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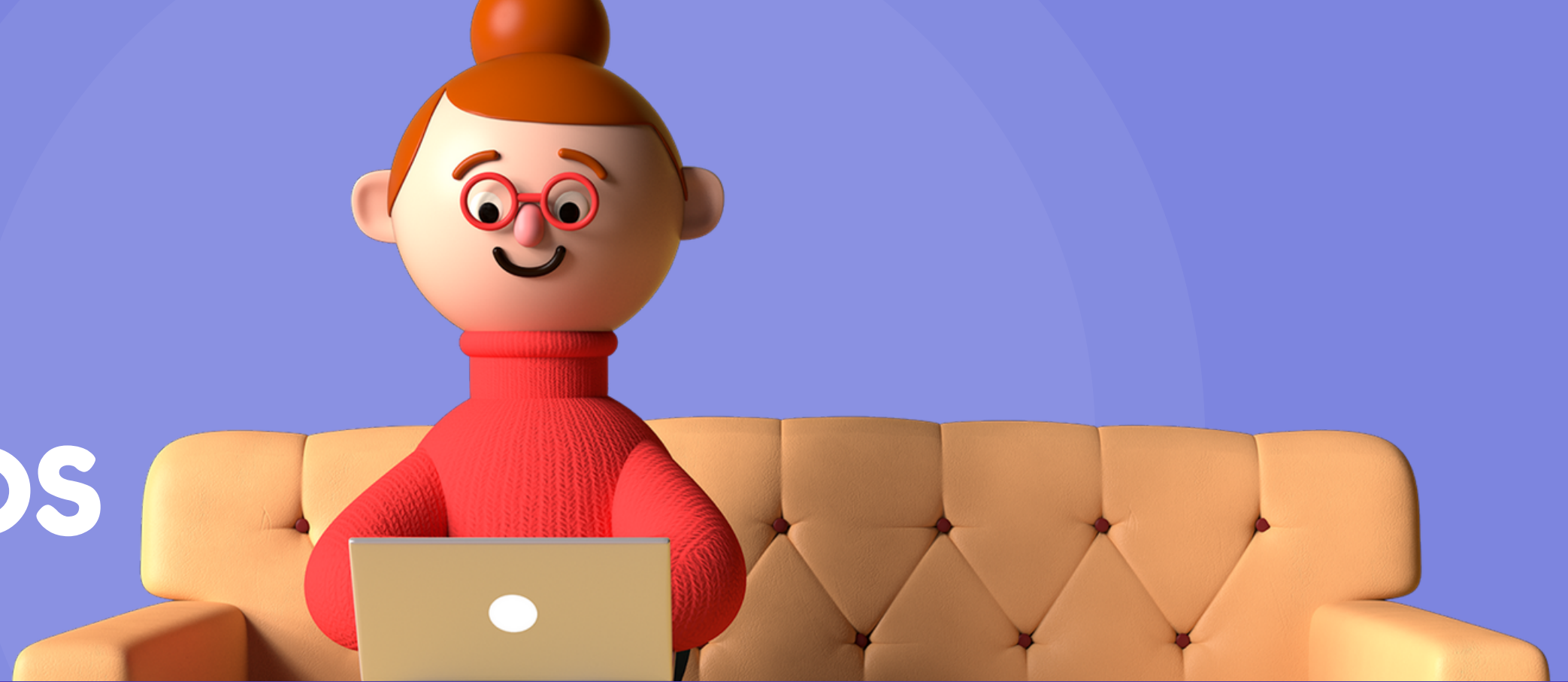
WINTER PROGRAMMING AND ENGAGEMENT IDEAS

Youth Services

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REMEMBER TO MEET YOUR COMMUNITY NEEDS



- Equity, Diversity, Inclusion
- Activities to DO!
- Access to books/Book Giveaways

- Learning is FUN!
- Parents are their children's first and most important teachers.

- Mental - Emotional Support
- Remote - Virtual Learning

- COVID Resources (Libraries are a trusted source) and support.
- Food Insecurities

- Teens/Babysitter engagement
- At-Home Educators
- Teachers/School Districts
- Homelessness

CHALLENGE YOUR THINKING

WHO ARE WE
NOT
REACHING?

WHAT NEEDS
DO WE NEED
TO WORK
HARDER AT
REACHING?

ARE OUR IDEAS
INCLUSIVE OF
GENDER,
SEXUALITY,
RACE, SOCIO-
ECONOMIC
STATUS?

