

Text Chat from Creating Inviting Low Cost Teen Spaces

- 06/16/2010 11:58:15 AM from eileen oshea to All Participants:
if you'd like to download the PPT for today's webinar, it's here:
http://infopeople.org/training/webcasts/webcast_data/286/index.html
- 06/16/2010 12:19:47 PM from Behjat Kerdegari to All Participants:
never liked bean bags
- 06/16/2010 12:19:54 PM from Allison Jenkins to All Participants:
ours all fell apart
- 06/16/2010 12:20:05 PM from Liz Zylstra to All Participants:
We had one and it got filthy in no time, it didn't last long at all
- 06/16/2010 12:20:11 PM from Deb Stilson to All Participants:
they fall apart
- 06/16/2010 12:20:13 PM from Jack Baur to All Participants:
Heard of more than a few that took them out. Led to pillow fights...
- 06/16/2010 12:20:13 PM from Anthony Bernier to All Participants:
carpeted platforms are much better
- 06/16/2010 12:20:14 PM from Liz Zylstra to All Participants:
we had problems with people stepping on them
- 06/16/2010 12:20:32 PM from Catherine Seneris to All Participants:
memory foam bean bags are better...less mess
- 06/16/2010 12:21:05 PM from Jack Baur to All Participants:
But make sure the outlets are unplugged before they get moved!!
- 06/16/2010 12:23:25 PM from Theresa Lukas to All Participants:
I like these chairs with a place to put their feet
- 06/16/2010 12:23:29 PM from Monica Sarabia to All Participants:
cool!
- 06/16/2010 12:23:32 PM from Erica Compton to All Participants:
love those!!
- 06/16/2010 12:24:28 PM from Jessica Gordon to Host (privately):
rockers are great for gaming or watching tv
- 06/16/2010 12:24:33 PM from JoAnn Rees to All Participants:
We had these; teens liked them but so did little kids, couldn't keep them off. They lasted about 18 months...
- 06/16/2010 12:24:44 PM from Pat Breeding to All Participants:

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we've had rockers similar to that for awhile

06/16/2010 12:24:46 PM from Shakti Maisen to All Participants:
the fabric rockers lasted for us about 2 yrs, vinyl less

06/16/2010 12:24:50 PM from Abbey Dunlap to All Participants:
had a one that died a tragic death from adult abuse

06/16/2010 12:24:58 PM from Heather Bailey to All Participants:
Our rockers got beat up pretty fast.

06/16/2010 12:25:05 PM from Allison Jenkins to All Participants:
fabric rockers have fallen apart too

06/16/2010 12:25:28 PM from Nancy Andrus to All Participants:
we have the two tone blobs. Am worried about how that white will wear.

06/16/2010 12:25:31 PM from Lori Durbin to All Participants:
It's not the teens - it's the adults and kids that ruin the teen furniture

06/16/2010 12:25:32 PM from Emily Dagg to All Participants:
We have the Pebble in our children's room, they are being destroyed, only two years old.

06/16/2010 12:26:00 PM from Nancy Andrus to All Participants:
We keep the kids and adults out of the area. Signs.

06/16/2010 12:26:13 PM from Dawn Terrizzi to All Participants:
i like that there are two chairs per desk.

06/16/2010 12:26:27 PM from Lori Durbin to All Participants:
I have signs up to keep the adults out - but they ignore them

06/16/2010 12:26:49 PM from Arlene Cano to All Participants:
The teens really enjoy the "coffee house" vibe

06/16/2010 12:27:00 PM from Monica Sarabia to All Participants:
they ignore our signs as well :(

06/16/2010 12:27:07 PM from Nancy Andrus to All Participants:
We follow up with gentle nudges from librarians...

06/16/2010 12:27:22 PM from Nancy Andrus to All Participants:
so far that's working, but it's not always fun to do!

06/16/2010 12:27:42 PM from Christy Keyes to Host (privately):
Have any of you (host or participants) come across any teen spaces with a beach/surf theme?

