Adult Programming: A Session Full of Idea Generation and Sharing

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Adult Programs in the Library
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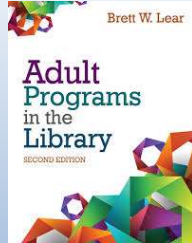
In this program…

- Themed Events…hundreds of ideas
- Passive Programming – More than just puzzles
- Our favorite online resources for programming ideas
- Free things…you may not even have known that were available
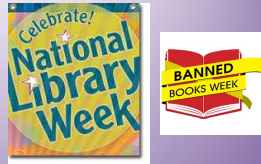- Your turn! Sharing your GBA's (The Good, Bad and Awesome)

What Inspires Us!

- Pinterest
- Facebook groups
- Adapt popular event http://www.teenlibrariantoolbox.com/tpib-programs/
- Community favorites
- Resource books

Themes!

Library Wide Events

National Library Week
Card Sign-Up Month
Banned Books Week

Artistic Adventures

"Crafterwork"
Meet a New Hobby
Try a Craft
Retro Crafts
Holiday Gifts on a Dime
Make something from a how-to library
book or DVD
Design Coloring Book Pages
Trash Into Treasure

Retro Crafts

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Flower Loom
Quilling
Pom Poms (think roller skates)
Macrame (but no plant hangers)
Woven Barrettes
Scrapbooking
3-D Paper Crafts, origami

Creatures

Make Your Own…
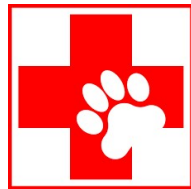
Decades Programs

Can You Dig It?
Throw it back to the 1970s at the
Spring 2016 McConnell Library Stress Buster!
Wednesday, April 27, 2016, 10am–10pm

Make a pet rock or paint a peace pebble! Get a chair massage! Take a photo in a VW Bus!* Pet a therapy dog! Enjoy some hummus, fruit, and cheese! Relax with button-making, coloring, crafts, games, and music. You might even win a groovy prize.
*Bus made of cardboard, sorry, man

✌ Sister event at the Radford University Bookstore, 11am-3pm. Bubbles, coloring, massages, therapy dogs, and snacks

RADFORD UNIVERSITY

Sponsored by McConnell Library, Radford University Bookstore, Peer Health Educators, Radford Public Library, TheraPets of the Roanoke Valley, and VT Helping Paws. *#mcstressbuster*

Decade or Time Period Pleasers

Fashion
Food
Music
Books, movies or TV from that time or set in that time (Happy Days)
Tutorials and demonstrations of dance steps
Photos – ask patrons for memorabilia, prom pictures, recipes from that era for contest
Trivia Contests

Can You Answer These 1960s Music Questions?

DISCO

1950's Ideas

Vintage Car Shows
Vintage Apron Decoration (or Poodle Skirts)
History of Billboard Hits
Soda Fountain Mixology Class
Dean, Hepburn or Marilyn Movie Fest
Korean War Library Luau

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1960's Ideas

Elvis, the Beatles, Neil Diamond and Woodstock
October Sky, the Rocket Boys and Space mania
Tie Dyeing (socks, accessories, something different)
Cooking Trends: in the van, easy gourmets,
Cocktail Parties
Anniversaries: Assassinations of JFK, Bobby and MLK
Design Your Own Bomb Shelter Contest

HEART
TIE-DYE TECHNIQUE

OCTOBER SKY
BASED ON A TRUE STORY

1970's Ideas

10 Tips for Saving Energy in Your Home
Retro Game Night , or What can you build with an
Erector set or Tinker toys?
Woven Oven Mitts, Macrame
Saturday Night Fever Moves
History of Tupperware
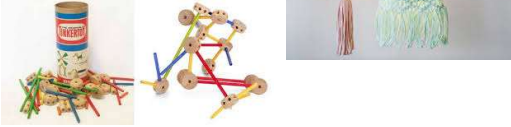
1970's Ideas

Owls Everywhere…Again
Binge watch Brady Bunch and other popular TV
Emergency TV show + CPR Training

Sewickly PL Pinterest Board https://www.pinterest.com/mgs311/decades-1970-s/

totally 80's

~ Best Huge and Frizzy 80's Hair Contest
~ Pac-Man and Space Invaders Game Nights
~ TV Trivia (MTV, CNN and The Weather Channel were launched)
~ Re-enact Berlin Wall being torn down
~ Display/Promote a Best of 80's best-selling authors Stephen King, Tom Clancy, Danielle Steele, James Michener Anne Rice, Shel Silverstein and Robert Ludlum books
~ Show-off your Leg Warmers 'Flashdance' movie party

Superheroes

CALLING ALL SUPERHEROES!

LARP (Live Action Role-Playing)
Artists Alley
Animation and video effects
Action figure easy stop-motion
What is Your Superpower?
Comic Book and Toy Fair with appraisals
Comic book discussions, little known or international superheroes

Comic Con?