ARE WE
CONSIDERING
TRANSPORTA
TION AND
BANDWIDTH
CHALLENGES?

WHAT OTHER "OLD WAYS" OF DOING THINGS CAN WE SHED?

Possible Community Partners



**Other
Libraries**

- Local News Media
- Museums & Local Historical Societies
- Drama, Musical and Art Groups
- Businesses
- Parks & Rec
- Schools (public, charter, private) & Homeschool Co-ops
- Neighborhood groups & Community Spaces
- Food Banks
- Laundromats
- Pediatric Offices
- Local Health Dept
- Boys & Girls Clubs, YMCA, etc.
- Apartment Complexes/Low Income Housing programs

THEMED BOOK PACKS



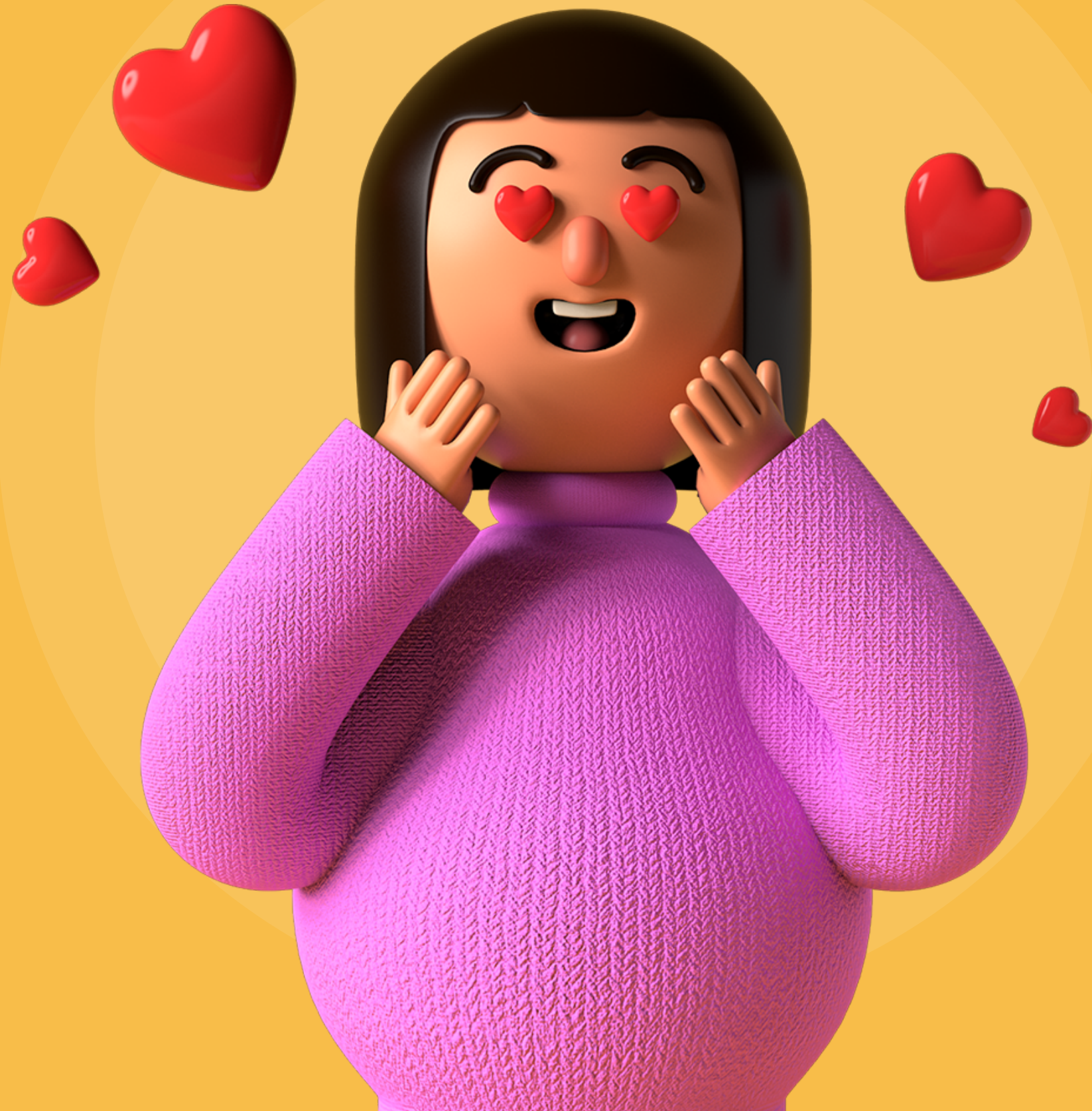
- From “Things that Go!” to “ABC’s,” families love discovering new titles that convey their favorite things. Build & circulate “themed book packs” to families.
- Families can skip the struggle of searching & holding specific titles by relying on your expertise to build them a pack.
- Pair packs with activities, read-a-like lists, and an optional “play” item like a puppet.
- Highlight diverse books, folk tales, animals, favorite characters, and other sections of your collection.

