflakes that fall onto your coat and mittens during a snowstorm? How can a snowflake look so pretty when it is only frozen water? This take-and-make activity will introduce you to Wilson Bentley, the first person to take pictures of snowflakes. It will help you understand how snowflakes form and what they are made of. It will also let you create your own snowflake at home.

Supplies needed:
- Computer or digital device with internet access
- 4 sheets white printer paper and a printer
- Scissors
- Glue sticks
- 1 sheet colored paper per snowflake

Steps:
Read “Snowflake Bentley,” by Jacqueline Briggs Martin and “Snow” by Ann Herriges on your computer or smart device.

To watch the story:
2. Click on the link for Bookflix.
3. Put your library card number into the box and click the red Login button. Contact Shelly at 507-247-5556 during library hours or at 507-215-7337 after library hours for your library card number.
4. Click on Start for a brief introduction to Bookflix, or click on skip the intro if you want to go ahead.
5. In the title search bar found in the upper right of the screen, type in “Snowflake Bentley”
6. Click on the story pair that comes up.
8. “Read the Book” will bring up a read-along slides of “Snow,” a nonfiction book.
9. “Puzzlers” will take you to activities connected to the stories.
10. “Dive Deeper” are links to parent resources.
11. Have Fun!

When you are finished with the online activities, make your own snowflake by following these steps:
1. Download and print the attached pattern blocks on white paper.
2. Cut out the shapes
3. Glue them to a piece of colored paper in the shape of a snowflake.
4. Some examples follow, but you can design your own snowflakes too.
5. Take a photo and email it to tylerlib@plumcreeklibrary.net.

Parent tips:
- Use glue sticks for the paper snowflakes to cut down on the mess. If you want to use liquid glue, pour it into a small bowl or plate and use a cotton swab or small paintbrush for application.
- Talk to your children about the different things they can do in the snow. This might also be a good time for a discussion about winter safety and why it is important to wear hats and mittens and coats when it is cold outside.
- Look through Bookflix to find other interesting topics for your children to learn about. Each pair in Bookflix offers a fiction video-story of a popular children’s book paired with a nonfiction reader on the same topic. There are fun, educational interactive activities for each pair.
- If you do not have a printer at home, stop by the library for a FREE take-home kit.
Sample Snowflakes: