

### **Most Successful Programs**

- Who Stole the Cookies? - cookie forensics for elementary aged kids
- A liter bottle full of rice and little toys inside, and they have to guess what's inside
- Superhero Training Academy
- Caption the Historic Photo - this has sometimes been successful and other times not.
- Harry Potter Day/Holidays at Hogwarts (recycled program)
- Relax and color. We set out coloring pages for adults.
- Book fortunes - I made a "crystal ball" out of a plastic light fixture - folks filled out a small piece of paper with 3 titles they liked, and then an email and we responded later with what they might like.
- Treasure hunt in library
- We received a bunch of chipotle cards for kids this summer and I "paid" them for book reviews which I hung all over their area
- We had a display "Before I die" then post it notes that people would put up
- A coworker ordered skeletal images of various animals and posted them in a window. Had to guess the animal. It was later revealed with a photo and info about the animal.
- Haven't done much physical, but online we partnered w/local ice cream place. Patrons voted on which fictional character would most likely order the flavor of the week. People loved, and we had some fierce debates.
- Question of the Week - guess the question and get a small prize. Get to encourage interaction
- Guess Who? - Children's book characters in silhouette
- We use self-directed monthly stations for pK patrons and adult, based on ECRR format
- Put out cups and see how high they could build a pyramid
- Giant flannel board in our early literacy play area. We change up the pieces seasonally.
- Academy Award pre-voting
- Librarian Confessions on Facebook: Can you believe which classic children's book so-and-so-librarian has never read?!
- If a particular book were to be made into a movie "who would you cast?"
- To drive circ, one of our branches gave kids one LEGO for every 3 books they checked out. The LEGO was then used to build a group sculpture at the library.

### **Least Successful Programs**

- Where in the World is Carmen Sandiego? - geography follow-the-clues using atlases
- Choose Your Own Adventures 3D - Scavenger Hunt style
- Gaiman book discussion...
- Show us your book face. Another Facebook program but did not have buy in at branches, so not much promotion

### **New Ideas to Try**

- Mythology Misadventures - Who Stole the Sun Mystery with Greek, Roman, and Egyptian gods/goddesses
- STEM - we're going to have some sorting and other experiments, and they leave their observation in the box
- Had a "letter writing station" - old fashioned - kinda worked
- GPS in the library
- Drone check out
- For the new school year, going to attempt a rotating maker/craft station in the teen area, hoping to redirect some of that after school energy.
- We want to do a week/month long GPS program where we involve nearby businesses