RECHARGE YOUR 1,000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM

- In addition to print reading logs, give families options to email or digitally submit logs by moving program to a virtual platform such as READsquared/Beanstack.
- Shift to fewer/combined prizes so they are easier to hand out and can be given out with curbside orders. (A small prize every 100 books, like a pencil)
- Push out 1,000 Books tips and reminders on your social media, along the lines of "Tell us what book you and your little one are enjoying this week!" to try to build a sense of community among those doing the program.
- Highlight accomplishments on social media!



FAVORITE BOOK CHARACTER HUNT



- Connect with local businesses, organizations, and neighbors to post a character from popular picture books - prepare and distribute pre-printed characters combined with a rhyme or short story verse, to hang in their window.
- Challenge families to “spot” them all and collect the story.
- Return completed hunts for a prize such as a local coupon book, food bucks to the farmers’ market, or a coloring kit.

Pop Projects



- “POP Projects” are quick & easy engagement activities for families on the go.
- Includes brief explanation of craft & crafting materials in a popcorn bag.



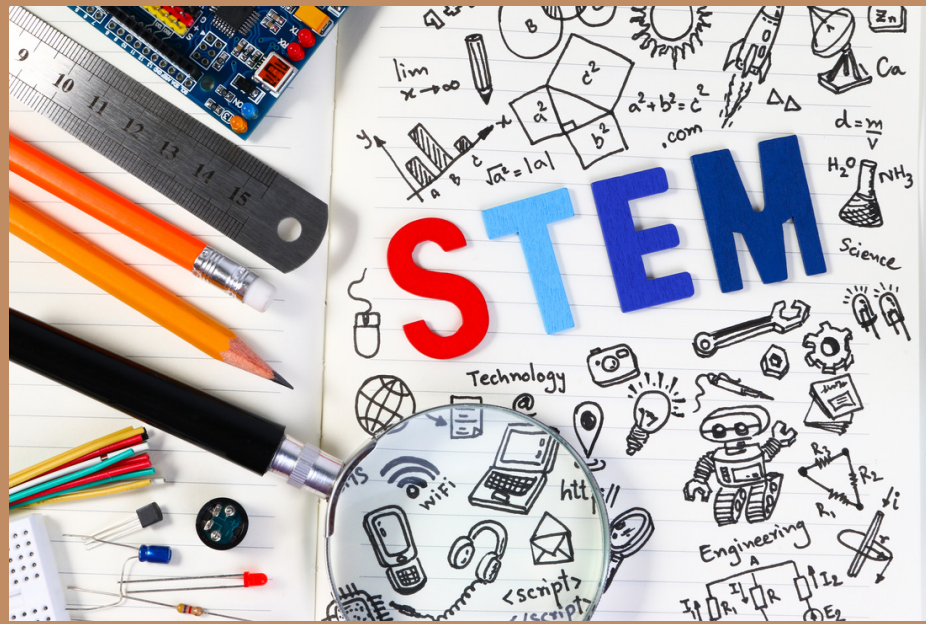
“Make Your Own Scratch-off Ticket”

- Draw a picture, write the punchline of a joke, or let a friend know how much you care about them.
- Cover the words or drawing with a scratch off sticker and give it to someone special!



Take it Away--Take and Make Ideas

STEM @ HOME



- Provide take-home kits or a list of commonly found materials around the house.
- Supplement with live-time or recorded videos.
- Work with local schools to supplement curriculum.
- [STEM in Libraries – Collaboration Opportunities ~ StarNet](#)
- [Howtosmile.org](#) handpicked activities from your favorite science museums, public television stations, universities, and other educational organizations ([Holiday/Winter STEM](#))
- Are you a Guide on the Side or a Sage on the Stage. For more on being the Guide on the Side another great webinar from StarNet [STEAM Learning in Public Libraries: A “Guide on the Side” Approach for Inclusive Learning Presentation Slides](#) | [YouTube Recording](#) | [Link Bank](#)

VIRTUAL FIELDTRIP

- Collaborate with local museums and organizations like a zoo or aquarium!
- Pre-record video or host live “walkthroughs,” or share one of the many free virtual tours on websites from around the nation and world.
- Feature related books from your collection.
- Allow time for Q&A with participants.



