

CSL In Session – Teen Read Week – August 15, 2012

Programming ideas shared in chat

General Ideas

- CYAAL, Colorado Young Adult Advocates in libraries: a group open to all members of the library community who work with young adults and share an interest in improving services to this patron population. We discuss programming, collection development, trends and technology, policies and procedures and a host of other topics of interest to those who work with teens. It is basically a secret support group for those involved in teen services. :-)
- pinterest has awesome bulletin boards using a very popular song and QR codes for book trailers. Teens love it and think you are cool
- [foreign book covers] would make a great display/quiz
 - I will def use this; I love it
 - Is there a certain place you find these foreign book covers?
Yes: see the resource list at <http://cslinsession.cvlites.org/files/2012/08/Teen-Read-Week-Resources.pdf>.
 - could you also black out the title on new books that teens haven't seen yet and have then create their own titles based on the image... could even become a writing activity (create a story based on the cover program)
 - I think amazon has country specific sites, that could have some good covers too

How school and public libraries can partner

- there could be a lot with the cemetery and ghost walks
- if you do a ghost walk you could have the teens bring their cameras and catch all the "ghost" orbs in the pictures-fun!
- I would like to get the schools involved (for a writing contest) by helping judge entries. It would be great to help promoting the program too.
- our local technology school helps with the book trailer video contest, their teacher actually makes the book trailers an assignment.
- There is also a school district VISTA volunteer that focuses on after school programming. She has been a great ally. and all I did was email the teacher to get it started. guess I got lucky :)

- I just visited the schools to attend their registration to catch them with their parents to sign up for cards

TRW Ideas inside the library

- Let teens create a special display case related to the TRW theme
- develop a teen area
- We would like to do a writing contest this year.
- I've had special programs based on the theme for teen read week. I also do book displays based on the theme.
- I'm thinking about having a monsters ball where you come dressed as your fav YA book character
- Passive activities, games, etc.
- Book displays
- we are doing a similar "teen recommended" display area
- Movie makeup or monster makeup class. We have a small college in town with a great theater department that might come help us out.
- scavenger hunt
- displays and a program
- recently had teen makeovers from a local beauty school
- we are also putting together a trivia contest based on the Teen Top 10 nominees
- Have kids create their own book trailer movie using our new iPads
- did book trailers and winner featured in local film festival
- displays, monster film fest, Teens top Ten trivia contest, urban legend story swap, and a book swap and movie poster make and take
- photography contest
- Saturday night is After Hours - games, movies, running around the library in the dark and making lots of noise!

- I've done a locked in the library on a Saturday with movies, pizza and games.
- I am thinking of doing a monster sock puppet craft program this year.
- gothic sock puppets went over well here (gocks)
- I'm hoping to have a local ghost hunting group for a program this year. It's been a great success in the past.
- We are going to do a Wizard of Oz sing along event
- do you use local lore for your ghost hunt?
- For the scavenger hunt, teens were given ten challenges. Some asked them to find out information we'd want them to know (e.g., how many libraries we have in our city, what services we have for helping with homework, or to find the name and requirements of a college scholarship. We also had challenges that involved using google translate and a website that allowed them to decode messages.
- I had a paranormal investigation team come for my summer reading program this year- they were great
- we did too and the kids want a zombie prom in October
- Yes we have local ghost tours and they talk about buildings they've investigated in our little town and area.
- with the paranormal investigation, was this overnight or after library hours? Curious as how management or administration liked the idea. :)
- we are also doing a cemetery walk
- Actually we have had someone investigate the library. It is really cool learning about their technology.
- Just looked it up- October 20th is the date for the Denver Zombie Crawl, FYI.
- Fake Blood
- Glow Slime
- We had a paranormal team here too and got some complaints from parents...
- This summer I did a monster movie and fang making session with friendly plastic- kind of similar.
- we had melty beads that glow in the dark for a kids craft this summer and our teen volunteers enjoyed it much more than the younger kids



- <http://www.craftprojectideas.com/index.php/products/kids-jewelry/melty-beads/377-glow-in-the-dark-melty-beads>
- Glow in the dark paint
- Temporary tattoos of the zombie nature.(Cuter ones for the younger set)
- Zombie Felties
- *Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark...The Dead Man's Brains* (Alvin Schwartz) have the teens act this out for each other or slightly younger kids.
- Displays made by the teens about Teen Top Ten, horror, vamps, and zombies
- After-hours mystery night and after today I am putting a ghost tour somewhere!
- This is also a great time to push for teen volunteers and advisory group! My volunteer program starts in 7th grade and kids love to participate. They help run the programs. I also have interns who are juniors and seniors that help plan and create most of the programs.
- Food:
 - Graveyard pudding (pudding cups sprinkled with crushed Oreo cookies for dirt and the decorated with either a cookie for a grave stone or whipped cream for ghosts)...everyone loves these!
 - Marshmallow zombies...found this on Pintrest!



TRW Ideas outside the library

- Visits to Middle Schools - booktalks, promotion
- I have a book group at a Juvenile Detention Center and we will be reading books with this theme.
- I visit the local high school's book club and do booktalks, hand out prizes
- I hope to partner with the Middle School Librarian to promote our programs at the library and have programs at the Middle school library for participants.
- Hosting "Trivia Tuesdays" at the high school during lunch hour to promote teen activities at the library and hand out prizes
- Teens are doing a teddy Bear sleepover program for the kids
- We are actually in the lobby - where the kids hang out after they are done eating

Ideas to involve teens in planning, promotion and implementation

- Discuss with TAC and have them come up with some ideas
- will promote at the local high school as well as local teen hang outs
- Ask them for ideas of what they want to do
- teens make posters and do skits and stuff to promote
- Our TAB is filming a promo video for the library website
- My TLAB decided on the activities.
- Our TAB helped pick the programs they wanted at our branch and they will be bringing information to their schools for posting or the announcements
- Teen Advisory Group- hoping to recruit a bunch of new members once school starts.
- I love the idea of making them do a promotional video!
- we did the next top monster activity that was in the CSLP program book and it was a huge success
- TAG group & Volunteer Program

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