Superhero Ideas

Costume contest
Robotics demonstrations
Design your own superhero costume
How to draw anime
Comic book club
Create your own graphic novel
Zombie prom
Superhero genealogy

TITAN COMICS
PRESENTS

DOCTOR
WHO

COMICS DAY
SEPTEMBER 2 2017

Ten Technology Tie-Ins I Love

Wendy Stephens
Jacksonville State University
ALLA 2016 * April 13, 2016

> Classic video games
> Virtual branch scavenger hunt
> Demonstrate Raspberry Pi for Pie Day
> Old time photos or travel photos with Green Screen, costumes

https://www.slideshare.net/wsstephens/ten-technology-tieins-i-love-alla-2016

Mindfullness

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Yoga
Frugal living
Self-defense
Decluttering
Chair exercise
Financial planning class
Simplify your life
Farmers market
How to make healthy smoothies
Zumba
Meditation

Retro Halloween Night
  80's monsters: Freddie, Chucky, Jason
  Dress in Halloween or 80's
  Duct tape or toliet paper costumes
  Finish the scary story contest or flash scary fiction
  1000 words
  Storytelling 101
  Goosebumps TV fest
  Walking Dead (still big)
  Offsite Campfire and S'mores buffet night

Resources Demonstration
Budgeting and Investing Apps
Tip Board
Teen or Next Gen Budget Contest
Coupon Clipping
Money board game tournaments
Prizes for winners, most in savings, other categories
We're holding a 4 person panel/forum with young
women entrepreneurs

Mysterious Events

Murder at the Library
Examine the crime scene, follow the
clues and solve the mystery! You're the
detective in this interactive mystery
night.

Crime Scene as display or one-time program (Example Paper Towns program by John Green)
Local scam alert programs
Mystery flavors
Classic crime TV & movies
T/F Town ordinance laws vs. historical
Self-Defense
Puzzle tournaments
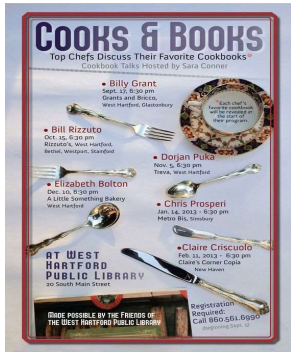Puzzle & Scrabble crafts

Out of This World : Space and Futuristic

Space Comedy or Alien night with paper airplane contest
Recycled Rockets
Starry eyed jewelry crafting
History of fortune telling
Library of the Future Movie Contest

Cooking/Cookbook Program?

Delicious Reads and More: Food Events

Glue copies onto 8 ½ x 11 cardstock or scrapbook paper
Stickers, printed recipes and quotes from cutters
Page protectors for 3-ring binder
Have patrons bring copies and exchange for drop in program
Tie in with holiday or international themes

Passive Programming

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Which number replaces the question mark?

7	3	6	2
2	8	5	4
1	1	2	4
4	2	1	?

GUESSING CONTESTS

Get a jar and fill it with candies (red Swedish fish for "Read Across America Day" or gold candy coins for "Talk Like a Pirate Day," (for example) and have patrons guess the number of candies inside.

Scavenger Hunts at your library

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Online Resources

Passive Programming Ideas
Kelly Jensen & Jackie Parker

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1OBGwr9qm39W
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http://www.teenlibrariantoolbox.com/tpib-programs/

https://www.facebook.com/groups/ProgrammingLibrarianInterestGroup/?multi_per
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http://www.nationalww2museum.org/learn/knit-your-bit/index.html

https://www.facebook.com/alagraphics/

http://www.atlasobscura.com/articles/every-book-is-a-journey-but-these-old-posters-make-reading-seem-like-a-trip?utm_source=facebook.com&utm_medium=atlas-page

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LIBRARIES TRANSFORMING COMMUNITIES

BECAUSE OUR DIVIDED NATION NEEDS CONVERSATION MORE THAN EVER.

A free learning series from ALA and the National Coalition for Dialogue & Deliberation
Click here to learn more.

ALA   ncdd

http://programminglibrarian.org

IDAHO   ICfL   Idaho Commission for Libraries

Pinterest   B   MID-LIFE ADULTS

http://libraries.idaho.gov/blogs/ericacompton/mid-life-adult-programming-ideas

NASA @ My Library — A National Earth and Space Science Initiative

STAR★net
Science-Technology Activities & Resources For Libraries

http://www.programminglibrarian.org/articles/apply-now-nasa-my-library-stem-initiative

https://www.coloringpagesbliss.com/gift-of-bliss/

http://www.evancedsolutions.com/free-stuff-for-librarians/

http://www.slideshare.net/librarianinblack/il10-freestuff

http://oedb.org/ilibrarian/guide-little-known-image-collections-millions-free-hi-res-images/

Design Tools

Other Sites to Check Out!

Library Program Ideas

it's *your* turn

I ♥ FREE STUFF

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Thank You!

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ALA ATLANTA MIDWINTER MEETING & EXHIBITS

Programming Librarians Session - Idea Swap

Princeton Public Libraries

65 Things "How to" Festival = 65 Things Demonstrated in the Library

65 Word Short Stories Submitted by the Patrons

The Year of Living Danishly – Book

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Enid, Oklahoma Public Libraries

Mitten Tree – Collected Items are Distributed by the School Board

Chase the Chill – Art, Yarn Bombing/Storming
http://www.chasethechill.com

"Souper Bowl"

Programming Librarians Session - Idea Swap

Forsythe County Public Libraries

Adulting 101 Series – Experts on Financial Planning, Insurance Adjuster, How to Buy a Home, Car Buying and Maintenance, Health Insurance

Retiring 101 – Financial Planning, Medicare, Parks and Rec (Activities for Seniors), Online Dating & Mingling, Safe Sex After Sixty

Local History
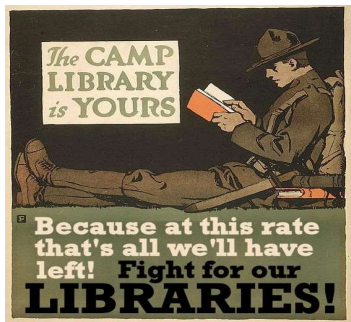
Special Events

Anniversaries of the library, and in the community

Commemorative:

Events
People

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