[Virtual Field Trip Idea & Links](#)

BOOK PROGRAMS

- [Battle of the Books](#)
- [Social Justice Book Club](#)
- Homeschool Book Club
- [First Chapter Friday Book Club](#)
- “Imagine Your Story” - year-round usage rights from CSLP.



BUILD A... CHALLENGES



- Create a challenge calendar to send home or post a regular challenge on social media.
- Mix in various materials or stick to one format such as:
 - Legos
 - Minecraft
 - Roblox
- Take it outside! Mark off lawn space or use a local park to offer building challenges.

Impromptu Snowman Contest

Next time a good snow storm is predicted for your community, put out an impromptu snowman challenge. Have them submit their “best” snow creation photos to the library.

Snowman Hunt

- *Distribute snowman kits
- *Families assemble and place in their windows
- *Everyone goes hunting for snowmen in the community



HISTORY HUNTS



- Team up with your local history librarian or a local history organization.
- Be creative in tying in local “stops” for the hunt & sharing history. Use images like historic postcards from your collection as clues!
- Use Geocaching type model or create a simple checklist.
- Create a hashtag for families to share on social media & build engagement.
- Partner/include local businesses to help boost the hunt.
- Provide QR codes or signs that expand the story at each “stop.”

[Moose on the Loose - Social Studies for Granite State Kids](#)
[From the NH Historical Society.](#)



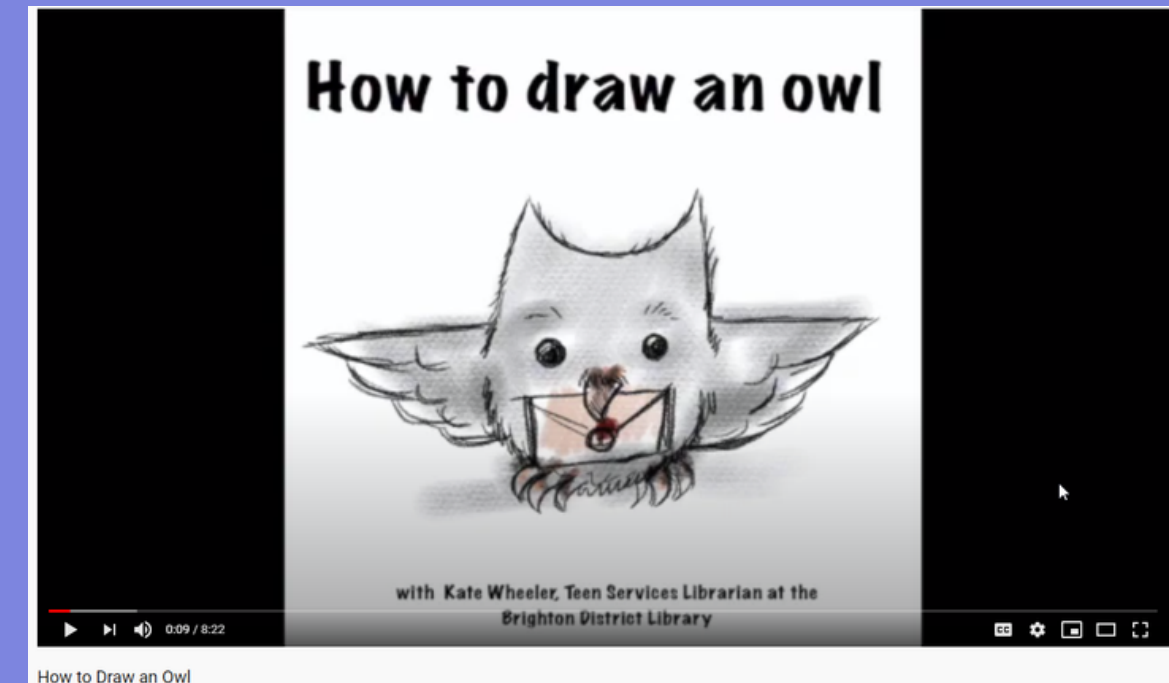
GAMES

- [Online Board Gaming from WebJunction](#)
- [Build Your Own Board Game](#)
 - Add take-home kits
 - Video instructions
 - "Show & Tell"
- Additional gaming ideas:
 - [Jeopardy Labs](#)
 - [Jackbox Games](#)
 - [Scattergories on Zoom](#)
 - Trivia Breaks
 - Tap into staff interests
 - [Kahoot](#)
- Virtual Role Playing
 - [Roll 20](#)
 - [Fantasy Grounds](#)



