

# 2022 Fall Youth Services Workshops: All Together Now





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Get involved!

- Committee and board opportunities
- Idea submissions
- E-newsletter

# 2023 CSLP Manual



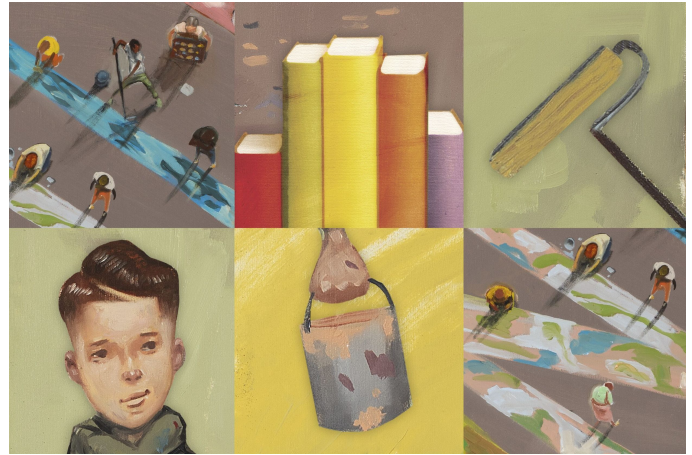
New this year:

- Activities by material type
- Section for standalone printables
- New program breakdowns

# Artist: Frank Morrison



Young kids



Teens



Kids

Adults



# Upcoming Themes

- 2024: Adventure Begins at Your Library with artist Juana Martinez-Neal
- 2025: Color Our World (art theme) with artist Brian Floca
- 2026: Dinosaur theme (slogan and artist TBD)



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- Kindness for:
  - Others
  - Community
  - Animals
  - The environment
  - Yourself!

# All Together Now Craft Ideas

## Kids' craft: Finger Labyrinths



# Teen craft: Kindness bookmarks





# Adult craft: DIY gift wrapping



# For All Ages: Services



- Food
- Menstrual supplies
- Laundry access
- No overdue fines
- No fees for lost/damaged children's materials
- Therapy dogs
- Little Free Libraries and Pantries
- Food and hygiene supply drives
- Gender neutral bathrooms
- Donation to charity instead of incentives

# SEL Library Section



# Free Care Kits at DeKalb libraries



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# Yes you can!

## eat & drink in most areas

Want to use our computers? You'll have to eat elsewhere. And please only covered drinks while using our computers. The same goes for our Silent Reading Room and Storytime Room. Otherwise, enjoy and clean up afterwards.

## talk in our Social Zones

Here to read, study, or socialize? Find the Noise Zone that meets your need. We have Social, Quiet, and Silent Zones in this building.

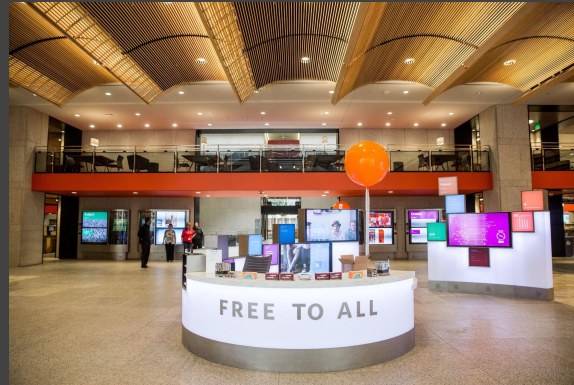
## ask we love finding answers

Did you come with questions? We have answers. We can help you with research, job hunting, or finding a fun book, movie, or CD.

## welcome! to the Oak Park Public Library

Help us make your Library a great place to visit by respecting the people around you. Find our complete rules of behavior at [www.oppl.org/about/policies.htm](http://www.oppl.org/about/policies.htm).

DISCOVER, PARTICIPATE, CONNECT



# Friendly signage

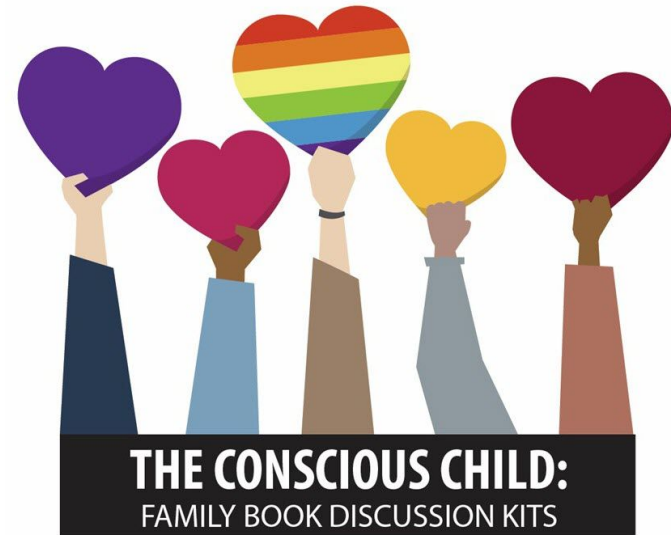


# Create an outdoor safe space

Garden of Reflection, Derry, Northern Ireland

# To circulate

- Wellness/mindfulness/meditation kits
- Memory kits
- Kits for caregivers of seniors
- Family book discussion kits
- Anti-bullying kits
- Anti-racism kits
- SEL kits



The Lane Libraries, 2021

© 2021 by The Lane Libraries. The Conscious Child: Family Book Discussion Kits are made available under a Creative Commons Attribution-NonCommercial-ShareAlike 4.0 International License: <https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-nc-sa/4.0>

