

Text Chat Transcript for May 13, 2014 Webinar: Innovative and Engaging Teen Programming

Sharon Brooks:Some communities fear gaming... they think it's an inroad to gambling.

Molli Hall:We have a weekly gaming day. We have a Wii, XBox, Xbox 360 and a Kintect

Julie Kinney:I love the idea of the weekly game program...what great way to meet your patrons!

Daniel Digianantonio:We do ours biweekly with an xbox 360, wii, wii u, and ps3

janine mogannam:Hi from Oakland Public Library. We have a weekly gaming day as well—it's very popular.

Rose Benjamin:We open up our gaming consoles for teens to use anytime we are open. We don't have a specified game day but the teens love it.

Ashlee K.:We have an afterhours program every first friday of the month. Kids come to play online games on the public computers while the library is closed

janine mogannam:Many of our branches do.

Melinda Mathis :we have it every friday afternoon, but teens ask for access on most other days after school and we do it!

Jannell J:We have gaming twice a week after school and in the evening with xbox 360 kinect, wii, board games, etc. We also do crafts one day a week. Yesterday I had a boy say two of his friends might come b/c he told them it's fun. They really like it!

Jack Baur:It's great that so many of you have had success with gaming programs! What other programs are you doing? Share your ideas in this space!

Melinda Mathis :jack, do you play with the teens?

Jack Baur:OH, YES.

Jack Baur:You HAVE to play with the teens.

Stanley Strauss:The chat will be archived along with the presentation, so you'll have access to all these great ideas.

Rose Benjamin:We have a weekly Saturday game tournament. The teens play games like Yu-Gi-Oh and Cards Against Humanity. They love it!

Angelo Liranzo:Yu-Gi-Oh and Pathfinder games

Jannell J:They love it when you play with them!

Molli Hall:Do all of you that have gaming days require parents to sign a permission form for the teens under 17 to allow them to come in and play because of mature games or R rated movies?

Shani Leonards:Dolly, could you speak a little louder—the audio is faint

Jack Baur:Give them a chance to whup your butt at video games. They will love it.

Melinda Mathis :that would be a good way to go from strangers to familiar really quickly

Melinda Mathis :i will try

Daniel Digianantonio:We also do a monthly Teen Movie night where we show a movie that came out with in the last month or so

Melinda Mathis :i have only been here for two weeks. i felt a little weird about using my work time to play. i am trying to adjust!

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janine mogannam:we do not require signed permission forms.

Rose Benjamin:Weekly Minecraft program. Mostly attended by children and younger teens.

Julie Kinney:We don't sign one either or show R movies.

Betsy Powell:Daniel, how do you get that promoted? We started, but attendance is dismal.

Daniel Digianantonio:we also stick to games T and below

Angelo Liranzo:We do not have M rated games here. They don't miss them here.

Melinda Mathis :we have vg tournaments 2 or 3 times a year

Rose Benjamin:Agreed on the lower rated games!

Melinda Mathis :we don't do MA or R rated movies

Jannell J:Mine really like Super Smash Bros Brawl, Just Dance, Minecraft, Terraria... We don't play M rated or watch R rated movies.

Sharon Brooks:At one library where I worked we had permission slips so the parents knew where their teens were and what time to pick them up.

Melinda Mathis :huge vg sale at toy r us right now.

Jillian McKeown:Rose, is there ever a problem with offending people when playing "Cards Against Humanity?"

Melinda Mathis :jannell what is terraria?

Jay Gerlach:terraria is like a 2-d minecraft

Rose Benjamin:We have a Facebook and Twitter. In my area, teens prefer Facebook. It's a great way to advertise programs and gather feedback.

Betsy Powell:Melinda, Terraria is similar to minecraft, it's a "sandbox game", but it's 2d as Jay said

Jeanie Austin:Tumblr!