ART CHALLENGES

- Library Card Coloring
- OC - original characters
- How to Draw tutorials
- Recreate book covers!
- Recreate famous paintings or sculptures.
- [#BookCoverDouble Challenge \(NYPL\)](#)
- [#BookFaceFridays](#)



TEEN HOT TOPICS: SOCIAL JUSTICE, CLIMATE CRISIS, PEER PRESSURE

- Social Justice

- Support Their Stories, a One Book, One Community style program
- Racial Justice Challenge Discussion Group
- Reading group for the 1619 Project
- ReadWoke
- Book Bundles



#supporttheirstories



- Climate Action

- Community Clean-up Days
- Expert Panel
- United Nations Youth for Climate Action
- Provide experts to speak with teens on:
 - EmotionsGrowth/Development
 - Health & Safety
 - Dating & Sexuality
 - Peer Pressure

COLLEGE & TRADE PREP

- "How to Become a (Re)Search Ninja"
- Don't fear the FAFSA"
- College/Test Prep
- Adulting 101/Life Skills



- STEM Challenges & Subject Matter partnerships with local college professors/students.
- 10 Books to Read before College

CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE!



Choose Your Own Adventure® Club

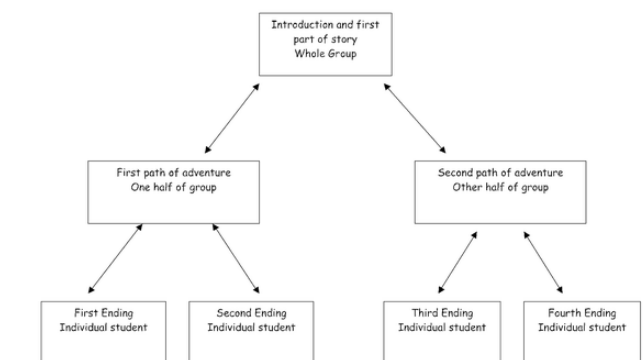
Example of a Club:

As a member of the adventure club, you'll receive a passport and earn a badge for each Choose Your Own Adventure® book we read. We will always read together as a group and decide which paths the group should take; there is no outside reading. When your passport is full, you'll receive a package full of stickers, pens, bookmarks, and a Choose Your Own Adventure® book to keep! Grades 3-5

CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE®

Write Your Own:

- The Choose Your Own Adventure should be written in small enough segments to keep the attention of the participants.
- A general storyline can be created, but there can be as many as a dozen endings to the story and two dozen ways to get to that ending!
- Create a family club for submitting/sharing their adventure segments!
- Multi-Library project? To alleviate the burden we could have libraries write different portions of the story. Sample Chart from Read Write Think
- Format can be tricky, but Google Forms can be manipulated to create a storyline.



NUTRITIONAL AND PERSONAL NEEDS



- - Replace Little Free Libraries with...
 - Personal Needs Pantries
 - Food Pantries
- Partner with community gardens for your seed libraries & programming. Offer “tastes from the garden” for families.
- Pair “cooking” videos with Ingredient Kits
- Partner with organizations such as Helping Women Period to offer personal supplies.
- Contact WIC for local support & information.

MOVE IN LIBRARIES

- Challenge families to invent a sport - they do at home, share (maybe even swap?) rules with the library, who shares out all the resulting games for kids to play at home
- Create Motion Cards Provide
- “Silly Walk” Signs
- Nature walks or scavenger hunts (idea: Find Yeti)
- Sidewalk chalk paths/mazes... block off part of your parking lot for this use or challenge families to submit videos!
- Create a 5 Senses Walk.
- Offer Yard Games* or as a “Library of Things” check-out option *Cleaning