Oxford Lane Library



Nelson Public Library

# Take and makes

- Self-care bags
- DIY greeting cards
- Kindness buckets
- DIY animal toys to donate to a shelter
- Meditation bags
- Finger labyrinths
- Appreciation packages
- Random Acts of Kindness kits
- Kindness Rocks





# Partners

- Random Acts of Kindness Foundation (based in CO!)
- Peer Kindness, Montrose
- Spark the Change Colorado
- Raising Kindness
- Unity Project, CO Springs
- Aurora (and other cities) Sister Cities International
- Best Buddies CO
- Friendship Circle of CO



# Celebrate kindness and service

- MLK Day of Service, Jan. 16
- Random Acts of Kindness Day, Feb. 17
- National Volunteer Week, April 16-22
- World Kindness Day, Nov. 13
- National Day of Service, Sept. 11



**RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS**  
FOUNDATION  
[www.randomactsofkindness.org](https://www.randomactsofkindness.org)

# 2022 summer trends

People are  
back!!!

Outdoor  
events

Take and  
makes

New/  
improved  
partnerships

Simplified  
structure

Minimized  
incentives

Mix of  
program  
types

Flexibility

More  
options for  
patrons

Bingo

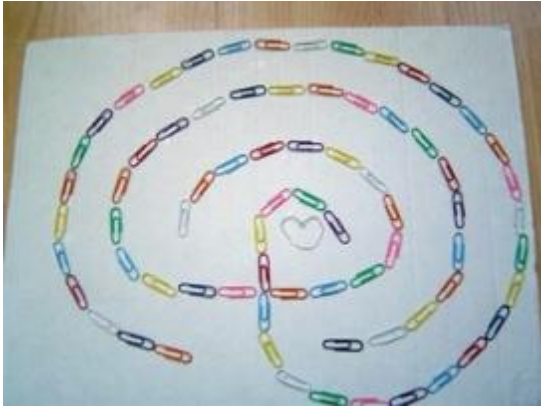
Fewer virtual  
programs

Tracking by  
days

# Kids

- Service projects
- Community science projects
- Collaborative puzzles
- Halloween costume exchange
- Yoga (maybe with animals!)
- Kindness Rocks (have a rock garden!)
- Collaborative art





# Labyrinths

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# Kids: Your turn!

## Your turn!

In small groups, outline a program for kids for the summer:

- Outreach to an underserved group
- Intergenerational program
- Community service project
- Outdoor event
- Circulating kit
- Your choice!

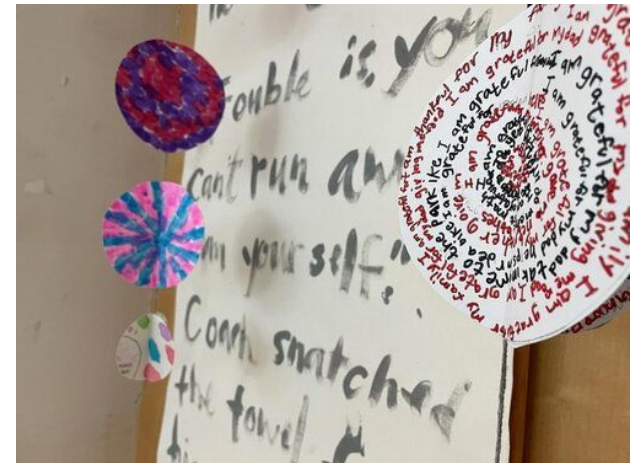


Barberton (OH) Public Library



# Teens

- Community service projects
- Community science projects
- DIY sleeping mats from plastic bags
- Collaborative art project
- Group writing project
- Inclusive book club choices



San Diego Public Library



Hubbard (PA) Public Library

# Teens

- Prom dress exchange
- Guided meditation
- Yoga
- Hygge series
- Make Buddy, Positivity, or Friendship Benches



Jefferson County Library



Madison Public Library



# Teens

- Write and hide uplifting messages
- For Freedoms project
- Kit assembly for charities
- Little Free Libraries
- Bullying prevention



Waltham Public Library



# What can summer look like for teens?

- **Ask your teens!!**
- Keep it simple
- Partnerships
- Teen-led
- Multiple formats
- Take it into your community
- Focus on underserved audiences
- Reduce barriers to participate
- Service based





# Adults

- Yarn bombing
- Human Library
- Community scavenger hunt
- Community wellness program
- One Kind Word Project
- Phone in meditation
- Meal sharing events
- Kindness Club
- Host a blood drive
- DIY eco-friendly gift wrap/bags

Howard County (Md.) Library  
System

# Your turn!

Select a program/service to outline for the summer:

- Outreach to an underserved group
- Community service project
- Circulating kit
- Partnering with a community organization (or 2!)
- Intergenerational program
- 2 take and makes

# Using simple feedback to create the summer program your community wants

Overarching goal:

The library will work with the community to co-design a summer program where community members engage in participatory, active learning and strengthen social connections.

# Wish trees

Great for seeking open-ended input



Photo: Wish Tree;  
Madison Public Library (SD)



# Dot boards

Great for narrowing specific options, and adaptable for all ages!



Photo: Dot Board;  
James Kennedy Public Library (IA)



Photo: Dot Board in Detroit;  
Project for Public Spaces



Highland Township Public Library



# Pie in the sky ideas!

Instead of dismissing them, find the core of the idea and turn it into a feasible project that still fills the need and interest.

1. Let's have Neil Gaiman do a writing workshop for teens at our library!
2. We kids want a week-long overnight camp at the library! For free!

# Putting it all together

- Gather input from library users AND nonusers
- Group ideas; include them all to start
- Find the commonalities
- Break out pie in the sky ideas into core wishes that are do-able
- Prioritize—you can't do it all!!!
- Communicate plans, highlighting community input