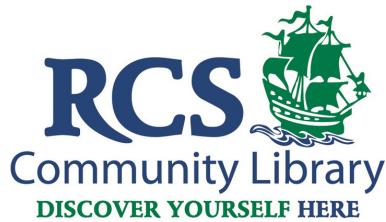


Summer Camps at



Summer 2018 will mark RCS's third year offering summer camps for children 7-12. We run eight camps in five weeks with four program leaders and a band of teen volunteers. Our camps run four days a week for about an hour and a half.

Learn from our Growing Pains



Get an outside presenter!

Find many people in your community that have some expertise in your theme and will talk for free or take payment in the form of homemade pie. Campers like surprise guests. Ira Marks (local cartoonist) kicked off two of our creative camps last summer.



Don't forget about the little ones.

Offer a mini camp for younger kids 30 mins tops - a story and a camp themed activity. Last year our local highway department and Albany County DOT came in with their large trucks and tractors for a construction petting zoo. Community involvement gets free publicity and helps promote summer reading!



Field trips are awesome!

We do not have very many things around our library, but we do have bridges. Last year's Bridge Camp took our campers on a mini trek to two different types of bridges. Burns off a lot of camper energy, too!



Use recycled materials.

We do not have a very big budget. From bottle cap fidget spinners to tin foiled medieval bicycle helmets get raw materials donated or try out dumpster diving!

Dos:

- Limit the number of camps a family can sign up for. Less camper burn out and staff get to see a variety of kids.
- Communicate clearly that spots are limited and encourage commitment to see the camp through.
- Play on staff's strengths. Do a variety of themed camps that you are excited about and get punny!

Don'ts:



Over plan - campers / volunteers can be unpredictable.



One person should not do two camps back to back or two camps on the same day.



Don't forget to enjoy the camp yourself. Don't get caught up. Do get a little dirty. Campers have fun when they see the adults having fun too!

Feel free to contact us! 😊

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