YSRT News

Save the Date!

YSRT will be offering t w o winter rewards will be held at the St. George Library on Friday, February 9th, and the other will be held at the City Library in Salt Lake the next Friday, February 16th. Our theme this year is "Building Bridges." Watch for more information.

Kids Programming Idea

Every month we host a Family Night @ the Library. We usually set up stations and make it a self-guided activity. However, last October we decided to do a "Trick-or-Read" Family Night. We had 3 stations that families could rotate through; at each station we had a staff member or volunteer dressed up and leading an activity. At our first station we had storytime with a witch. The next station we had was spooky make-up. The families listened to another story and then we had costume make-up and costume books set up so that families could "paint" each other's faces and learn some fun costume make-up tricks. The final station was Rattle 'Dem Bones where families participated in the Spooky Pokey. At each station families could get a "treat." We had candy at some and spider and bat rings at the others. The families all had a great time showing off their costumes and trick-or-reading at the library.

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Escape Room

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Escape room

Have you ever tried an escape room at your library?

Emily Bennett of the Payson Library did, and here is how it went:

After attending several escape rooms,

I knew it was something I wanted to put

together for our teens. I researched several other library's escape rooms and learned from their experiences.

The first step is to find a theme. We chose Guardians of the Galaxy. Next we chose a location within the library. We decided to use our basement. I used tape lights to give the room a creepy effect. Next I wrote the storyline and figured out the puzzles. We made a slide show of the storyline, ending in a rules page.

As the teens arrived for the event, we had them wait in our story room where we had snacks, video games, and our ping-pong table set up.



We divided the kids into groups and took 4-5 down at a time. The teens viewed the slide show and were reminded of the rules before they began. They were given 10 minutes in each room (there were two) to solve the puzzle and find their next clue. At the end they used the clues they had found to find where the Guardians were being kept.

Emily tells me she is happy to share her storyline, her puzzles, and her slide show. You can reach her at emilyb@payson.org.

Teen Programming Idea

