Questions & Ideas from the Going the Distance: Library Programs for Teens and Tweens

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Poll: Is your library planning a completely virtual summer?

* Yes – 64%
* No – 2%
* Part virtual, part in-person – 14%
* Still considering – 20%

Comments:

* part virtual, part in person
* Might to part virtual, part in person, but mostly virtual. part will be outside maybe
* We are going completely virtual but our paper forms will be provided at Curbside pickup, in boxes outside of the library (we got those real estate flyer boxes) and we're working to get them in grocery stores.
* YES
* still considering
* still considering
* We're part virtual
* Yes
* Part virtual, part in person
* still considering for srp
* As our Director says "Its fluid".
* Yes
* Completely Virtual
* completely virtual
* yes
* virtual
* yes
* yes
* yes

Questions & Responses/Comments

* Jack box?
* What is a jack box?
  + Jackbox: <https://www.jackboxgames.com/>
  + Jackbox has a family friendly setting!
  + How would incorporating jackbox games worj? Don't a good amount of them max out at maybe 8 players?
  + I know there are certain pictionary type games available in browser that are fun, such as Pinturillo. It'd have the same appropriateness issues as jackbox though.
  + a lot of jackbox games have an audience feature that can still participate
  + for the questions in jackbox - there is a family friendly button in settings, though what the kids say themselves is just good faith
  + doesn't everyone have to buy jack box to play?
  + Love the idea of a Jackbox party. Is there a way to make sure the kids don't say anything too inappropriate? Or do you just cross your fingers?
  + Quite a few of the Jackbox games allow for audience participation in the games.
  + There is also audience participation for up to 1000 players with jackbox.
  + some are not kid appropriate!
  + Many of them have audiences, too. Up to 100, and there is some audience interaction. This guide is super helpful! : <https://www.jackboxgames.com/the-ultimate-guide-to-player-counts-in-each-jackbox-game/>
  + Some games DO have a family friendly setting on Jackbox!
* What platform do you use or would recommend for the movie watch along besides netflix watch party?
  + There are also other platforms that do the same thing as "Netflix Watch Party" and you can use YouTube videos! I was thinking of doing something with Watching the Try Guys.
  + <http://muvchat.com/>
  + Movie Licenses don't extend outside the libraries.
  + We can't even show a movie on our lawn.
  + I would just recommend a movie to our patrons that they could access on their own via Netflix, or Hoopla
  + Kanopy has public rights attached if your library has a subscription too.
  + I reached out to Kanopy and they could not give permission to stream with screen sharing
  + Virtual screening is covered under MPLC. If you are wanting to stream via Zoom
  + Swank does not allow for that.
  + Don't you have to have Netflix to do the watch party? And our viewing permission service has already said screensharing for a watch party isn't permissible.
  + So that could exclude patrons who don't have Netflix.
  + Our movie licenses won't allow screensharing.
  + Do you mean an interactive movie, like, Rocky Horror Picture Show? kids acting it out at home?
  + how does the interactive movie work exactly? do you come up with a "viewer participation script", or encourage the kids to come up with their own, or...?
    - I had a list of prompts for each participant. Very similar to Rocky Horror. For example, every time Winifred yelled or sang “BOOK” the kids would shout back “Shh! This is a library!”
  + What platform is she using for watch parties? Zoom?
  + how do you find movies that you could get the rights to show virtually?
  + I've read some libraries are having "Movie Night" and choosing a movie that patrons can watch via Hoopla. Then have a discussion afterwards.
  + Try Watch Free on Pluto TV
* I would love examples of the questions/clues.
* We had talked about a virtual talent show, but are worried about copyright for those who sing or play an instrument. Any thoughts on this?
  + This is a tricky one. Perhaps you could limit the amount of time each performer has, thereby ensuring that the entirety of the song isn’t shared?
* Can you further explain an "instagram takeover"??? Also, do you think the chapter book read aloud would be something where the teens record themselves reading a chapter of a book and then we put the entire book together?
  + In terms of the Instagram takeover, my idea is that we can encourage the teens to create IG posts: favorite books, playlists, what-have-you that we post on our IG page…sort of mini individual curations from our patrons.
  + I LOVE the idea of having the teens reading chapters for the read aloud! You’d likely want to post the videos in sections—maybe 2-3 chapters at a time—to help with the length.
* How important do you think it is to define virtual programming as being for specific ages (teen only, etc.)? Or does having the program in a virtual space change how we approach these age dynamics?
  + I’m planning on multiple of my programs being accessible to a variety of ages. I do think that the occasional special something for the tween/teen age group would be a welcome addition, especially given how the younger groups have so many things offered to them that aren’t teen-friendly (story time for littles, etc.)
* My admin is concerned about adults joining teen virtual programs. How can you police that?
  + You could require registration or waiting rooms if you’re using Zoom or some other virtual platform.
* My library admin is concerned they will be violating CIPA if adults join virtual teen programs.
  + That's a question for your municipal attorney
* I would be interested in the questions for spy games
* Do you have any tips to convince admin who are weary of tik tok?
  + I recommend getting input from teens regarding tik tok and sharing that with your administrators - provide data that teens want to use it.
* With schools being closed currently, how are you promoting your Summer Reading Program this year?
  + It’s been tricky! I’ve made a variety of digital promotions—both video and poster—that I’ve shared with our local schools which they then can post on their website, social media platforms, and any other means by which they communicate with their students and families. We’ll also have posters throughout town. If your schools are still in session for awhile, you could also consider reaching out to teachers to see if you could tag team in a Zoom meeting they may be having with their class or something along those lines.
* Is anyone doing dungeons and dragons online?
* For your 100% virtual summer reading, what percentage of your population don't have internet? How do you engage those who want to participate but do not have internet access.
  + We will have paper copies of our records available for those who need them, as well as a dedicated—and regularly cleaned—computer available on site if folks want to update their online accounts. The staff will all be trained on how to enter in information and participation, should a patron or patrons not have access to the internet or a smart phone.

