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ADULT PROGRAMMING RESOURCES: NO MONEY? NO PROBLEM.

Set up a council – Use your Friends of the Library or find some adults who come in often and are friendly.

Choose Date and time: Find a time when there is little or no other daytime programming

Adults like to come during daylight and when they can have easy parking

Schedule regular programs: Every week at the same time and place, once a month same time and place or specific dates such as 1st and 3rd Friday of each month. We have a weekly Friday AM program.

Coffee and Tea – Coffee, tea and water with light snack. Smell of coffee and popcorn get attention

Publicity – We send out press releases and have flyers on display and at all adult programs

Consider the Setting: Older Adults like a calmer quieter library – Although we can't promise this we can program with this in mind. Keep in mind the age group and have appropriate seating – padded but easy to get in and out of.

Movie Day we use <http://www.movlic.com/> for ideas and use movies that are owned by staff -we have a movie the last Friday of the month. Consider talking to your Administration or Friends of the Library Group about funding the movie License.

Adult Programming: Look for groups looking for a place to speak and perform.

Business: If it is a for-profit business, when you call tell them they can't sell anything but they can put their cards and information out for people to pick up and call later to make an appointment.

Financial Advisors – Use instructors from a nearby college or university or check <http://www.napfa.org/consumer/planners/> to find someone, who is part of the National Association of Personal Finance Advisors, see the webpage for more information

Involve your Staff, their children and other friends.

Staff family offered to perform cultural music

Staff can demonstrate on-line databases, catalogs, Google.com etc

Staff member's High School student offered his String Trio to play at our Friends Christmas Dinner

Staff member demonstrated her hobby of origami to small group of adults for a program

Area Non-Profit organizations- They are looking for places to speak

AARP Texas - www.arp.org

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Alzheimer's Association - <http://www.alz.org/texas/> other medical associations also.

Local Animal shelter or rescue group and Service Dogs

Big Brothers Big Sisters

<http://www.bbbs.org/site/c.diJKKYPLJvH/b.1539751/k.BDB6/Home.htm>

Local Genealogy group to talk about how to do your family history

County and City Agencies

Harris County Archivists' - Sarah Jackson Harris Co archivist sarah_jackson@fpm.co.tx.us

Harris County Meteorologist Jeff Lidner

Houston Bar Association – www.hba.org offers 21 topics for free

Harris County Housing Authority - Paula Sullivan 713.578.2111, paula_sullivan@hctx.net

Harris County Hospital District-Outreach- 713.566.4321 For informational medical programs

Harris County Master Gardeners – <http://hcmga.tamu.edu/>

Hurricane Preparedness – Jeff Lidner, Harris County Meteorologist, 713.684.4165

National Network of Libraries of Medicine - karen.vargas@exch.library.tmc.edu - Will demonstrate www.medlineplus.gov

Fire and Police Departments: Talk about personal and home safety.

TEEN PROGRAMMING RESOURCES

Print Resources

Alessio, Amy J. & Kimberly A. Patton. **A Year of Programs for Teens**. Chicago: American Library Association, 2007.

Alessio and Patton's Year of Programs provides a month-by-month guide with a wealth of programming ideas (with cost and time-based alternatives), as well as themed passive programming ideas. Each program plan provides an estimate of how much time and preparation required, examples of materials used, and estimated costs.



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Braun, Linda W. Teens.Library: Developing Internet Services for Young Adults. Chicago: American Library Association, 2002.

Although the information has become somewhat dated and many of the studies Braun cites are now almost seven years old (which, as we know, can be an eternity in terms of web-based technologies and other emerging web developments), Teens.library provides helpful advice on how to initiate or improve web-based services to teens, both for those who are web-sophisticates and web-novices, for those with a vast technical services department and those with one go-to tech person.

Brehm-Heeger, Paula. Serving Urban Teens. Westpoint, CT: Libraries Unlimited, 2008.

With extensive experience in working with urban youth, Brehm-Heeger's book provides a history of teen services in urban libraries, the challenges and possibilities of working with urban teens, developing collections with this group in mind, designing programs, and developing community partnerships. While the focus is on urban library environments, this title is also useful for library staff working within any diverse community.

Excellence in Library Services to Young Adults. 5th ed. Amy Alessio, ed. Chicago: American Library Association, 2008.

This edited compilation provides examples of successful teen programs implemented in school and public libraries, from career-related programming, crafts, book clubs, summer reading programs, Teen Advisory Board-implemented programs, and programming geared toward special populations (such as teens with disabilities, incarcerated teens, etc.).

Gelman, Judy & Vicki Levy Krupp. The Kids' Book Club Book: Reading Ideas, Recipes, Activities, and Smart Tips for Organizing Terrific Kids' Book Clubs. New York: Penguin, 2007.

Gelman and Krupp offer much "food" for thought in their book club guide, with advice on organizing and promoting a new group, choosing appropriate titles, acting as an adult book club leader (or mentor with youth-led discussions), as well as keeping kids and teens interested and excited in finishing the titles and attending more meetings. In addition to a list of suggested titles (divided by ages and grades), each title is accompanied by information about the author, themed recipes, and additional resources.

Gillespie, Kellie M. Teen Volunteer Services in Libraries. Lanham, MD: VOYA Books, 2004.

This helpful VOYA (Voice of Youth Advocates) guide provides advice on establishing, promoting, and managing a successful teen volunteer program in a variety of library environments. Gillespie also includes many examples of how different libraries mobilize volunteers and an extensive bibliography.

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Jones, Patrick, Michele Gorman, & Tricia Suellentrop. Connecting Young Adults and Libraries: A How-To-Do-It Manual for Librarians. New York: Neal-Schuman Publishers, 2004.