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- 06/16/2010 12:27:51 PM from Lucy Lockley to All Panelists:
Our newest remodeled branch has booths and they are VERY popular
- 06/16/2010 12:27:55 PM from Christy Keyes to Host (privately):
Have any of you (host or participants) come across any teen spaces with a beach/surf theme?
- 06/16/2010 12:28:17 PM from Theresa Lukas to All Participants:
these look cool
- 06/16/2010 12:28:27 PM from Lucy Lockley to All Panelists:
Our booths are similar to the big cozy booths
- 06/16/2010 12:28:36 PM from Anthony Bernier to All Participants:
YA spaces ought to have humor
- 06/16/2010 12:29:37 PM from nancy rountree to All Participants:
Yes...I'm an idiot and am late....is there any rewinding?
- 06/16/2010 12:30:00 PM from Behjat Kerdegari to All Participants:
Cafe seatings are the best. They look sturdy
- 06/16/2010 12:30:03 PM from Deborah Marks to All Participants:
nancy, I believe there are re-broadcasts.
- 06/16/2010 12:30:17 PM from Wendy Klemin to All Participants:
I like the idea of acoustical panels to control noise.
- 06/16/2010 12:31:04 PM from Gwen Robison to All Participants:
anyone have the panels for sound ? do they work?
- 06/16/2010 12:32:18 PM from Behjat Kerdegari to All Participants:
Who's got Enshell chairs. How long they last
- 06/16/2010 12:32:36 PM from Wendy Klemin to All Participants:
I grew up in Monrovia! The library sure looks different now!
- 06/16/2010 12:32:55 PM from Tera Forrest to All Participants:
It reopened last May
- 06/16/2010 12:33:06 PM from Tera Forrest to All Participants:
Monrovia's been open for a little over a year
- 06/16/2010 12:33:47 PM from Lori Durbin to All Participants:
We are planning to do similar paintings by letting the kids "feet paint" on the back of large pieces of linoleum to be hung on the wall above our shelves.
- 06/16/2010 12:34:04 PM from Theresa Lukas to All Participants:

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neat idea Lori

06/16/2010 12:35:31 PM from Ashley Bigay to All Participants:
I like your idea @Lori. Thank you!

06/16/2010 12:36:06 PM from margaret weigelt to All Participants:
Are there any teen advisory board members taking this webinar?

06/16/2010 12:36:14 PM from Gwen Robison to All Participants:
ideas if your area has no walls ?

06/16/2010 12:36:42 PM from Lori Durbin to All Participants:
We have a magnetic messaging board, but I am having problems finding large magnetic pieces for words. Mine are too small. Ideas?

06/16/2010 12:36:54 PM from Liz Zylstra to All Participants:
Craft stores

06/16/2010 12:37:08 PM from eileen oshea to All Participants:
<http://www.whatisblik.com/>

06/16/2010 12:37:11 PM from margaret weigelt to All Participants:
old refrigerator door for magnetic pieces

06/16/2010 12:37:13 PM from Liz Zylstra to All Participants:
often have big sheets of magnets you can cut up

06/16/2010 12:37:23 PM from Allison Jenkins to All Participants:
Make your own with large magnetic strips

06/16/2010 12:37:39 PM from Cari Haarstick to All Panelists:
Lori there is magnetic paper you can print onto and then cut out...staples etc

06/16/2010 12:38:33 PM from gina Moon to All Participants:
to Lori Durbin, try www.abcstuff.com

06/16/2010 12:39:31 PM from deanna groke to All Participants:
Ok, I came in a little late as I culdn't figure this out, but so far all I have seen are teen spaces that are bigger than our small library combined. I need ideas for very little, and I do mean littler, space.

06/16/2010 12:40:17 PM from Lori Durbin to All Participants:
I agree Deanna - my space is MUCH smaller than what I am seeing here.

06/16/2010 12:40:20 PM from Wendy Penrose-Burke to All Participants:
I am also having to adjust these ideas in big spaces to my 1-2000 sq ft libraries.

