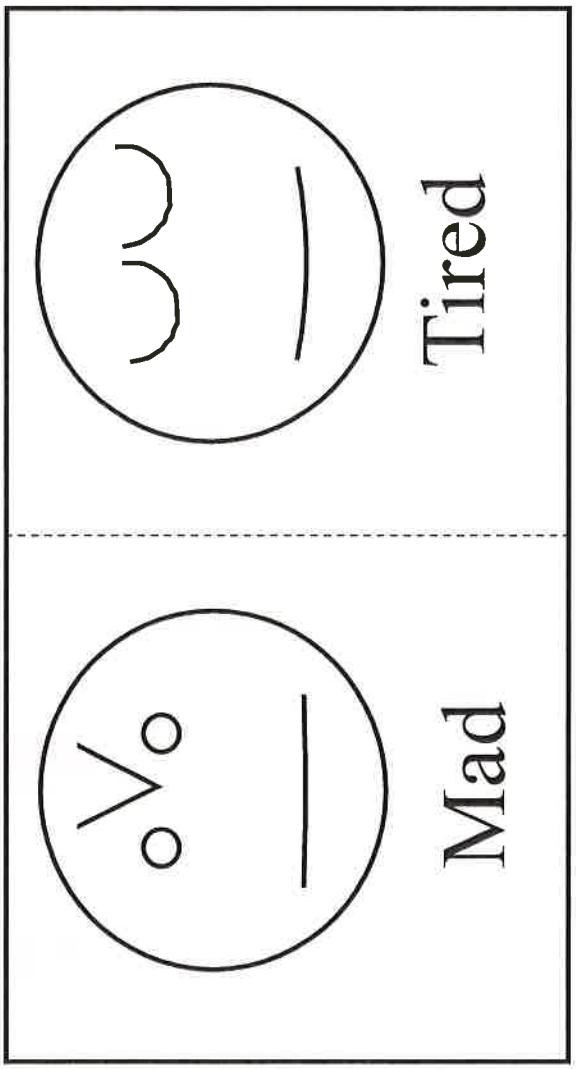
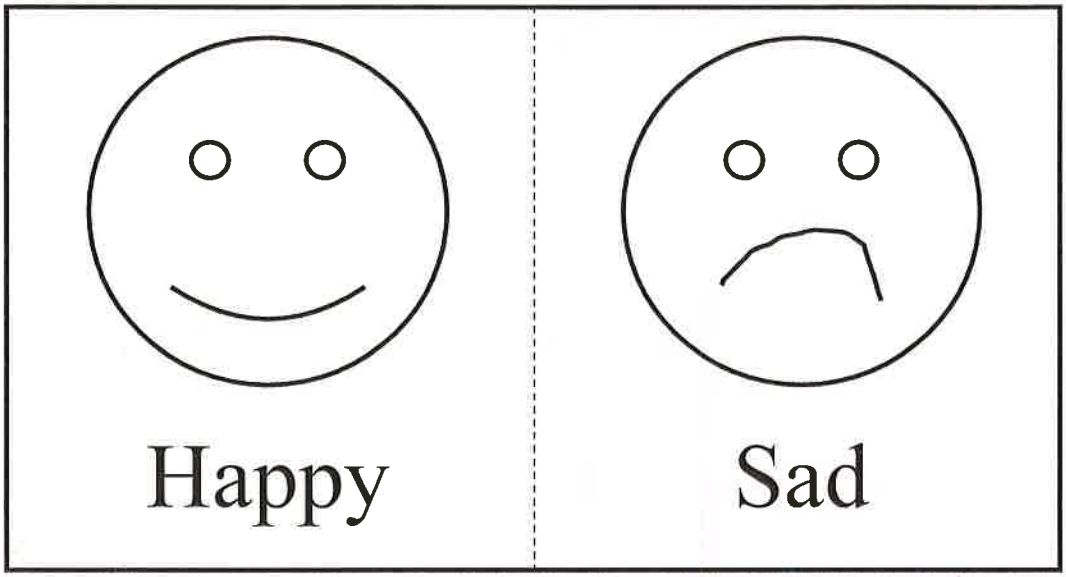
The Rabbit Listened

by Cori Doerrfeld

Make the cover with cardstock.