Sharon Brooks:talk to our TAb members

Katherine Butrum:snapchat

Melinda Mathis :oh cool. i will look into it

Liz Bowen:we did school visits for summer reading and sat with teens at lunch to find out what they liked

Jannell J:Terraria is kind of like Minecraft but 2D.

Angelo Liranzo:We have permission slips for physically active programs, such as outdoor activities.

Rose Benjamin:On Wendesdays, we wear pink!

Jack Baur:Great idea, Liz!

Liz Bowen:One Direction and Doctor Who are at the top around here :P

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Sharon Brooks:I've worked as teen librarians in three different states. Teens have many things in common but very different interests based on the community

Ivy Weston:We ask our teen advisory board for program ideas

Megan 2:Doctor Who, Minecraft, & LEGO always popular here

Daniel Digianantonio:I ask around when I have them at my library for other programming

Rose Benjamin:Supernatural is really popular. We also host Anime Days roughly every other month.

Melinda Mathis :we had a dr who event for all ages, 150+ attended. it was wildly popular will all ages

Molli Hall:I LOVE Supernatural!

Rose Benjamin:Sherlock is too.

Melinda Mathis :i love supernatural too

Daniel Digianantonio:Me too

Heather Jackson:Manga and anime are really popular, so is K-Pop

Sharon Brooks:anime groups are super popular in some places. not in others

Ashlee K.:I have a Anime and Candy Sushi program every summer...one of my most popular

Angelo Liranzo:Manga and anime are popular here, too.

Molli Hall:Anime is popular here but not a group! We tried but it did not get the attendance we thought we would

Susie DeSersa:We provide space for teen feedback on the bulletin board in the teen room. Many teens will not tell us directly what they are interested in or want to do, but they jump on the opportunity for passive feedback.

Veronica Cabrear:I'm going to be doing a Candy Suchi program, I hope it will be popular

Melinda Mathis :susie great idea

Jannell J:Candy sushi is so much fun! Anything they can make and eat gets a great response.

Sharon Brooks:bento lunch is also popular

Ashlee K.:Food is always a good thing.

Veronica Cabrear:what is bento lunch?

Daniel Digianantonio:Food programs are always big at my library as well

Rose Benjamin:Food programs are usually highly attended here.

Sharon Brooks:look for a book called Face Food

Julie Kinney:Unfortunately, our library won't allow us to serve food—any suggestions...

Megan 2:Had great success with "guess the potato chip flavor" game - fun and food!

Daniel Digianantonio:We also have a great trun out when we have our local pottery place in

Veronica Cabrear:Cool, thanks for the info

Angelo Liranzo:Cultural programs with foods and games from other countries and lots of photos—with an online component—work well with our teens.

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Rose Benjamin:Chocolate themed programs do really well.

Angelo Liranzo:Anything with food is popular here, too.

Sharon Brooks:lots of fruit veggies sliced cheese and cold cuts + dried seaweed and sticky rice used to creat cool pics in a shaped container

Carmel Barnhill:We often say, If you provide food they will come.

Molli Hall:Food always gets attendance

Sharon Brooks:put the food and cutting tools out and let them have fun creating

Rose Benjamin:Movies are a hit or miss here.

Megan 2:Julie - can you give packaged food as prizes for games? Not to eat in library?

janine mogannam:totally agree with jack. i like to give teens space but there are things i don't let slide and i let them know it. the homophobic slurs are one. often they aren't aware they're being hurtful so i make sure to let them know and take it very seriously.

Jannell J:My teens really go for Dum Dums-I get the big bags and they last a long time.

Angelo Liranzo:We only serve pre-packaged food. NOt allowed to serve homemade or librayr-prepared food—can serve pizza or store-bought or restaurant-bought food.

Molli Hall:Depends on the movie....We have tried the blockbusters and don't get the teend but if we do indie or limited release we get the teens in flocks!

Sharon Brooks:smarties!

Julie Kinney:We can't give out any food—they can bring their own, but we can't provide it.