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- 06/16/2010 12:40:25 PM from Emily Day to All Participants:
mine too
- 06/16/2010 12:40:29 PM from Theresa Lukas to All Participants:
mine too
- 06/16/2010 12:40:31 PM from Denise Fung to All Participants:
same here
- 06/16/2010 12:40:34 PM from eileen oshea to All Participants:
Hi Deanna! I'll make sure Linda gets your question
- 06/16/2010 12:40:47 PM from Deb Stilson to All Participants:
mine too...it is small
- 06/16/2010 12:40:53 PM from Edward Shopoff to All Panelists:
small space AND small budget!
- 06/16/2010 12:41:24 PM from Jessica Gordon to Host (privately):
our space is VERY small. We only have 4 shelves for teens...i would like to do something for that small of a space
- 06/16/2010 12:41:38 PM from Deborah Marks to All Participants:
our teen space is just a corner
- 06/16/2010 12:41:47 PM from Anthony Bernier to All Participants:
my research demonstrated that small libs devote on average 2.2% of overall square footage
- 06/16/2010 12:41:59 PM from Sheila McCallum to All Participants:
Our space is very tiny. It is located in the children's room and we don't have anywhere else to move it.
- 06/16/2010 12:42:04 PM from Vivian Valencia to All Participants:
Ours is also a corner. I have tried to put up some posters but the corner happens to be all windows
- 06/16/2010 12:42:12 PM from Theresa Lukas to All Participants:
ours is out in the open, flanked only by shelving units
- 06/16/2010 12:42:12 PM from Emily Day to All Participants:
ours is really small and has already been decided that it's there, because we don't have any money...that's why I'm taking this webinar ;)
- 06/16/2010 12:42:18 PM from Emily Dagg to All Participants:
How to persuade adult services to give up some space? ;-)
- 06/16/2010 12:42:27 PM from Elizabeth Valderrama to All Participants:

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My teen space is just a few bookcases and doesn't even have a wall!

06/16/2010 12:42:30 PM from Emily Day to All Participants:
oh man - that would be nice; they have a whole floor!

06/16/2010 12:42:35 PM from Liz Zylstra to All Participants:
We had big windows and invested in some glass window writers.. they were a big hit

06/16/2010 12:42:59 PM from nancy owen-hazard to All Participants:
what are window writers?

06/16/2010 12:43:04 PM from nancy rountree to All Panelists:
glass window writers....like markers?

06/16/2010 12:43:14 PM from Liz Zylstra to All Participants:
window writer markers and paints that we let the teens used to decorate

06/16/2010 12:43:22 PM from margaret weigelt to All Participants:
we use the whole library at a designated time because we are tiny

06/16/2010 12:43:38 PM from nancy rountree to All Panelists:
thats a great idea!

06/16/2010 12:43:43 PM from Deborah Marks to All Participants:
are the window markers permanent?

06/16/2010 12:43:52 PM from Liz Zylstra to All Participants:
no they came off with windex

06/16/2010 12:44:21 PM from Kelly Simms to All Participants:
we are working on a new library space, but have no budget. Do you have any revamping/recycling ideas we could use?

06/16/2010 12:44:24 PM from Christy Keyes to Host (privately):
What library was the surfboard and Gidget photo in?

06/16/2010 12:44:37 PM from Liz Zylstra to All Participants:
These are the ones we used
http://www.mastermindtoys.com/store/product.asp?rd=574773670&product_code=102400&subcat=135&brand=64&cat=0&agecat=0&showcat=0&page=1&ebay=&MSCSProfile=M1KC403SPRNM8MUNTU60NNR7KDUX6Q83

06/16/2010 12:44:58 PM from Brittany Nethers to All Participants:
We have a teen only area. Kids are welcome when they are with a sibling.

06/16/2010 12:44:59 PM from Jessica Gordon to Host (privately):

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We have No budget for books, let alone to remodel the teen area, can you recommend anything for a little to no budget and a small space?

06/16/2010 12:45:04 PM from Liz Zylstra to All Participants:

We have a special sticker on teen library cards ... they have to show the card to get into the teen room

06/16/2010 12:45:10 PM from Kelly Simms to All Participants:

we have space, but no money

06/16/2010 12:46:00 PM from Allison Jenkins to All Participants:

We posted signs. And ask any adults or kids to leave. Just having the sign to point to helps.

06/16/2010 12:46:03 PM from Pat Breeding to All Participants:

We are small enough to see if smaller kids are in the teen space. They are politely asked to leave and reminded that they will be more that welcome when they are 12

06/16/2010 12:46:07 PM from Emily Dagg to All Participants:

We keep "unattended" adults out of our youth services area by constantly reminding adults that they have plenty of seating in the rest of the library, but we have limited seating for kids and families.

06/16/2010 12:46:43 PM from Infopeople Project to All Participants:

I think Gidget was the Malibu library.

06/16/2010 12:47:27 PM from Heather Bailey to All Panelists:

What are your ideas for one room libraries?

06/16/2010 12:47:33 PM from Allison Jenkins to All Participants:

We have Poang chairs from IKEA too. Very comfy.

06/16/2010 12:47:48 PM from Sheila McCallum to All Participants:

That's a great idea!

