



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:

- Past Successes: **Harry Potter**, **Doctor Who**, **Comic Book** Movies.
- 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.



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)

FREE COMIC BOOK DAY



- 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:



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

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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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