This title, written by three prolific advocates of teen library services, provides a best-practices guide for anyone working with young adults. While many of the advice provided here comes from a public library perspective, many of the advice, ideas, and passion is adaptable to other library environments. This text includes chapters on: the philosophy of providing services to teens, emerging trends in YA services, collection development, booktalking, forging community partnerships, creating successful programs, marketing and promotion, technology-based services, and involving young adults as volunteers and in program planning. Connecting Young Adults also includes an extensive bibliography and additional resources.

Loertscher, David. "Extending the Five-Foot Bookshelf: More Essential Books for Professionals Who Serve Teens." Voice of Youth Advocates 31(2008): 297-298.

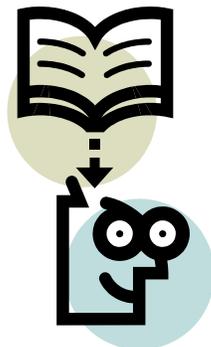
Voice of Youth Advocates (VOYA) provides a yearly look at the top ten professional development resources for public and school librarians working with young adults. The October 2008 edition of VOYA also includes another article "Five-Foot Bookshelf Retrospective" (pp. 299-302), with the top ten professional reading lists from 1997-2007.

Miller, Donna P. Crash Course in Teen Services. Westport, CT: Libraries Unlimited, 2008.

Donna Miller's Crash Course in Teen Services provides an excellent beginner's guide to young adult library services: from how to relate to teen patrons, the reference interview, collection development, readers' advisory, programming, fostering teen spaces in the library, and publicity. Although the emphasis tends to fall more on teen services in a public library environment, the advice and examples she provides could easily be adapted.

Neiburger, Eli. Gamers...in the Library?!: The Why, What, and How of Videogame Tournaments for All Ages. Chicago: American Library Association, 2007.

Neiburger's book includes recent research on the educational and social value of including game programs in libraries, as well as a rough-and-ready guide for integrating gaming into library programming for teens. From evaluating the expense and pay-off of gaming system purchases, to planning and promoting gaming programs, as well as connecting all the cables(!), Neiburger's Gamers has it all.



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Pierce, Jennifer Burek. Sex, Brains, and Video Games: A Librarian's Guide to Teens in the Twenty-First Century. Chicago: American Library Association, 2008.

Jennifer Burek Pierce's "Librarian's Guide" provides the latest in research on adolescent and teen development, as well as advice on how librarians can integrate this new knowledge in library services and policy.

Vaillancourt, Renée J. Bare Bones Young Adult Services: Tips for Public Library Generalists. Chicago: American Library Association, 2000.

Although Vaillancourt's title is dated, Bare Bones provides a wealth of helpful resources both for those whose work with teens falls under 'other duties as assigned,' as well as young adult librarians who find themselves with little time and/or little money. From providing teen reference services, developing teen collections, developing and implementing teen programs, to handling and interpreting teen behavior, this book offers a useful and practical guide.

Wilson, Patricia Potter & Roger Leslie. Center Stage: Library Programs that Inspire Middle School Patrons. Greenwood Village, CO: Greenwood Publishing, 2002.

Writing with a school library environment in mind, Wilson and Leslie create a detailed and practical guide to planning programs, identifying and gathering program-related resources, evaluating and assessing the impact of programs, and developing support amongst staff and administrators.

Online Resources

Alternative Teen Services. 22 Sep 2008. 23 Sep 2008 <<http://www.yalibrarian.com/>>.

The Alternative Teen Services website provides a forum for young adult librarians and library staff who serve teens to discuss relevant issues for teen services, programming ideas, successful programs, young adult literature, and more.

Honnold, RoseMary. See YA Around: Library Programming for Teens. 2008. 23 Sep 2008 <<http://www.cplrmh.com/>>.

RoseMary Honnold is a prolific author, presenter and editor of books, journals, and articles on young adult, adult, and intergenerational programming. Her personal website provides a bibliography of her print works, as well as links to detailed programming ideas.

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"List of Young Adult Writers." Wikipedia. 18 Sep 2008. Wikipedia. 23 Sep 2008

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_young_adult_authors>.

Wikipedia includes an excellent list of Young Adult authors with links to their personal webpages, blogs, MySpace pages, Facebook pages, and more. Scouting out the web presence of popular authors can often provide you with programming (and passive programming) ideas, as well as get you some free stuff!

Teen Lib Wiki: For Librarians Serving Teens. 4 July 2008. 23 Sep 2008

<http://yalibrarian.com/yalib_wiki/index.php?title=Main_Page>.

Teen Lib Wiki is a database created by and for Young Adult Librarians and library staff serving teens. The Wiki provides information on young adult literature, young adult authors (including indexes of YA authors on MySpace and with blogs), programming, and other professional resources.

"Young Adult Library Services Association. (YALSA)." American Library Association. 7 July 2006. 23 Sep

2008 <<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/yalsa/yalsa.cfm>>.

The Young Adult Library Services Association (or YALSA) website provides access to a number of online resources and references to additional print resources. YALSA's website provides information on collection development, programming, nationally celebrated events (such as Teen Read Week and Teen Tech Week), and professional development opportunities.

"Ypulse: Youth Marketing to Teens, Tweens, & Generation Y." Ypulse. 23 Sep 2008. Ypulse. 23 Sep

2008 <<http://www.ypulse.com/>>.

Ypulse authors update this site almost daily with the most recent information on marketing and advertising geared toward teens and young adults. Ypulse also includes a Ypulse Book Essentials page (updated biweekly) with interesting information on young adult literature, authors, and publishers. Ypulse can assist in young adult program brainstorming by providing up-to-date information on teen trends and effective marketing campaigns.