06/16/2010 12:48:11 PM from Kelly Simms to All Participants:

what can we do if we do not have a budget but are really wanting to make a space for our teens?

06/16/2010 12:48:11 PM from helen Whittaker to All Participants:

what about chairs for obese teens?

06/16/2010 12:48:45 PM from Allison Jenkins to All Participants:

Kelly--we got displays and bookshelves when a Barnes & Noble closed near us for free.

06/16/2010 12:49:20 PM from Anthony Bernier to All Participants:

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the point is to simulate and invite floor-like seating options

06/16/2010 12:49:22 PM from Charlie Kalogeros-Chattan to All Participants:
Gwen: to restore sound, try going to the toolbar menu at the top, click on "Communicate" and then on "Join Audio Broadcast"--it will open a volume control--turn that all the way up, and leave it open. Good luck!

06/16/2010 12:49:25 PM from Lori Durbin to All Participants:
We are planning a small couch or sofa that we are going to duct tape with multi colored tape for seating.

06/16/2010 12:49:31 PM from Angela Cox to All Participants:
What suggestions do you have for an old building that has high ceilings to make acoustics better?

06/16/2010 12:50:18 PM from Christy Keyes to Host (privately):
Do you know of any other teen rooms with beach themes?

06/16/2010 12:50:25 PM from Emily Dagg to All Participants:
For "big" customers, we have armless chairs that can be pushed together to make a loveseat for two people, or one big person.

06/16/2010 12:51:18 PM from margaret weigelt to All Participants:
toying with a slipcover idea to temporarily convert a space for teens

06/16/2010 12:51:52 PM from Brittany Nethers to All Participants:
Our teens are on the first floor, but this works well for us because our library gets quieter as you head up the stairs. Teens know to stay downstairs when they are hanging out.

06/16/2010 12:52:10 PM from Emily Dagg to All Participants:
The legs snap off the Pebbles.

06/16/2010 12:52:22 PM from Emily Day to All Participants:
similarly ours is on the first floor because second floor is quieter

06/16/2010 12:53:09 PM from Theresa Lukas to All Participants:
I would think the first floor would be better for teens so they do not disturb the other patrons if they are walking loud or doing dances or such

06/16/2010 12:53:35 PM from Kelly Simms to All Participants:
any ideas on a "recycling" theme?

06/16/2010 12:55:21 PM from Lori Durbin to All Participants:
Do many of you allow "free writing" with white boards, etc. Do you have much trouble with language?

06/16/2010 12:55:31 PM from Emily Dagg to All Participants:

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Teen area location: depends on the community. If teens are all babysitting little siblings, or if families all come in together and like to be together, teen area can work next to children's area.

06/16/2010 12:55:43 PM from Yasmine Matar to All Participants:

Think of grants for artwork from artist. Great way to save money and promote an artist of the community.

06/16/2010 12:56:05 PM from Julia Butler to All Participants:

Has anyone used shelf paper in diecut shapes to decorate tops of low bookcases or tables? I'm trying to update traditional library furniture and possibly set a color theme in the teen area

06/16/2010 12:56:48 PM from Lori Durbin to All Participants:

We have also covered our ceiling tiles with paper that the kids have created artwork on - to help define the space.

06/16/2010 12:56:57 PM from Infopeople Project to All Participants:

Green Library - Mark Twain Library in Long Beach:
<http://www.longbeach.gov/civica/filebank/blobdload.asp?BlobID=16051>

06/16/2010 12:58:09 PM from helen Whittaker to All Panelists:

Do teens like neon signs?

06/16/2010 12:58:52 PM from Lucy Lockley to All Panelists:

Thank you Linda and InfoPeople for this - it was great!

06/16/2010 12:58:59 PM from Lori Durbin to All Participants:

anyone know where I can buy freestanding wall dividers in approx. 8 ft wide sections?

06/16/2010 13:00:52 PM from Jessica Gordon to Host (privately):

how can you change a small teen space to show off teen individuality?

06/16/2010 13:01:27 PM from Jessica Gordon to All Panelists:

how can you change a small teen space to show off teen individuality?

06/16/2010 13:01:41 PM from Pat Breeding to All Participants:

My teens came up with this for the summer program with the help of lots of prom pictures to look at <http://marysville.mykansaslbrary.org/>

06/16/2010 13:03:22 PM from Kelly Simms to All Participants:

we have a big space and no budget. This is important because we are the largest city without a bookstore