Carmel Barnhill:We did a pizza taste off between local pizza places hosted at the library that was a very popular program

Megan 2:Ooh we do food gift certificates sometimes - local places or chains may donate. Like Sonic - free drink offers

Jannell J:I'm going to try the "only me serving food" idea. They often like to help, but like Jack said- they make a mess.

Sharon Brooks:"Why" is good. They want a voice at the library and will "speak" to us in a variety of ways

Angelo Liranzo:Depends on teh movie here, too. Some flop. Hard to predict which ones will grab their interest. We have just about given up on movies.

Terry Roper:'friendly" sarcasm goes a long way with teens

Sharon Brooks:re: movies ask if they prefer new releases or movies along theme lines

Ashlee K.:We had to ban a teen for bullying. He was kind of the leader. Once he left, the others that gave us trouble did too.

Missy Maeyens:We have food at our monthly gaming program. They like chex mix and cookies. I like the idea of staff only serving food.

Veronica Cabrear:I would love to do movie night but the movie license is expensive

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Angelo Liranzo:Our younger teens still like crafts...not kiddie crafts. They don't get enough of this at home in our area.

Ms_Kim:I've actually put them in "time out" when they're being "bad" teens.

Molli Hall:I had one that wanted to skateboard in the library. I told him that it was not allowed in the library but you can do it outside all he wanted. He wanted to get smart but his buddies ratted him out and said that he was doing it to impress some girls who were studying in the library!

Rose Benjamin:Sometimes I think something is going to be a hit and only three or fewer people show up.

Carmel Barnhill:I think these points are good ideas. The joking helps to make you more human. But there is a fine line with the joking.

Ivy Weston:I have that problem too. OR a bunch of kids show up

Rose Benjamin:Usually it is due to unexpected events that are occurring at a school or somewhere else.

Angelo Liranzo:We have the movie license for every branch on our system. Yes, it is expensive. We use it a lot though.

Ms_Kim:It only takes one or two to be put into "time out" and they usually behave after that.

Sharon Brooks:i share stories of my teen days which were a LOOOONG time ago. they are amazed by how things have actually stayed the same over the years and we had the same awkward moments they do

Megan 2:low attendance definitely an issue.. try to make it super fun for the 1 or 2 kids who are there, though - hoping they'll talk about how fun it was!

Terry Roper::Love that, also showed him that you cared enough to follow up!

julie fitch:We show a teen movie on a Friday afternoon and then the same evening we show foreign films for adults. You get more bang for your movie license.

Melinda Mathis :we have a license, but we use it for children, teens, and adults and we have tons of movies between those three departments

Melinda Mathis :totally get our money's worth

Dawn Jackson:did that teen ever come back to any programs?

Sharon Brooks:yep. no matter how few attend, make it a blast and the word will spread that the library is a cool place to hang out

RGan:How do you guys get more teens to come and stay in your Teen Advisory Group?

Megan 2:Would love to start a teen advisory group, but not sure how to get folks in

Rose Benjamin:Connecting is a big deal when working with people. We don't always know what is happening at home.

Ivy Weston:We offer volunteer credit to our Teen Council, and that works well. They stick around all year

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Sharon Brooks:make sure the TAB teens know you will pursue their ideas with admin, then they will take you and teh group seriously

Ivy Weston:Also we will give letters of recommendation, job references etc. to our Teen Council members

Missy Maeyens:I think regular transportation to the library is difficult for some kids. Low attendance at programs is an issue.

Megan 2:good tips!

Liz Bowen:RGan, one of our teen librarians went to schools and said "if you've never come to the library before it's probably 'cause the programs didn't speak to you. Join TAB to make a difference!" and she got 25 sign ups the first visit (one grade)

Julia:very good tips, thanks

Michiko Sumi:Yes, how do you get teens to continue to come to the teen advisory meetings

Melinda Mathis :kids here get credit to their volunteer hours and letters of rec.