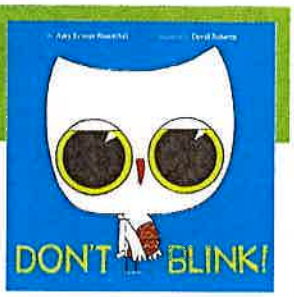


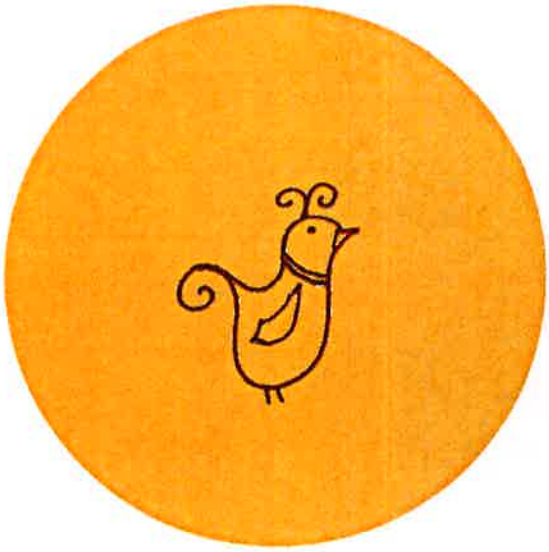
Make this simple book before storytime and give a copy to each attendee. Children can color the faces you provide, or they can draw their own. Add additional pages for more feelings and emotions. Scared, silly, jealous, and bored are all feelings children can relate to. Don't forget to add your logo and storytime info on the back!

Text shown is just to illustrate what you can do and is not indicative of actual programs at the IYRC.

Don't Blink!

