Teen Programming
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Types of Teen Programs

- Parties
- Trivia/Games
- Arts & Crafts

- Movie Nights
- Expert Visits
- Passive

- Book Clubs
- Adventures
- More
Parties

To theme or not to theme...

Get some snacks, throw on some music, maybe add a passive activity or two and you're golden.
Movie Nights

- Easiest to plan
- Need a Movie License
- Have them bring pillows and blankets
- Don't forget the snacks

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NOT COME TO MOVIE NIGHT
Don't have a movie license? Try Youtube!

Ask the teens beforehand if there are any clips they want to watch, then create a playlist of approved videos.

*post conference note: Youtube now requires permissions for public viewing.*
Ramp it up for an Epic movie Event

- Gets them into the library multiple times
- Creates a lot of talk
- Event vs program
Book Clubs

Spice it up by:

- Picking a genre instead of a specific book
- Book talks
- Themed snacks
- Adding a craft
- Doing a reader's theater for a favorite chapter
Trivia
- Kahoot/Quizlet
- Jeopardy
- Trivial Pursuit

Games
- Game Shows
- Group Games
- Video Games
- Board Games
What was the working title of Margaret Mitchell's 1936 novel, Gone With the Wind?
Game Shows

Is that your final answer?

You are the Weakest Link!

Big Money! Big Money!

The volcano known as Eyjafjallajökull, is closest to what Icelandic city?

A: Reykjavík
B: Kopavogur
C: Hafnarfjörður
D: Fjarðabyggð
Group Games

Games that are easy to play with large groups
Video Games

- Choose your console
- Retro gaming
- Individual device games
- Live Action
Board Games

Provide some board games and let the teens decide which to play. Easy Peasy.
Co-op Board Games
**Expert Visits**

Authors, artists, scientists, reptile shows, yoga instructors, bands, local heroes, chefs, zoologists, etc.

The teens and you can be experts, too!
Adventures

- Escape Rooms
- Scavenger Hunts
- Treasure Hunts
- Choose your own adventures
- Other
Escape Rooms

- Digital
- In person
- Especially good for Summer Reading
Scavenger Hunts

- Collect information or physical items
- Teams or individuals
- Around town or in the library
Treasure Hunts

- Follow clues to end goal
- Teams or individuals
- Around town or in the library
Other

- Hunger Games
- Harry Potter Potions
- Amazing Race
Oil paint, clay, pastels, crayons, colored pencils, regular pencils, water colors, ink, charcoal...

Paper, scissors, glue, stickers, raffia, felt, duct tape, fabric, glitter, stamps, foam, books...

Arts

Crafts
Passive Programming

- Wall Trivia
- Quizzes
- Collaborative
- Trackers
- Voting
- Take and makes
- Hunt and Find

- Book Bingo
- Guessing jars
- Notes/Cards
- Author fan mail
- Coloring pages
- Joke wall
- Puzzles
More...

- Service Projects
- Group workouts
- Serials
General Tips

- Keep it simple, especially if you are on your own
- Adapt programs for multiple uses
- Center programs around teen’s interests
- Keep up to date on current trends
- Connect with them
- Make coming into the library a habit
Getting Teens into the library

- Food
- Give them responsibility
- Go where they are
- Make them feel welcome
Brainstorm!
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