Carmel Barnhill:We have tried readers theaters and it seems to only work for younger kids.

Megan 2:definitely need to do outreach to schools, I think - how many people do that?

Veronica Cabrear:I offer snacks in our meetings, food is always a good incentive

Susie DeSersa:Has anyone tried MuVChat where viewers can text comments onto the movie screen? It looks fun, but I haven't had the chance to give it a go yet. <http://www.muvchat.com/>

Jannell J:Jack, have you ever tried TPR with popular books?

Rose Benjamin:Our difficulty is connecting with the highschoolers. We have a large following from the middle school.

Abby Bohnenblust:I've done several MuVChats!

Terry Roper:Speaking on the school side, not near enough collaboration-especially for teens darn budget cuts!

Carmel Barnhill:We do as much public school outreach as we can. We also are tapping into the Homeschooler families.

Ivy Weston:Yes, food at meetings is a MUST!

janine mogannam:i do outreach, those most teens who come to my branch are from the local middle school and are coming anyway,

janine mogannam:*though

Sharon Brooks:In Fayetteville AR a local theater group leader came to us and asked to host a group of teen girls to do theater related activities. it was cool too

Megan 2:Omg, great idea - doing performances of what your programming is like at schools - thanks!

Angelo Liranzo:Yes we do outreach to schools, but we want to do more. It never seems to be enough.

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Megan 2:Would also like to suggest "William Shakespeare's Star Wars"

Ivy Weston:Also do fun things with your Council - we have a holiday party with a White Elephant gift exchange, and an end-of-year party with dinner, dessert, movie and karaoke, board games.

Carmel Barnhill:Angelo have you tried taking flyers to coffee shops in your area?

Molli Hall:It sometimes feels like all of the teens around here are into EVERYTHING from football to cheerleading to baseball to softball and I competing with all of that!

Angelo Liranzo:Is karaoke still popular with teens? We had diminishing interest here.

Megan 2:all our teens are too shy for karaoke...

Liz Bowen:We can only do food for 14+, prepackaged with labels, so it can be a bit limiting sometimes, plus no budget for said food

Carmel Barnhill:We still host karaoke sometimes

Ivy Weston:Molli I have the same problem - so many things competing for teens' attention, much of it through their schools

Tracy M:That's how are HS is. They offer so much the kids are super busy.

Abby Bohnenblust:I've never done karaoke, but I can see our community of teens being "too cool" for it.

Ivy Weston:Our Teen Council likes karaoke but not sure how popular it is with general teen population. They make me go first!

Julie Kinney:Again, no food allowed at my library...kind of sad about that!

Heather Jackson:Molli, you're in Texas, right? Could you tie in crafts with the sports, like make Cheer bows or mums for football games?

Rose Benjamin:NO FOOD!?

Tracy M:Can you buy the prepackaged pancake?

Carmel Barnhill:This year we had a Blackout Poetry event to celebrate National Poetry Month. It was fun and well attended

Angelo Liranzo:Yes, that is another great idea. The merchants around here help us by letting us put our flyers in their shops. We do that with the local government offices as well.

Sharon Brooks:if karaoke is dying, try an open mike night

Molli Hall:Oh I have! Football is like religion here in Texas! LOL

Amy Melton 2:yes, audio problems too :(

Julie Kinney:NO food! We can't provide food—they can bring their own food, but we can't provide it AT ALL! NOTHING!

Tracy M:Whoa...

Megan 2:We're going to try giving buttons (got a 1" button machine) for attendance at programs - good incentive to attend in order to collect buttons?

Jannell J:Julie, do you have partnership with a school or local rec center where you could host it?

Katie Highland:I love the Pancake Poetry program idea

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Melinda Mathis :omg buttons are HUGE here

Siri:Making buttons, is so BIG

Melinda Mathis :button making is wildly popular, never loses interest

Julie Kinney:I hadn't thought of that...great idea!

marisa debow:Teen "Express Yourself" Art Show

Rose Benjamin:Simple recipes! The easier, the better.