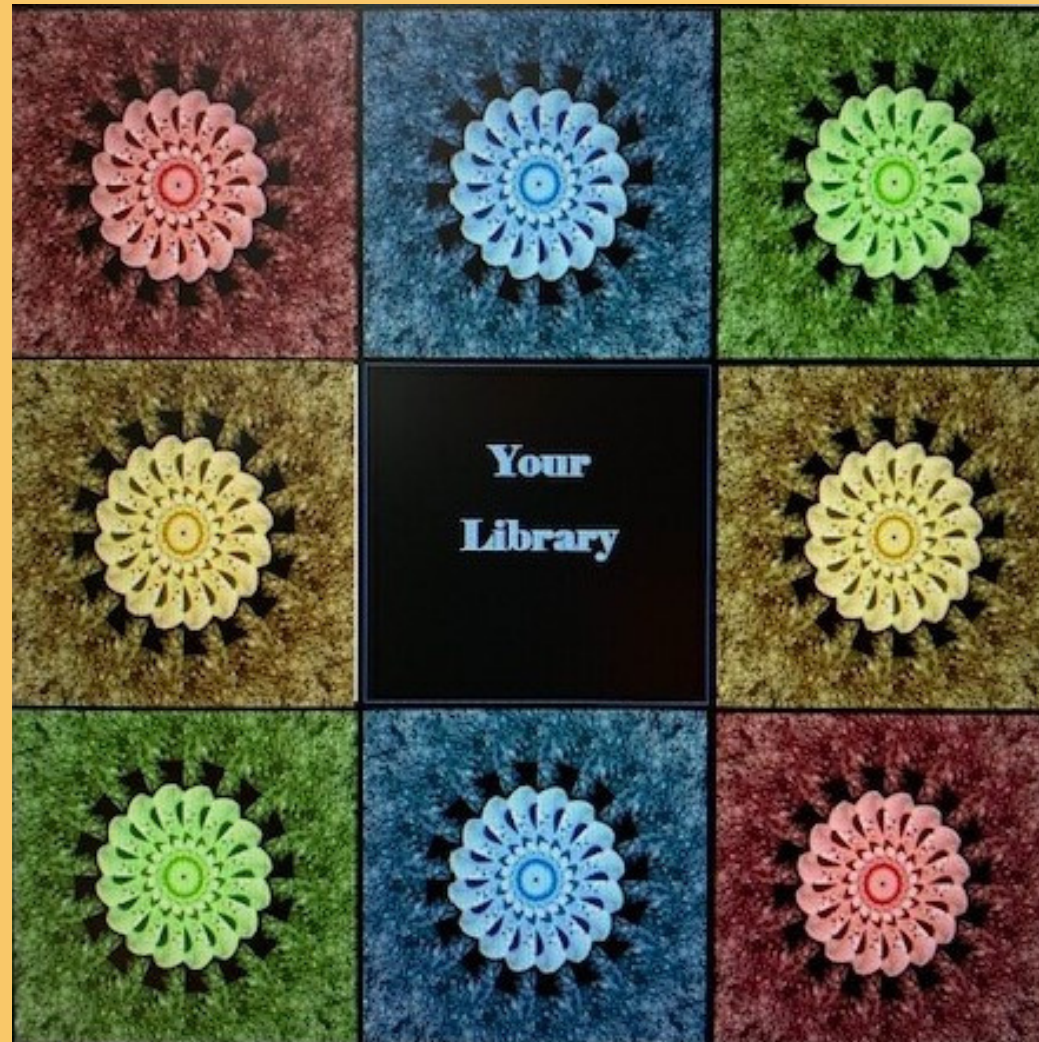


Let's Move in
Libraries



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COZY UP AND READ WINTER READING PROGRAM



This Cozy Up and Read quilt themed program can be done:

*by paper using the board and cutting out the pieces and giving to the patron when earned.

*patron earns quilt piece badges via READSquared or other online reading platforms.

Ideas to earn quilt pieces:



- Reading a book. You may wish to make this a challenge such as a book by a local author...
- Complete a take & make
- Attend a virtual program

Ideas for gifts or raffles:

- Local business gift certificates
- Cozy Items: blankets, hot chocolate & mugs, scarves, mittens
- Home spa items
- Comfort food basket
- Self-help books





'Tis the season for outdoor programs (really?)

With Beth Crist, Noah Lenstra, and Maryann Mori Scheduled for 12/10/2020 at 12:00p - 1:00p, Mountain Time

Shout it out!



LET'S CELEBRATE

Thank you for being here
and all you do for the youth
in your community!

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*Thank you to
Cathy Lancaster*

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