**DLC Youth Services Meetings**

**Weekly, 2020**

Plan to provide virtual programs through the end of the year.

Be more thoughtful in what you are doing and how you are providing services.

Remember those patrons that are not “okay” ordinarily.

Practice empathy.

Be creative.

**Online Program Solutions and Resources:**

Macaroni Kid Editor: <https://canonsburg.macaronikid.com/> An online resource for mom’s/caregivers within your area.

Storytime Underground: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/storytimeunderground/>

Consider having a virtual “coffee hour” with your library’s parents/caregivers. Check in on them. Ask them what they need from the library.

Youtube Channel:

<https://medium.com/@ijclark/creating-videos-for-our-library-youtube-channel-a7a4c53d525d>

<https://www.njstatelib.org/six_steps_to_creating_your_public_library_s_youtube/>

Consider filming “welcome” videos for your community: now that the library is in the Yellow Phase, what the community can expect from the library, give them an overview of changes, emphasize that you have missed them and can’t wait to see them, but in the meantime…

Engaged Patrons: <https://engagedpatrons.org/index.cfm> (FREE for library budgets under $1 million)

Zoom Meeting Room for programs/performers.

Blue Jeans: System/District share an account that is available to you and can accept 100 participants.

Go-to-Meeting

Skype

FaceBook Live

Instagram

Google Classroom

Snap Chat

Pinterest Boads

Tik Tok

Niche’ Academy

You can pre-record a program to post.

You can be spontaneous and do a live, participatory session.

Consider having a “co-host” that help with logistics, muting people if there is too much noice/distraction…).

Use PowerPoint to create colorful slides.

Dance, sing, exercise, move!

Include your family pet (s).

Cook!

Play I Spy!

DIY: Bird Houses, Bird feeders…

Share programs/activities posted by other organizations or public libraries.

Collaborate with a more tech-savvy librarian at a neighboring library to share their sessions.

OverDrive: Melinda has been adding titles and keeping up with holds on OverDrive. You can make title suggestions for OverDrive by emailing the Helpdesk: [wagginhelp@gmail.com](mailto:wagginhelp@gmail.com)

Gale Courses: Available to anyone with a library card in good standing. There is no age limit. Teens are welcome to use!

**Low-Tech/No-Tech:**

Craft/Activity Packets: include a digital option or component

Story walks or trails

Monthly subscription boxes (themed): book from the library, activity, prize.

Flat Stanley (Flat Fetch)

Radio!! Buy every kid a radio! Think about doing a “fireside chat”. Partner with a college radio station or local radio station.

Help kids stay connected: gift cards for burner phone minutes.

Text Messaging: to stay connect with your teens.

Postcard campaigns: connect with parents/caregivers. Check in! We miss you, can’t wait to see you! Strengthen relationships.

Pen Pals

Chalking

Utilize youth ambassadors to spread the word about the library and the summer activities.

Journaling: helping kids, teens, adults process what they have been through (empathy).

Activities that folks can do using items they have at home.

Discord Servers: <https://thenextweb.com/basics/2020/03/19/keep-in-touch-how-to-set-up-discord-server-for-friends-family/>

NaNoWriMo: (November) National Novel Writer’s Month. Can do anytime.

Teen Zines: t*eens can send or email zine pages to be put out on social media sites for others to enjoy. Teens like to know their work is being displayed and viewed even if they don’t have access themselves.*

**Summer Reading/Learning:**

Beanstack

Readsquared: imports Novelist

Reader Zone

Print out paper reading logs

**Summer Food Program:**

Grab n’ Go solutions are being explored.

PA extended SNAP benefits to school aged children who qualify for free/reduced lunches; perhaps they will extend it into summer.

Turn the “Little Free Libraries” into food pantries!

**Counting online program participation:**

Count the same way, consistently.

Melinda emailed out a Word doc with guidance.

**Curbside:**

Create a pre-selected “Baker’s Dozen” of materials (books, activities, dvds) that can be borrowed. “Surprise sacks”. Themed bags of books in all age ranges (dinosaurs, Art, Travel). Include board books.

**Outreach:**

Talk to your community partners. They are experiencing the same frustrations. See how you can help each other.

School Districts: see if they have resources

Use food distribution sites to get materials into the hands of kids. Book giveaways, grab n’ go activity bags…

**Building Issues:**

Plan to store toys for a while.

Libraries are known for letting kids touch, experiment, try… kids like to hug… it will be a real shift for everyone.

Talk to your County’s Health Department for recommendations.

Time limits for computer use and disinfection afterwards.

Social distancing set-up of your departments.

Know what your occupancy is so you can establish guidelines.

Removing seating to discourage long stays.

**OCL:**

Corri Hines, School Aged Advisor, Office of Commonwealth Libraries.

Will be offering two webinars (May 20 and May 28) to discuss options for summer.

Corri is going to be releasing a document on Trauma Informed Care.

Corri is also available for district-wide virtual meetings.

Let Melinda know if you are interested.

**Copyright/Fair Use:**

Stay on top of expirations for temporary policies put in place during COVID-19.

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/113E-0ffElTRoI7zsvk6gjxrAgepeD-JGAD55-ftSfrc/preview?pru=AAABcgmRBxo\*dfWqb6rXb3NOXcrf5VzOrg](https://docs.google.com/document/d/113E-0ffElTRoI7zsvk6gjxrAgepeD-JGAD55-ftSfrc/preview?pru=AAABcgmRBxo*dfWqb6rXb3NOXcrf5VzOrg)

Any online Story times using “relaxed” copyright may need to be removed from Social Media. Please use the publishers list to check guidelines (the list includes a separate link for Harry Potter).

Circular 21: Copyright for Educators and Librarians

<https://www.copyright.gov/circs/circ21.pdf>

**Of Interest:**

All Together Mostly:

<https://www.altogethermostly.com/what-if-instead-of-behind-these-kids-are-ahead/?fbclid=IwAR3ciB9Lb6vHmCD9NsDLFjNXykj6xWp56XAmabP3wGpc-V2Jk00SXPSVQIw>

YALSA: 2020 Teen’s Top Ten Nominees

<http://www.ala.org/news/member-news/2020/04/2020-yalsa-teens-top-ten-nominees-announced>