Additionally, we’ll be offering programs in both a virtual and non-virtual format: clues/hints/challenges posted at the library, downtown scavenger hunt, etc.

* If we're doing just 2 programs for teens the whole summer, what would you say is the best 2 ideas to lean into?
  + Well, I’m a sucker for Spy Games, so that would be one I’d definitely lean into. Haha As for which are the best, that can really vary from community to community. If your teens are a crew that like to get together, maybe focus on some sort of cool online game/trivia via Zoom or Kahoot. If they’d rather something more passive, photographic scavenger hunts or draw alongs or the like might be more up their alley.
* We're doing videos and sending them out to the schools to send to the students.
* how to do Readers Theater? How do the kids get their scripts?
  + Zoom or some other platform would likely work best. As for how the kids get their scripts, you could offer them in a few ways: online, printed copies available at the library for pick up…
* How does copyright work with chapter book readalong and movies?
  + Check out this SLJ article for information from publishers regarding copyright: <https://www.schoollibraryjournal.com/?detailStory=publishers-adapt-policies-to-help-educators-coronavirus-covid19>
* What do you by Twisted Tales book group?
  + By Twisted Tales, I’m referring to fractured fairy tales or some of the fun—often scary or weird—retellings available throughout YA. ☺ (Like the Disney takes or Melissa Lo, etc.)
* would love to see example of spy game scenario, questions!
* How do you deal with teens not having supplies at home? We typically provide supplies. It doesn't seem fair to ask parents to buy a bunch of smoothie ingredients for example.
  + many libraries are providing them in a take and make kit (maybe not for the smoothie ingredients)
  + In terms of the smoothies, I won’t be asking them to recreate exactly what I made. It’s more encouraging them to create and experiment…and then share the outcomes and recipes. They, of course, are welcome to recreate my example, but if they want to explore and see what they can recreate with things they have at home, that’s RAD! Who knows what they’ll discover when they have to think outside the box. ☺
* Can you repeat what you said about fairy tale scavenger hunts? Any other ideas besides having them find things in their house?
  + You could make a scavenger hunt where they explore their downtown area, if you wanted! Or perhaps talk to your local Parks and Rec to see if they might be willing to “house” a few strategically placed items in the parks…
* how do you use storystones virtually?
  + Idea! They could make story stones - and even heart stones - with uplifting imagery and gift them to their neighborhoods or when they are ever out and about. Just place them.

