

## Adult Summer Reading Program Partners

(This is a list of organizations I've partnered with over the years to provide programming during ASRP that didn't cost anything to the library. If you don't have such an organization near you, look around! Potential partners are everywhere. You just need to ask.)

Local Poet Laureate

<http://www.sccgov.org/sites/opa/Programs/PoetLaureate/Pages/default.aspx>

Yes, many counties have Poet Laureates. So do cities and states.

Worldwide Knit in Public Day: <http://www.wkipday.com/>

Yup, it's a thing. And it generally falls during Summer Reading time.

Master Gardeners: <http://www.ahs.org/gardening-resources/master-gardeners>

A national organization. If you haven't partnered with them yet, it's a must. They first came to my library for the "Water Your Mind" ASRP, and now they present programs at my library monthly. It's been a **fabulous** collaboration.

Hostelling International: <http://blog.hihostels.com/>

The program HI put on was about travel tips, travelling on the cheap, and exploring that hostels aren't just for youth.

Volunteer Vacations: <http://content.sierraclub.org/outings/national/volunteer-vacations>

This is the coolest thing - save money on a vacation by doing work, such as trail upkeep, during your trip.

NASA Ambassadors: [http://www.nasa.gov/audience/foreducators/k-4/features/F\\_Solar\\_System\\_Ambassadors.html](http://www.nasa.gov/audience/foreducators/k-4/features/F_Solar_System_Ambassadors.html)

Find your local NASA Ambassador. We have a great one - he regularly holds NASA update programs as well as backyard astronomy. Very popular.

Your Local Book Rep: <http://global.penguinrandomhouse.com/>

This one may be more difficult. In my case I met a local rep who was willing to do a booktalk with me and she was generous enough to bring a bunch of ARCs to give away as prizes. Again, you have to ask.

Your Local Medical Foundation - This is geography-specific. In our case, we partnered with Palo Alto Medical Foundation for a presentation on Healthy South Asian Cooking. You would be surprised at how many organizations like this have an outreach arm. Take advantage!

Seafood Watch Guides: <https://www.seafoodwatch.org/seafood-recommendations/consumer-guides/consumer-guide-order-form>

This isn't a program necessarily, although Seafood Watch will do a program about sustainable fish if you have a local contact. But you can order large quantities of the guides as giveaways. A few years ago I ordered a total of 79,000 for 54 libraries/systems after putting the call out on Calix. They are great to work with.

Explore Your Local Nature: <http://sloughkeepers.com/>

If there's a reserve or park or slough nearby, chances are it has the equivalent of a "Friends" group which will come out to discuss the area and do a slideshow or the like.

Backyard Chickens: <http://veggielution.org/>

Are you allowed to raise chickens in your backyard where you live (<http://www.backyardchickens.com/atype/3/Laws>)? If so, partner with a local farm or find out if there is a local group that can come out and educate your patrons about the risks and rewards.

Wolf Conservation: <https://www.californiawolfcenter.org>

Wolves are magnificent and misunderstood. Although this org is based in Southern California, they have a Northern California rep and she came out. Great program.