Tracy M:We do a email blast through the media specialists for our Summer Reading Program, etc.

Allen:We do cooking programs here, but mostly for kids.

janine mogannam:yes, and also button making itself is a very popular program! can be done easily and spur of the moment too.

Siri:I had teens with shirts totally covered in buttons after one program and had to be cut off.

Carmel Barnhill:Another idea I have heard of is asking local restraurants to put flyers on their trays.

Veronica Cabrear:button for attending, that's a great idea

Angelo Liranzo:We go on the morning news in our local schools—which no longer have media specialists—but it seems to be more effective to have the kids deliver our message for and with us.

Megan 2:Radio is big here, too - lots of parents listen

marisa debow:Monthly Kitchen Tuesdays for teens. I'm the instructor such as it is..

Heather Jackson:that's a great idea, Angelo

Megan 2:local station makes announcements

Jannell J:Fun Marisa!

Liz Bowen:What about food allergies? Do they sign releases?

Daniel Digianantonio:We have our programs on the morning the annoucments at the local schools

Christine:Do you charge the teens for the cooking programmes or does the library fund this?

marisa debow:I figure they are old enough to not eat something if they are allergic.

Jo Rolfe 2:Catering requires health and safety certification. How do you handle City/State hygiene regulations?

Carmel Barnhill:We can not do cooking programs.

Jack Baur:Library funds. We can't charge for anything, and wouldn't want to!

Molli Hall:We don't have a kitchen :(

marisa debow:Our Friends group supports us financially

Angelo Liranzo:Interesting... NO we have never had anyone sign releases regarding food allergies, but that's important to think about, isn't it?

marisa debow:everything at public library is free

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Rose Benjamin: We haven't ever had problems with allergies. If a teen is allergic to something, they seem to be pretty good about letting us know.

Carmel Barnhill: Our Friends are fantastic at supporting our programs too-

Betsy Powell: That's one of the biggest shocks for our patrons—it's free!

Sharon Brooks: good old home ec!

Megan 2: I make sure to ask first if kids have allergies, and know what's in the food we're providing, but ultimately it's up to them - no waivers or anything

Angelo Liranzo: Our teens just naturally avoid things they are allergic to.

Ashlee K.: Our library is launching a makerspace...calling it Spark Lab...in June

Megan 2: yess! Makerspace here too.

Jack Baur: What are your favorite things to make with duct tape?

Carmel Barnhill: I like the creating programs

Rose Benjamin: Crafts are great. One struggle is getting the guys involved. YES to Duck Tape. No to JB...

Allen: I want a Makerspace!

Daniel Digianantonio: I like the duct tape roses

Angelo Liranzo: Yes, Makerspace looks like it's coming to our system, too. We are too small in this building, though.

Sharon Brooks: teens actually like rainbow loom too

Jannell J: Duct tape roses and wallets-most like to decorate their phones with it.

Ashlee K.: makey-makey is so much fun

Molli Hall: Duct tape is usually a pretty big draw here

Susie DeSersa: We just got a few Makey Makeys recently- can't wait to try them out with the teens!

marisa debow: spent forever to learn rainbow loom and failed. I'm getting the Children's librarian to come in and teach us!

Jeanie Austin: we just did perler beads (fuse beads) and it was a big draw for tweens and younger teens

Megan 2: Same here, can't wait to do Makey Makey

Ivy Weston: what is Makey Makey?

Melinda Mathis : is anyone going to the maker faire in san mateo this weekend?

Angelo Liranzo: Duct tape, yes. Magnets for their lockers. Yes, it has to be something that the boys are interested in too.

Liz Bowen: www.makeymakey.com

marisa debow: mini-bookmaking!