Ideas

* FB group - Imagine Your Virtual Story!
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* Idea for promotion: I'm meeting with the class during their Zoom session today to promote summer reading and encouraging them to spread the word to each other
* Follow the Fellowship of the Ring to Mordor?
* I've found it easy to make videos recording with Zoom, with me as the only participant. Then to edit, Shortcut is free and fairly simple to use
* BAND has been my go-to platform for communicating with the teen patrons, and has worked pretty well.
* For something to watch together, The Lizzie Bennet Diaries on YouTube may be a great option.
* https://ontarianlibrarian.com/ has some great tween programming ideas
* Not a question but an idea. We are planning on putting together craft kits to distribute at either curbside pick-up or with the school district's meal distribution.
* Could it be a virtual spy games and they get to navigate different parts of the library's website?
  + YES! It definitely could! What’s fun about Spy Games is it’s a great way to get kids to explore and try to figure things out…while craftily introducing them to places, ideas, or skills (see: navigating the library website) that will be beneficial to them!
* You could also have a local food expert be the judge for a smoothie challenge. I did that for mug cakes and it was a huge hit.
* if you only read 20% of the chapter book then you are okay to post videos
* There are those of us working in systems that are not doing any in-person programming and minimal paper logs due to COVID-19. The teens could record a reader's theater that you show to younger kids
* we got people to donate two bikes
* We have been doing one shot RPGs with our teens. (short version of a role playing game)
* I've been doing a Harry Potter reread-along with teens for a few weeks now, and it's been working really well. We read a chapter together, then read a couple on our own, then come back together for a more exciting chapter and read out loud and react together. That way, it doesn't take 2 months to get through a book, and we can do it twice a week and feel like we have a decent pace.
* Yes, We are making "Take and Make". Should be fun.
* Or are they encouraging patrons to put things in their own windows - like the bear, heart, or rainbow challenge?
  + Yes, that’s great! You could do it either way!
* Libraries Instagrams
* you could do a fairy garden contest!
* We are doing virtual programming but also adding in take-and-make kits for teens
* I'm interested in hearing about ideas that just require access to a cell phone, not a laptop
* Our school district is dedicating its last two weeks of school to different spirit days, and they're dedicating one whole day to the library. So we're making videos to promote the program, do booktalks, read-alouds, and an interactive element (online scavenger hunt, escape room, or choose your own adventure activity). Could see if schools are looking for something to fill time as the school year is winding down and would be willing to do something like that for your library.
* Teens can still join the audience and vote and join in the fun. I've had to do that, and most teens are just happy to have fun and talk with friends.
* book crafts are good ideas for old encyclopedias, Wisconsin Code of Statues volumes, etc.
* You could go up the beanstalk too.
* I Spy? You would put a poster of an activity in a library for the "next event"?
* Let kids invent their own board game.
* Have found amazing craft ideas and templates at http://www.stormthecastle.com

Thank you’s

* Thank you! You totally inspired me! I feel soooooo much better! You rock!
* Thank You for sharing!
* Thank you for all the information and ideas.
* Thank you! Very good presentation.
* Thank You!
* that was great! thank you!
* Thank you!
* Great ideas!!
* Awesome!! thank you
* Thanks for a great presentation, everyone keep well and keep safe.
* Thanks for great suggestions!
* GREAT first webinar!
* Thank you! Lots of COOL ideas! :)
* Thank you - great webinar!
* Thank you! This was great!
* thank you so much!! what a great webinar!!
* this was great, thank you!!!! I'm from Edgewater Free Public Library in New Jersey and these ideas will come in so handy!!!
* thank you!
* Thank you!
* Thank you for this presentation! I will be using many of these amazing ideas.
* This was a great webinar! Thanks!
* Thank you so much!!!
* Thank you
* Delightful! And tons of amazing ideas. Thanks,
* Thank you, Katherine and Jean!
* Claps
* thank you!
* thank you!!!
* Thank you soooooo much!!!!!
* So many great ideas for teens and tweens.  We can do a great summer program in spite of the pandemic. We were provided the tools we need.