

# ADULT PROGRAMMING

Beg | Borrow | Steal

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# Hello!

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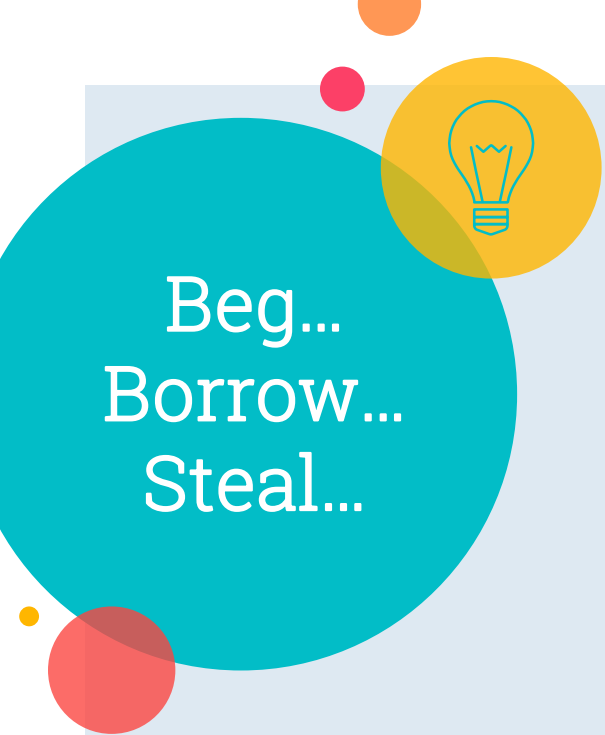
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*With special guest, Brandi Rozelle of Waterloo!*

2017 Adult Programming Session





# Beg... Borrow... Steal...

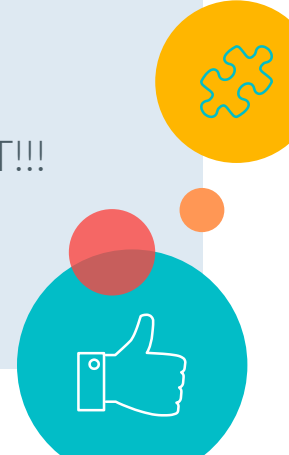
## BEG... For Help & Donations!

- Build partnerships! (#1 tip)
- Solicit volunteers and donations

## BORROW...Supplies!

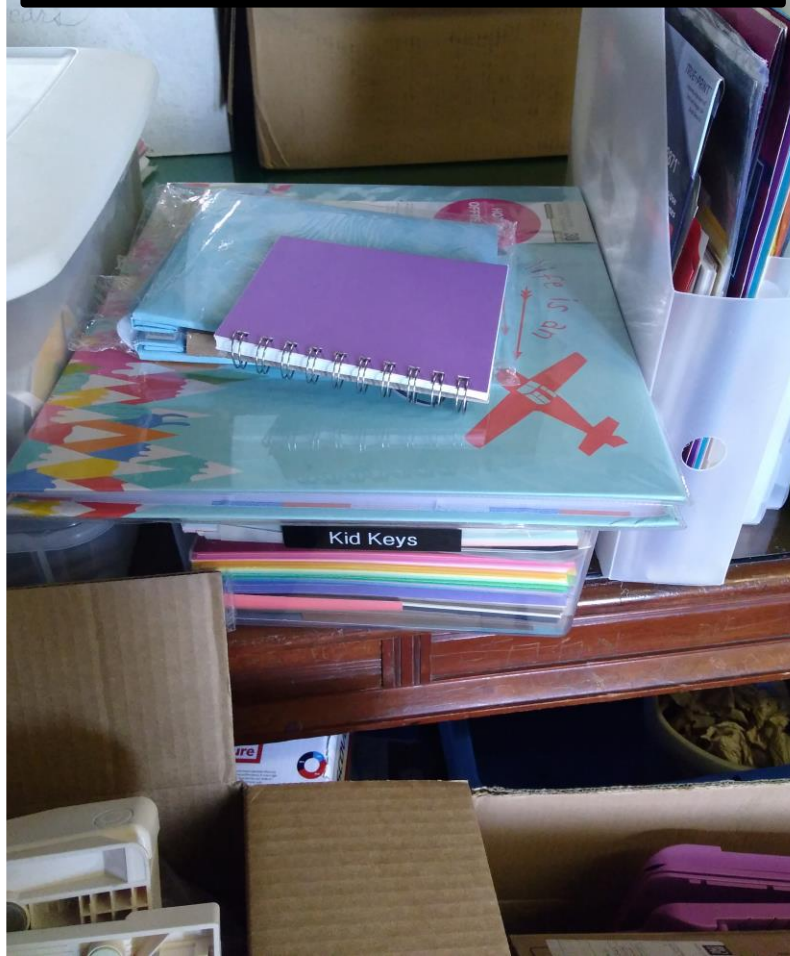
- Borrow tools or other non-consumable products from friends, family, and patrons
- Borrow from local businesses and then promote them

## STEAL...Great Ideas!

- EVERYTHING IS AVAILABLE ON THE INTERNET!!!
  - Network with member libraries
  - Follow libraries on social media
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Be careful what you wish for!  
*Huge donation to Waterloo from a patron!*







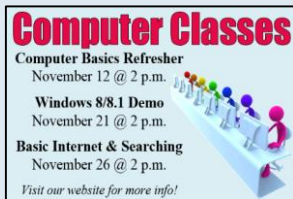
# Tips & Tricks

- Determine your target audience
- Get to know your community
- Poll your patrons
- You don't have to be an expert!
- Build partnerships: [Programming Librarian Article](#)
- Use available resources
- Ask for donations for projects
- Passive programming at the desk
- Apply for a grant
- Get board approval
- [Adult Engagement Calendars from DEMCO](#)