Sharon Brooks: our librarian's fifth grade son was the master rainbow loom teacher

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Michiko Sumi:perler beads was a success for us. Next program we are making paracord

Megan 2:safety tips for soldering program? we're having one soon

Melinda Mathis :marisa, did you do mini bookmaking?

Jeanie Austin:there are also often makerspaces around your area (or at least some makers) and they tend to be very excited to share their skills!

RGan:Megan 2: Always remind teens to place the soldering iron in the holder.

marisa debow:american button machines are the BEST!

Missy Maeyens:which model of button maker is it?

Heather Jackson:Ugh, I can only dream of having 300 dollars for programming...

RGan:Megan 2: Don't touch the parts that are being to solder until after 10 secs or so to cool.

Sharon Brooks:we tried for soldering iron and the county attorney said no go... liability issues

Ivy Weston:We did solar ovens out of pizza boxes, bristle bots, and LED light-up felt cuff bracelets. None were super-hard. No soldering.

Jeanie Austin:<http://makerspace.com/makerspace-directory>

RGan:Megan 2: Also, when placing the soldering tip, don't press hard, let the heat do the work.

Tracy M:Where is the scratch program online?

Sharon Brooks:remember shrinky dinks? i'd love to bring that back

Ivy Weston:instructables.com has some great maker projects (including LED light-up felt bracelets)

Megan 2:Thanks RGan!

Jack Baur:Here is our exact button maker: <http://www.americanbuttonmachines.com/product/1-button-machine/>

RGan:Megan 2: Lastly, make sure there is a good physical connection before applying solder. Don't melt the solder directly with the iron, heat the connection and press the solder wire in the joint, it will melt with the heat.

Megan 2:<http://scratch.mit.edu/>

Jannell J:We did shrinky dinks in a toaster oven last year with sheets of plastic so they could design their own shapes. Lots of fun!

Rose Benjamin:We rarely charge for programs. If we do, we try to keep it as low as possible.

Carmel Barnhill:I was wanting to do a shrinky dink aspect to one of our teen programs this summer. But we have no ovens.

Megan 2:We still do shrinky dinks, they love it

Angelo Liranzo:Our Friends of the Library fund our programs. We are not allowed to charge the participants in any age group.

Stanley Strauss:Megan - the chat will be saved so you'll have access to it, including the links.

Megan 2:toaster oven works for shrinky dinks

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Sharon Brooks:i also tried manga discards to make refrigerator magnets with those clear glass pebbles you can find at Hobby Lobby/Michaels in the floral section

Melinda Mathis :we would never charge for anything.

Angelo Liranzo:The only thing we can charge for is for materials/supplies, but we don't do that either.

Molli Hall:I Pinned where you can recycle some take home containers into shrinky dinks!

Megan 2:also crockpots for shrinky dinks, although results can be... unreliable

Liz Bowen:anyone here done a comic con? We want to host one next year for Comic Book Day. Lots of cosplay teens here!

Melinda Mathis :comic book day was wildly popular here

Tracy M:Our library says gaming violates the copyright, etc :(

Angelo Liranzo:Yes, Sharon, those clear glass pebbles have been popular here with all manner of manga, celebrities, even National Geographic!

Melinda Mathis :i desperately want to have a mini con during comic con week sometime

Carmel Barnhill:Crockpot Shrinky Dinks! I will look into that one.

Heather Jackson:We're going to try a cosplay series of programs here in the fall, Liz. I'm hoping it goes well.

Rose Benjamin:Anime is more popular than comics.

Erikka Hillard:we try and incorporate some community programs to engage with teens or even their parents while the teens are doing their programs.

Sarah:we just had our 4th annual anime/comic con

Melinda Mathis :oh heather, i want to hear how that goes. people around here love to dress up!

Megan Statz:You can use a heat gun for shrinky dinks too

Carmel Barnhill:We have done Open Mike Nights - Very successful program

Rose Benjamin:In our area at least...

