

# The PhilateliKid

**The newsletter for Stamp Collecting Clubs for Kids (SCCFK)**

**Collect Stamps (The Most Educational Hobby)**

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## **What Can We do When Stuck Indoors?**

Collect stamps. Many readers of The PhilateliKid have been collecting stamps, covers, postal stationery, cancellations, etc. for over 10 years. Many have collected for much longer than that. Self-isolation is a golden opportunity to get caught up on some of that stuff in that box in the corner marked "to do."

Another wonderful thing with our hobby is that it as a NEW hobby it is very easy to do when stuck indoors. All it takes is some stamps, some hinges, an album, and a pair of tongs. This is particularly a great hobby to introduce to children ages six and up. Do you think that kids are not interested in stamp collecting? Kids love collecting stamps, and it is a hobby that kids can easily do when stuck at home. It will please parents. Many parents are tired of their children spending all their time playing video games and texting. Talk to parents you know. If you do not have the necessary stamps, hinges, etc. contact Robert W. Martin for help.

Speak to parents first. Let them know of the many benefits of collecting stamps, and emphasize the fun.

### **Here are just a few of the benefits of collecting stamps:**

1. No age discrimination. Ages 6 to 106 can enjoy collecting stamps.
2. It is possible to collect stamps with almost no investment. \$20 is all that is needed to get started, and probably a lot less will work well.
3. No gender discrimination. Boys and girls. Men and women.
4. No discrimination by religion or native language. Anybody in the world can collect stamps.
5. It can take up a little amount of space. Beginners can easily store it a medium size box.
6. It is creative. Each stamp collector gets to collect what he or she wants, and in the way he or she wants.
7. It is safe. Don't have to worry about anything worse than a paper cut.
8. & 9. It can be done when it is raining outside. It can be done when it is dark outside.
10. There is a huge amount of literature available regarding stamp collecting.
11. It is a great inter-generational activity. Grandparents with grandchildren work well!
12. It opens up the whole world to the collector – famous places, events, people, etc.

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