

Summer Reading Workshop 2019

Notes from Discussions

WINS!:

- Instead of giving away small prizes along the way, have participant earn a token that can add up for a charitable donation.
- Partnering with village camps: strive for shared responsibilities.
- Make sure volunteers are old enough to understand their job and are age-appropriate for the activities.
- Partner with another agency and push into the local school system.
- Having great sign-ups: School visits and programs filled up increasing attendance by 30%
- Partnered with the highway dept. for Big Trucks Day. Big Fun!
- Teen Chefs
- Don't be a slave to the summer theme! Have programs that aren't theme-related too.

Teens:

- Hold two sign-up/orientation sessions for teen volunteers, one in the beginning of the program and one midway to catch latecomer volunteers and offset loss of interest in the first group. Essentially have two "classes" of teen volunteers – one early summer, one late summer. Early summer teens can continue on if they want, but they don't have to.
- Battle of the Books! [Statewide program being discussed]
- Sharing images of Teen Spaces [Systems could do]
- What about a Google doc to share social media?
- Teen Advisory board/club/group questions. Responded to by Elissa Valente, COLN.

A Universe of Images: Your Ideas

- Historical Images from 1969- Then and Now

- Solar Eclipse pic with kids wearing glasses combined with stock images of the eclipse
- Own video-space ship/ cow beamed up> sci-fi, UFO's, cow jumping over the moon
- Universe of Stories- archival pictures off all SRP (past to present)
- Rocketship Run-local
- Backdrops with all people/ reading- green screen
- Give parents access to photos of their kids from programs by sending them to the library's Facebook page or Instagram account
- Video making: imovie/mac

Low Cost/No Cost Program Ideas:

- Painting program with aluminum foil/ grey paint = craters on the moon:
<https://www.adabofgluewilldo.com/foil-printed-moon-craft/>
- Moon Crater Gross Motor activity : <https://www.pre-kpages.com/moon-crater-gross-motor-activity/>
- Cardboard building program. Get creative with paint...a big canvas!
- Toilet paper tubes: rockets, constellation viewers:
<http://www.preschoolactivities.us/space-craft-idea-for-kids/toilet-paper-roll-rocket-craft-3/>
- <http://www.literaryhoots.com/2015/05/constellations-astronomy-for-kids.html?m=1>
- Stuffed animal makeovers into Aliens. Tear apart dolls too. Modify to make Dr. Frakenstein's Zoo
- Glitter Tattoos. \$15 nets you approximately 200 tattoos
- Paper Jewlery- roll paper into beads <https://www.clumsycrafter.com/how-to-make-paper-beads/>
- Paper Clip jewelry- cover with duct or Washi tape
<https://hip2save.com/2015/05/29/easy-and-affordable-paper-clip-jewelry-fun-summer-break-craft/>
- Make alien costumes using donated clothing
- Behind the scenes tours: "How the library works"

- Inexpensive books: First Book, Scholastic, Junior Library Guild
- Middle School Fencing club taught participants a light saber battle (using pool noodles)
- Bike Path, wildflower walks, Story Walks
- Alien Autopsy: using molds make layers of jello and insert object “organs”
- Organized trip to a community garden to plant, weed, etc.
- Rainbow Paper: Black construction paper inserted into a mix of water and clear nail polish
- <https://www.sciencekiddo.com/rainbow-paper-kid-color-science/>
- Art/ Space/ Seasons Theme work together
- “Brownies and Board games”: casual programming
- Stuffed Animal Sleepover- post photos on social media
- Family “Fort” night: storytime – following a family storytime, families build forts in the stacks out of blankets and pillows they brought in. Families read in forts, then play hide and seek.
- “Drive in Movie” turns into a “Fly in Movie”: make spaceships instead of cars
- Paperback Hedgehogs <https://www.pinterest.com/pin/554927985320673563/>
- “Bad Art”/ Crazy Craft Day: At the end of summer use all your leftover crafts to have a bad art competition or just combine all crafts and show off crazy creations.