Sharon Brooks:mini-con is fun. include the local comics store folks

Jack Baur:Free Comic Book Day is my favorite holiday. Everyone should do it. You can order the comics through your local comic book store. The FCBD books get solicited in January and ship in April, so contact your comic book store in Jan and let them know you want to participate.

Angelo Liranzo:Yes, our system does a comic con, this year it will be in August.

Carmel Barnhill:We are gearing up for our third annual AMA-CON!

Megan 2:we're having a Mini Maker Faire with Cosplay Contest... so excited. Teens here LOVE cosplay

Angelo Liranzo:Our system also runs a Battle of the Bands every year in March. Teens have to make up the majority of the band members. See pascolibraries.org and ask for Paul Stonebridge about that.

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Sharon Brooks:yes. cosplay and “trashion” shows

Liz Bowen:Yes! Making and cosplay go together, also with teens teaching teens

Melinda Mathis :i love the idea of skill share.

Megan 2:re: social media - do you have policies in place for safe communications with teens via social media?

Rose Benjamin:Promotion: FB! We also partner as much as we can with teachers and schools. We have a wonderful marketing specialist.

Melinda Mathis :i just heard that teens don't use fb

Liz Bowen:Instagram and twitter are the two main social media outlets for our teens. Apparently FB isn't so hot with teens. (Though we librarians often use it amongst ourselves)

Megan 2:yup, facebook less popular now that they've changed it.

Sharon Brooks:teens generally don't want to do the same social media as their parents and teachers

Rose Benjamin:Our library is a separate page from our Teen page. Our Teen page is set up as a person. Adding friends instead of liking pages.

Megan 2:we get the most views in the morning btwn 8 am - 9 am - parents, most likely

Rose Benjamin:More people see stuff that way. Then the next step is to get teens to add you.

Jack Baur:RE: Policies for safe communication with teens in social media, we have a general social media policy for ALL of our social media, but no teen specific rules.

Angelo Liranzo:Our library page is separate from our teen page, too. Popular with some branches more than with others, though.

Megan 2:Jack - is there a document you can share? we don't have anything that I know of and I know we need one

gb:remind101 is another way to share event info

Debbie Harris:sound is messed up

Angelo Liranzo:Patrons can “like” us. We do not “like” others.

Jack Baur:I'm searching my library's page, Megan, but can't find the Social media policy document. Direct e-mail me and I will hunt it down for you.

Stanley Strauss:Megan 2: There is an archived webinar on Developing a Social Media Policy for Your Library at: <https://infopeople.org/civicism/event/info?reset=1&id=387>

Carmel Barnhill:We use bookmark sizes instead of flyers whenever possible

Rose Benjamin:Eww! Clipart!

Megan 2:check out dingbat fonts on dafont.com for cool images and shapes you can edit, so much better

Megan 2:most free for non-commercial use

Dolly:fontsqurrel!

Megan 2:clipart can also be easily improved in paint.net - get rid of those 80's pastel backgrounds

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Eileen O'Shea:<http://www.fontsquidrel.com>

Jay Gerlach:paint.net is awesome for that!

Angelo Liranzo:Going back a bit... Sharon, Shrinky Dinks works well here, too. Fun!

Betsy Powell:GIMP is great, too.

Stanley Strauss:Another archived webinar on Basic Graphic Design for Libraries:
<https://infopeople.org/civicrm/event/info?reset=1&id=82>

Liz Bowen:not to be Debbie Downer but remember Copyright is a real thing too. :D

Sharon Brooks:glad shrinky dinks are alive and well! i haven't done them since my daughter was in 5th grade... now she's 24!!!

Molli Hall:I can't get my dang computer to accept new fonts I download. I have even looked up directions and tried to follow them

Angelo Liranzo:Yes, we are big on copyright here, too. We are going to do internal training about creativecommons.com

Megan 2:Molli - i had to get with IT to disable admin block on installing fonts

Dawn Jackson:I want to know if your problem teen ever came back to another program after you went to his school

Vanessa:My library system has outlawed flyers and we can't make our own. What to do??? Emails? Facebook?

