AWESOMENESS ON THE CHEAP

Teen Programs on Little or No Budget

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WHERE TO GET YOUR IDEAS

• Poll the teens – what interests them? Your TAG group can be a huge help!

• Pinterest – Someone out there has probably had a brilliant idea that you can capitalize on. Don’t reinvent the wheel.

• Media – What movies, book series, TV series, Toys, Games, etc. . . are the “in” thing that the teens will want to celebrate and / or be involved in?
BOOK & MOVIE RELEASE PARTIES:

• Basic Decorations – let their imaginations work for you rather than your $.

• Pizza is NOT a priority! Treats can be inexpensive and thematic.
• If Video Games are popular in your area, you can also do big title game release parties. (i.e. Final Fantasy, Legend of Zelda, Mario anything)
HOLIDAY EVENTS

• Halloween: Costume Contests – make your own trophies!

• Valentines: Make a Valentines Box or Bag. The teens can bring cards to share.

• Christmas: White Elephant Gift Game or make and take ornaments.
WORKSHOPS

• Know your local resources: Chad Hardin, L. E. Modesitt, Jr., Angelic Threads

• Skype with authors / artists / professionals that live far away.

• Local Cosplayers for sewing / prop making workshops.
There is a huge variety of clubs that cost nearly nothing: Book, Anime, Handicraft, Gaming, etc.

Advertise for donations: NES, SNES, PS, Sega Systems, TVs, crayons, Legos, coupons and gift certificates for prizes. You would be surprised what you can get!
ANNUAL OR ANNIVERSARY THEMED EVENTS

• Star Wars 40th Anniversary (May the Fourth or Star Wars Reads Day): Contact your local chapter of the 501st or Rebel Alliance. They are always looking for charity events.

• Free Comic Book Day & Wonder Woman’s 75th Anniversary (2017)

• Library Conventions
OTHER CHEAP AND EASY IDEAS

• YouTube! Karaoke and Just Dance videos, a floor, and a microphone is all you need!

• Black Light Dance: 3 – 4 black light bulbs, $.99 packs of glow sticks & shredded paper.
• Book Art: Old, beat-up, deleted books; glue; scissors; and imagination.

• Cheap Art Supply Challenge: paper, watercolors, crayons – Art supplies you can get at Wal-Mart sort of thing.
GETTING THE WORD OUT

• Fliers only reach teens that are already coming into the library. Social Media is a free way to get other teens aware of what you are doing:
  • Facebook
  • Instagram
  • Twitter

• Encourage your teens (TAG & others) to share the event on their profiles.
• #tag the event so people can find information about the event easily!

#hurriconevent
#hurricanelibrary
THANK YOU FOR JOINING US!

• We hope you learned something worthwhile.

• If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us!
  
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