

Teen Librarian Idea-Share

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Programs: Star Wars Reads Day systemwide celebration (8 branches) with craft, costumed characters, and speakers at two branches; Shrinky Dink Jewelry is easy and affordable and can be added to any other event, ex: Pokemon DS meetup and Pokemon Shrinky Dink Jewelry creation.

Librarian: Sara Sunshine Holloway, sholloway@tacomapubliclibrary.org

Library: Tacoma Public Library

Programs: Steampunk Garrings - Making earrings with steampunk materials (gears, watch hands, charms). Use ear wires, easily-bendable jump rings, colored wire, and wire clippers. Adding keychains or bracelets will make the program more accessible and inclusive; "Comic Book Creations - Make comic book pendants or magnets with used/recycled comic books. Cut thick cardboard rectangles and cut a comic book picture to the same size. Cover the front with clear contact paper and fold over to the back. Either hole punch and run a string through for a pendant or stick a magnet on the back. Original idea found here:

<http://www.punkprojects.com/2011/03/comic-book-necklace-pendant-diy.html>

Librarian: Kayla Pennoyer, kayla.pennoyer@gmail.com

Library: Ann Arbor District Library

Programs: Crafty C.A.T.S. (Community Action Teen Service), a teen-led community service group that allows teens to be creative and learn some dying needle-craft arts, appreciate philanthropy, and earn community service hours to graduate and qualify for scholarships. Forge partnerships with community organizations where the handmade items can be donated and make a difference in someone's life, visit <http://library.escondido.org/crafty-cats.aspx>; Review Crew, another way for teens to earn community service without stepping foot into the library, visit <https://library.escondido.org/review-crew.aspx>; Burritos & Books, a book-talking program that not only benefits the teens and staff by exposing them to a variety of genres that they might not normally read and practice their book talking skills. Can also invite other Youth Services staff and school librarians from local middle and high schools.

Librarian: Joanna Axelrod, jaxelrod@escondido.org

Library: Escondido Public Library

Program: Reading Buddies, teen volunteers read with the children of our Adult English Learners during their classes in the evenings. There is storytime, the kids read to their teen buddies, and they do homework help and game time. We also just did a round of blinking light cards with conducting paint - <https://www.sparkfun.com/products/12628>

Librarian: Lorraine Squires, lorraine.squires@gmail.com

Library: Mastics-Moriches-Shirley Community Library

Program: Take Apart a Computer program, using one of the desktop computers IT was recycling and teens all took part in the hands on project; Divergent Party, had stations for the different factions (Dauntless - DIY tattoos, Amity - duct tape flower pens, Erudite - logic puzzles), a quiz for what faction you would be in (found online), and a trivia quiz at the end for prizes. Also had snacks, pizza, and Divergent movie trailers running in the background.

Librarian: Lisa, lbarefield@bartlett.lib.il.us

Library: Bartlett Public Library

Program: Prom Swap, ask for donated formal wear, then let teens bring in their own formal wear or non-perishable goods to "buy" new to them Prom attire. Leftover dresses went to a high school for teen moms and food went to a local food bank; Ping Pong Challenge, teens each get 5 "dollars" to buy tape, paper, or one weird item (bottle caps, coasters, ect.) and have to build a structure that keeps a ping pong ball in motion for the longest amount of time.

Librarian: Chandra Jones, chandra.jones@jeffcolibrary.org

Library: Jefferson County Public Library

Program: Teen Lock-In, Teen Game Night, Dungeons and Dragons Teen Fandom Club - easy to run and easy to replicate! Meet for an hour, have snacks, and talk about all the fandom things we love, like Dr. Who, John Green, Harry Potter. A great way to engage teens and get them talking about things they love.

Librarian: Amanda Heidema, amandah@cmclibrary.org

Library: Cape May County Library

Program: Wig Out Wednesdays or W.O.W. Astrojax Club, Wig Out Wednesdays follows the HoMaGo model. Every Wednesday, teens gather in our meeting room for 2 hours to relax and hang out (Ho) with friends while eating snacks, mess around (Ma) by playing Wii, iPad games, Minecraft, surf the internet, and geek out (Go) at the Third Table...a station that changes constantly with different activities that involve devoting some time to learn something new (ie. hack the world around you with the MakeyMakey, Black Out Poetry, POGS, Origami, Snap Circuits, Music making, etc.). Laid back and FUN! As for the Wigs - We have an assortment of cheap disposable wigs they can wear.

Librarian: Stephen Tafoya, stafoya@gcpld.org

Library: Garfield County Public Library District

Program: A K-8 library, during recess, we did a Teen Tech week event day of the week. Started the week with a "create a book trailer contest" and ended the week with the trailer screening and

awards. Teen Advisory Board decided that all 4 teams who entered should get a prize (iTunes cards). Also had a typing contest and an online scavenger hunt. One day we just had open tech access. We also provided snacks. Our Teen Tech Week program came to us from an email from code.org promoting their "Code your own Flappy Bird." Visit <http://library.townschool.com/home/activitiesfortechweek>.

Librarian: Julie Alonso, alonso@townschool.com

Library: Town School for Boys