by Amy Krouse Rosenthal Illustrated by David Roberts





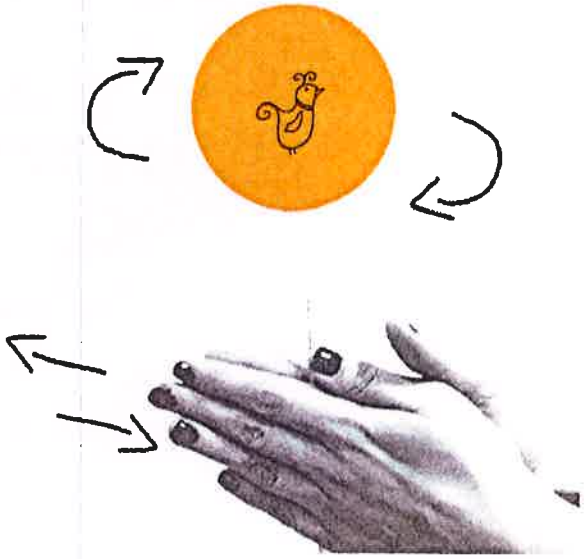
Optical Illusion Craft

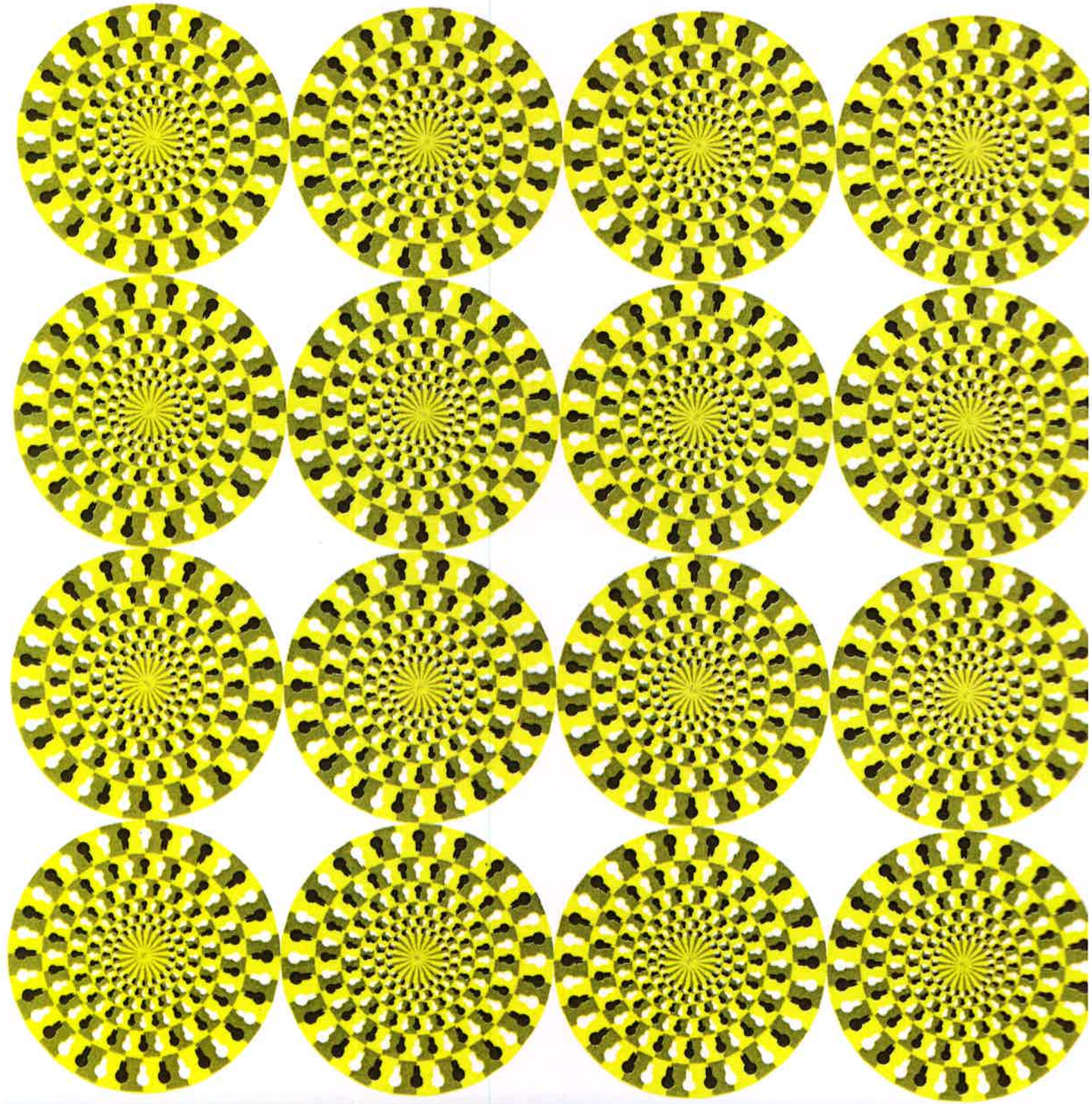
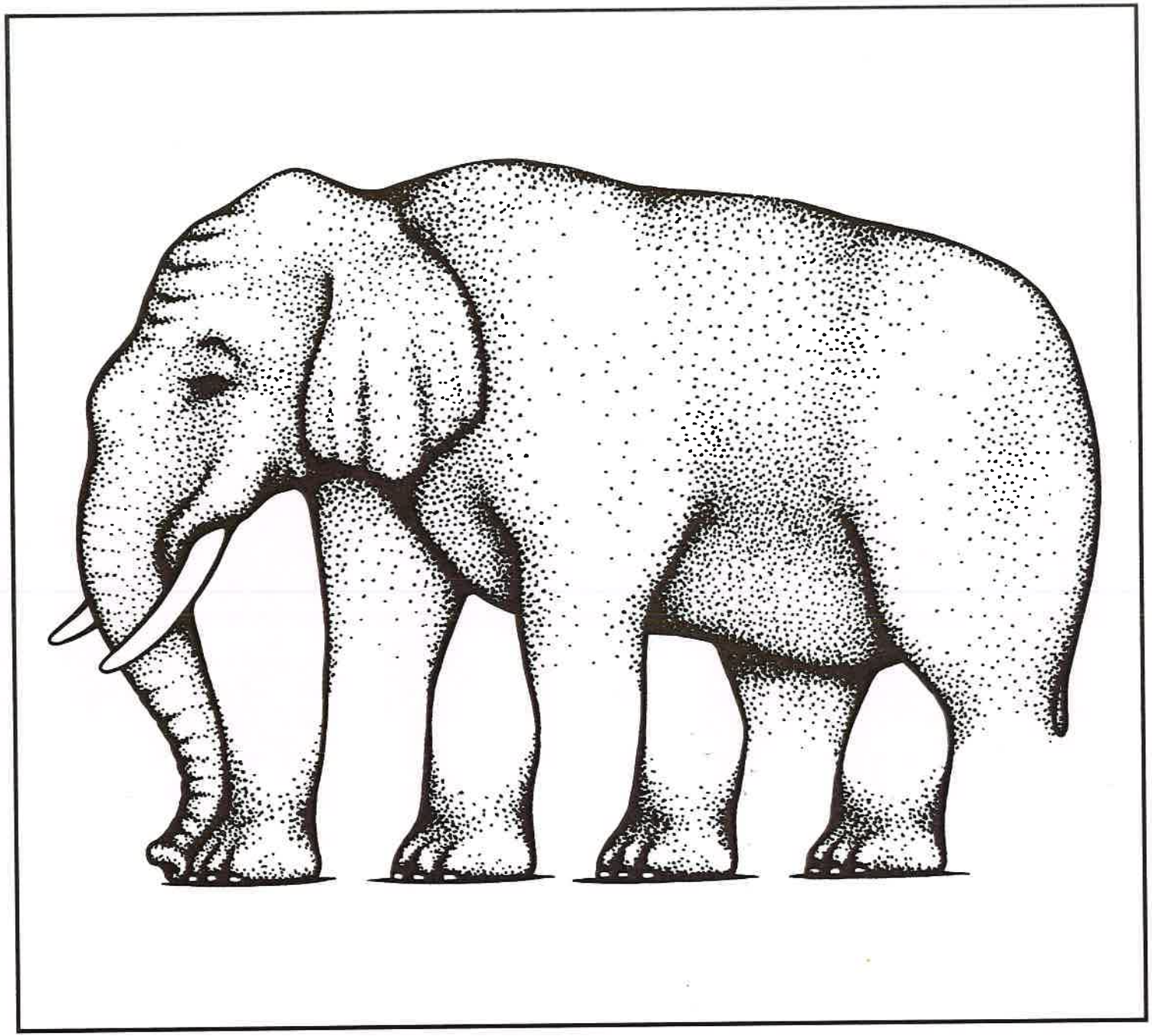
Don't Blink! has some great optical illusions in the illustrations. Make one with your storytime kiddos or show some images of optical illusions that you have found online.

This one is pretty simple. You will need: paper, a marker for drawing, glue or tape, and a dowel rod or straw.

Either copy the gold circles or just make up your own. You should have two circles: one with the image of the cage, and one with the image of the bird. Glue or tape the images back to back with a dowel rod between the two circles.

Now, spin the rod between your hands. The bird should look like it is in the cage!



Playing - You really cannot read this book without having a staring contest. Challenge the children to a staring contest with their parent or caregiver while you have a staring contest with a puppet or stuffed animal. The more obviously *open* the creature's eyes, the funnier this will be because there is no way that you, the human, can possibly win.

Reading / Craft - Notice how the illustrations in the book itself are simulating a blinking eye. Do you see how, with each page that is turned, the blackness creeps towards the center more and more until the entire spread is black? Show this to your patrons, and discuss why the artist made this choice. Pass out a few crayons and pieces of paper and, have your patrons draw similar pictures where the eyelids of the viewer show up in the image.