

ypsiGLOW

Social Justice Posters and Display



Take a stand for social justice!

Use your creativity and Neon Poster Kit to make a glowing poster that urges others to become aware, protest injustices, fight for equity, or shine a beacon on what a fair and just world looks like! Posters will be displayed with black lights in YDL-Michigan windows during ypsiGlow and through November 9th.

To Participate:

- Register by contacting Joy: 734-732-2634 (cell), joy@ypsilibrary.org.
- Pick up your Neon Poster Kit at YDL-Michigan.
- Create your social justice poster.
- Put poster in return bag, following instructions in the bag. Bring your poster to YDL-Michigan before October 21st.
- YpsiGlow is on October 23rd and we want to fill every window!
- When received, posters will be laminated and put on display through Nov. 8th. The earlier we receive them, the longer they will be on display.
- YDL-Michigan windows will be lighted with UV black lights, showing off your glowing neon art.
- Pick up your laminated poster after November 9th to use in your own social justice activism!

RACE RELATIONS RESOURCES FOR ALL AGES

Find booklists, programs, organizations, activism and more at ypsilibrary.org/interests/race-relations

MORE ypsiGLOW PROGRAMS

Check out other social distant activities at ypsiglow.org.

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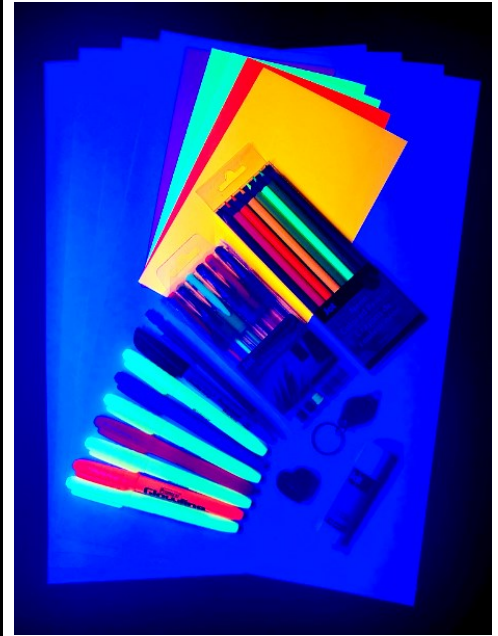
Neon Social Justice Poster Kit and Tips

Included in your Neon Poster Kit:

- 4 sheets of 11 x 17 cardstock
- 7 sheets of UV reactive colored paper
- Set of neon colored pencils
- Set of neon gel pens
- 7 highlighters
- Permanent marker
- Mechanical pencil
- Glue stick
- Pencil sharpener
- Mini black light
- A labeled bag to send your poster to YDL-Michigan for display



Neon Poster Kit with normal lighting



Neon Poster Kit with UV black lighting

Tips for Working with Neon Poster Kit

- **Neon colors are “UVA reactive”.** Under a low spectrum ultraviolet light, they glow more than the other colors around them. What we call “black light” is actually a light with a UVA coating to make fluorescent neon colors react.
- **Test your colors** by scribbling on a scrap of paper and see how the colors look when you shine your mini black light on the paper while in a dark room. Not all neon colors react to UV black lighting the same. Fluorescent green, pink, yellow, and orange are the safest bets. Blues and purples tend to show up less than other neon colors.
- **Draw out your concept in pencil** first so you can erase and change your ideas.
- **Use the neon paper to cut out shapes** or give dramatic effect to your design. Use glue stick to make sure they stay down. Once you bring your poster in for display, it will be laminated and the shapes will stay down permanently.
- **Keep your poster clean** by putting it back in the bag each time after you work on it.
- **Use things from home** such as other highlighters, gel pens, tapes, packaging, and other things that might glow when they are under black light. Test them to see if they are UV reactive by shining your mini black light on them in a dark room.

Social Justice and Gathering Ideas

What is social justice?

Social justice is the concept of fair and just relationships between an individual and our society. **Injustice** is unfair treatment to individuals based on their race, ethnicity, gender, orientation, age, abilities, religion, or appearance. **Denying equal access** to education, housing, jobs, health care, access to food, fair policing, etc., is unjust.

Gathering ideas for your poster

- Think about social justice or injustices that you've seen, been a victim of, heard about in a book, TV, or on the internet. What moved you about those situations? What words or images come to your mind?
- Here are some prompts that may help:
 - What does fairness look like? What does equity look like? What does justice look like?
 - What would people do, think, or say if they were being fair? Unfair?
 - Fill in this question:
What would (school, playgrounds, work, family, birthday parties, neighborhoods, hospitals, prisons, America, the world) look like without (racism, injustice, stereotypes, global warming, waste, poverty, violence, health inequities)? What words or images would you use to show this idea?
- What icons for social justice have you seen? How can you modify them to make them yours?
- Look up images and words on the internet and in books to inspire your own ideas.



**BLACK
LIVES
MATTER**



Below is a **list of books**, some available digitally through Hoopla (<https://www.ypsilibrary.org/collections/download/>) or available at Ypsilanti District Libraries:

- **Posters for Change** by various authors (available on Hoopla Digital)
- **Posters for Peace** by Thomas W. Benson (available on Hoopla Digital)
- **Rise up! : the art of protest** by Jo Rippon (available on Hoopla Digital, and YDL)
- **Be the change : the future is in your hands** by Eunice Moyle. (at YDL)
- **This book is anti-racist / 20 Lessons on How to Wake Up, Take Action, and Do the Work** by Tiffany Jewell (at YDL)
- **A people's art history of the United States : 250 years of activist art and artists working in social justice movements** by Nicolas Lampert (at YDL)

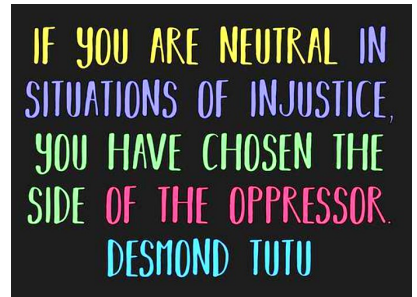
Creating YOUR Social Justice Poster

Visible

Think **LARGE** when making your poster. Make words and images big so they fill up the entire page. Posters are made to attract attention so they must be visible from a far away.

Using Only Words

When using words only in your poster, make sure your letters are legible, and large. Fill up the poster with your thoughts! If you want to write a short poem, make the words large enough for readers to read from outside the library.



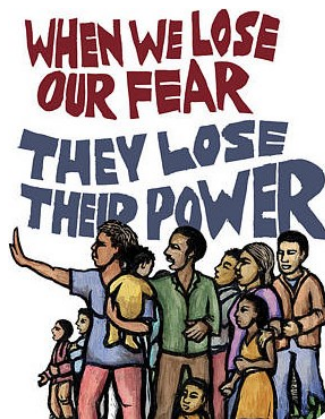
Using Only Images

When using images, you can use other images to help you with your drawing, if needed. What does your image say? What message do the colors give?



Putting Words and Images Together

Many posters combine both images and words. When combining them, consider the issues mentioned above for both



You're Done! You've created a neon social justice poster and it's time to show it off! Follow the directions in the extra bag. Be sure to write your name and contact info on the bag before bringing it to YDL-Michigan. Your poster will be displayed in our windows within 2 days of being received. I can't wait to see it! Joy
Feel free to contact me at 734-732-2634(c), joy@ypsilib.org.