Katherine Butrum:Combining jr. and high school events a bad idea?

FAIZA COLEMAN-SALAKO:Same, Vanessa. What to do?

RGan:Any more documents/links for teen programs?

marisa debow:Any ideas for teens in high income area-helicopter parents, overcommitted teens?

Angelo Liranzo:Do mass e-mails to your email lists

Megan 2:flyers disguised as origami? :)

Jannell J:Ooh, I like the origami flyers.

elaine braddock:Any ideas for very,very wealthy teens?

Erikka Hillard:we have several families try to all attend that has different age groups trying to come to the teen night so hard to separate the age groups. any ideas?

Michelle Turnis - Monticello:remind101.com is a great contact service

Liz Bowen:If a paper/environment issue, use recycled materials maybe? Or is it an ink issue? just wondering why and how to get around it

Sharon Brooks:make it beneficial for them to check the e-mail... a way to get volunteer service hours and they will check it for that

Jay Gerlach:Thanks for the webinar!

Christina:i am also interested in engaging with over committed teens as well

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Carmel Barnhill:I learned so much. Flyers are not great. But Origami Flyers might be fantastic! Thanks everyone.

Angelo Liranzo:We are using mailchimp here starting this month, too.

Abby Bohnenblust:To Vanessa—I make bookmarks to pass out—can you do this?

Megan 2:I'm thinking passive programming might be good for those over committed... having that issue too

Sharon Brooks:origami flyers sounds super cool beans

Molli Hall:Bookmarks are great! Just put them in their books as they check out!

Sharon Brooks:teens with money... filmmaking competition

Megan 2:I like the idea of teen take-out programs - supplies to use to make stuff then return the rest.

julie fitch:what's an origami flyer?

Vanessa:I think they consider flyers old school and want to move away from paper announcements. Love the origami flyer disguise, though!!

Sharon Brooks:we made arrangements to show the films at the local theater and it was cool

Megan 2:Robotics!!!

Daniel Digianantonio:pixlr.com is great for photo manipulation

Vanessa:I will ask about bookmarks, but probably won't fly . . .

FAIZA COLEMAN-SALAKO:does anyone know of a nice online java programming tool

Jana Fine:CSLP has a teen video challenge every year

Rose Benjamin:Checking out. Got a cake deco program. Bye! Thanks for the webinar!

Megan 2:Julie - I'm imagining a flyer folded into an origami crane or something similar

Melinda Mathis :robotics is crazy popular with the younger set, i want to find something similiar for teens

Eileen O'Shea:Benicia Public Library teens page: <http://www.benicialibrary.org/teens>

Sharon Brooks:kids with \$ have lots of tech gadgetry take advantage!

Erikka Hillard:we do a lot of offsite events where the kids don't have transportation to the library for the publized event. any ideas on how to get them more engaged.

Angelo Liranzo:OUr robotics group—first time—was 4th out of 6 in Orlando this year. Getting more popular all the time. They'll do better next year!

julie fitch:Thanks Megan2 so like a cootie catcher

Megan 2:Yep that would work too!

Betsy Powell:Melinda, another option—get in touch with any robotics teachers in the schools. I did that for the summer and he's coming into teach my teens

Eileen O'Shea:their film festival: <http://www.benicialibrary.org/teens/48hour>

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Sharon Brooks:3-D printers are getting popular where there is space an \$\$\$

Jannell J:Betsy-do you provide the materials for the robotics?

Simone Saunders:Want to initiate a partnership relationship with local high school - what would be a good first step or two to start off on the right foot?

Melinda Mathis :i meant to say we provide video cameras for use for teens and movie making

Ashlee K.:We got a 3D printer for the library system...very disappointing

Betsy Powell:Yes. He referred me to a site that has robotics kits for like \$17 a piece. We're going to have them working in groups