# Ideas That Work



- Genealogy Club
- Craft Club
- Knitting Group
- Tech Time
- Computer Classes
- Book Club
- Adulting 101
- Visit a nursing home
- Cooking Classes
- Gaming Tournaments
- Cell Phone Photography
- Fitness Classes
- Job Help
- Movie Showings
- Gardening or Plant Swap
- Writing Club
- Paint & Sip
- Social Media How-To
- Trivia Night or Jeopardy
- Spelling Bee
- Intergenerational Programs
- Speed Dating

& SO MUCH MORE!

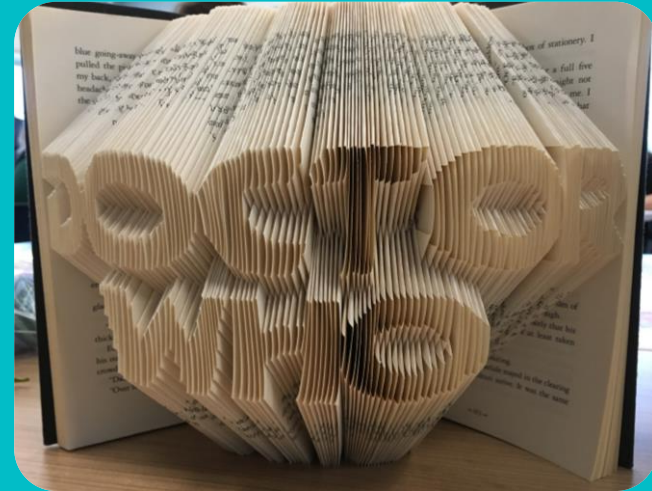
Its about what makes your community special, use your strengths!





# More Suggestions

- Book Folding/Book Origami
- Mahjong
- Read It! Watch It!
- Classic Movie Series
- Blackout Poetry
- Greeting Card Class
- Ornament Class
- Cake/Cookie Decorating
- Puzzle Club
- Paleo Diet or special diet resources
- Fluid Art
- Hand Lettering





# More Suggestions

- Library Karaoke/Idol
- Music Recording Sessions
- Library Concert or Listening Parties
- Makey Makey Music
- Music Book Club
- Personalized Music Picks
- Music & Art Journaling
- Music Swap
- Musical Instrument Petting Zoo
- Music Trivia Night
- Local Music History Program







# Print/Multimedia Resources

- *5-Star Programming and Services for 55+* A20510968994
- *A Year of Programs for Millennials* A20519404353
- *Adult Learners Welcome Here* A20513797716
- *Adult Programs in the Library* A20516718892
- *Adults Just Wanna Have Fun* A20518815365
- *iPads in the Library* A20516718973
- *Librarians as Community Partners* A20515278441 or A20516718779
- *Make It Here* A20518546437
- *Partnering with Purpose* A20512158579
- *Programming for Adults* A20512156852
- *Serving Seniors* A20512917761
- *Successful Community Outreach* A20517342424
- *The Reading America Toolkit* A20513798673



- Adult Crafting Program Box A20519404468
- Felting Program Box A20519091150
- Knitting/Crochet Program Box A20519091613
- Book Club Kits





# Online Resources

## Programming Ideas

- [www.5minlib.com/2016/08/50-popular-programming-for-adults.html](http://www.5minlib.com/2016/08/50-popular-programming-for-adults.html)
- [www.ala.org/advocacy/advleg/publicawareness/campaign@yourlibrary/prtools/sampleprogramming](http://www.ala.org/advocacy/advleg/publicawareness/campaign@yourlibrary/prtools/sampleprogramming)
- [www.ala.org/ascla/resources/101ideasserving](http://www.ala.org/ascla/resources/101ideasserving)
- <https://communitygarden.org/resources/>
- <https://goo.gl/cQPvzZ>
- <http://ideas.demco.com/blog/wla-2014/>
- <http://ideas.demco.com/tag/adult-programming/>
- <http://ideas.demco.com/category/trends-topics/community-engagement/>
- <http://programminglibrarian.org/programs/adulting-101>
- <http://programminglibrarian.org/> → *Click on Browse Ideas and make your selections!*
- <http://publiclibrariesonline.org/tag/senior-programming/>
- <http://publiclibrariesonline.org/tag/adult-programming/>

## Webinars

- <http://learn.webjunction.org/course/index.php?categoryid=5>
- <https://arsl.info/> → *Click on Conference, then Previous Conferences, to see slides and handouts!*





# Table Talks

Table 1: Book Origami or Origami Book Marks

Table 2: Adult Coloring or Zentangle

Table 3: Paint Sample Crafts

## Rules:

- 3-4 people per table
- 20 minutes at each station
- Discuss your adult programming ideas
- Try to make it to all stations
- Have fun!



Visit [www.pinterest.com/flls/adult-crafting/](https://www.pinterest.com/flls/adult-crafting/) for more crafting ideas!



# Your Ideas...

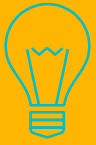
- Lock-In or Escape Rooms (Talk to Ovid!)
- Monarch Butterfly Release (Talk to NEVA!)
- Planting milkweed for Butterflies
- Bonsai Gardening (see Ovid's Instagram)



# Thanks!

## Any questions?

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