

5/7/20 Summer Reading Discussion

- Keep it simple
- Take care of yourself
- This is not going to be like regular summer reading
- Re-think / re-emphasize the goals for summer reading
 - Don't focus on the number of programs or participants
- Focus on taking care of yourself and your staff, there is a lot of virtual material out there already

Announcements

- CSLP orders, contact CSLP
- CSLP has new guide focused on virtual that is pretty good
- Next Thursday is a Polaris Leap webinar, register at <http://www.flls.org/calendar-2/>. Thursday after is FALCONS

Statistics

- Don't know what kinds of statistics the State will be asking for
 - Usually ask for: registrants, books/minutes, programs & attendance
- Keep track of what you are doing, but don't stress about it
- Question: how to count statistics when a group of libraries get together to host a performer?
 - Suggested answer: divide the number of attendees between the libraries
 - If each library were to count the total attendees in their statistics then that would be double counting, which isn't good.
 - If the program is put on by one library, but is shared around by other libraries, the stats go to the creating library
 - If a better answer (or a definitive one from the State) is found, it will be shared with everyone
- If you are using social media to conduct programs, the platform will provide you with statistics (such as views, comments, likes, etc.); use those stats. If you need help figuring out how to get those stats, Nora or Jenny can help you.
- Google sheet that you can copy and use for tracking virtual program statistics:
https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/16VkLrxeYZD1_FbaOJkySyMmR_nKVlyzSJYe8tFlc2DY/edit?usp=sharing

Programs

- MCGR did a preschool scavenger hunt storytime
- SENF shared about Epic Trainings out of Rochester
 - <https://www.epictrainings.com/>
 - Kid and adult training
 - SENF has done all their kid trainings: Home Alone, Social Networking Safety, First Aid, Babysitter Training
 - Programs are well-done and comprehensive and interactive!
 - Prices vary for each program and there is a price/child.
 - Lynn Fulmore is the woman who runs the company: mail@epictrainings.com
- TCPL: Book discussion for adults at the end where we discuss what we read this summer. Virtual writing workshops for adults. Another virtual open mic. virtual storytimes, virtual book clubs, virtual coding and gaming tutorials, and craft tutorial with a focus on items easily found at home
- DRY: book clubs for each grade, storytimes, teen virtual escape room, maker events, teen writing group/journaling, scavenger hunts, storywalks
- Page Turners (performer), DRY and AURO considering
 - <http://pageturneradventures.com/virtual-storyology-summer/>
 - Youth consultant from Nassau Library System gave a positive review
- CAN: virtual book club for kids, STEM club, and Creativity Club.

- POP: contacting performers to see if they will offer virtual. Art workshops, hopefully Zoom Ukulele Camp, Science on Zoom
- COURT: Continuing virtual storytimes, I Spy's, Lego Contests and Challenges, contacting all of our scheduled performers to see if they are offering virtual
- Virtual escape rooms using Google forms
 - Template & examples on FLLS summer reading webpage
 - Additional examples in the FLLS virtual programs webinar materials
 - Webinar on May 12 (Make Your Life Easier with Google) will give a tutorial on Google Forms, register at <http://www.flls.org/calendar-2/>
- Take and makes
 - Lots of ideas on FLLS summer reading webpage
 - Bag up well ahead of time to allow the materials to quarantine
 - Suggest adding a disclaimer to the bags that they were put together by people with PPE, put recommend wiping down what materials you can before using
 - Best to hand out, not put in a bin where public can paw over all the baggies potentially contaminating them
 - There shouldn't be a problem putting the bags together at home as long as you take precautions before handling the material and you quarantine them before passing them out
 - There isn't any limitation on where the materials come from (left over library craft supplies, homemade items (not food, though), store bought, etc.)
- GRO is looking to partner with local rec programs to offer drive-in style programs
 - Outdoor movies require a different showing license than the site licenses many libraries purchase
 - Looking to maybe use the football field for a concert or other arts programs
- Virtual book clubs
 - How to get books to participants?
 - In curbside delivery
 - Through school/summer meal delivery
 - Purchase on Amazon and have delivered to house
 - Perhaps partner with another organization that can reach the participants
 - Electronic copies
 - TumbleBooks
 - Alternative: mini book talks where everyone shares what they are reading
- Storywalks
 - Include warnings about physical distancing and using masks
 - Make sure pages are far apart
 - Put up in less busy areas
 - If it looks like people aren't following social distancing protocols, remove the storywalk
- Programs on the lawn when gatherings are allowed
 - Mark off spaces that are at least 6ft apart
 - Yoga and Zumba
 - Instructor would need mic and speaker
 - Keep safety and security in mind
 - What are you going to do if people don't maintain social distancing or won't wear masks?
 - Maybe require registration
- Many cities and towns have cancelled summer rec programs
 - Staff at these partner organizations may be furloughed

Reading

- State is hosting a READsquared webinar on Monday, May 11

- OVID is using BookPoints, which is a program similar to READsquared, for take-home and online activities and reading logs
 - There is a cost and tech set-up associated with BookPoints

Prizes

- Giveaway books
 - Scholastic literacy partnership, <http://teacher.scholastic.com/products/literacypartnerships/index.html>
 - DRY's contact: StGraham@Scholastic.com
- Fill up a reading log bookmark and use bookmark to vote which charity the library should donate money to
 - May be some concerns (legal or community perception) about using taxpayer money to donate to charity, recommend Friends or other money used instead
- Select a book for the library to add to the collection
- Gift cards
 - Can be emailed
 - Local organizations probably won't be able to donate this year
 - Tickets to local BBQs (if they happen this year)
- READsquared has the ability to do a random drawing and automatically emails the winner to pick up prize "at the circulation desk" (or at curbside delivery in this case)

Grants

- Contact granting organization with changes you want to make
- Community Foundation has been good about allowing changes, but wants a surprising amount of additional information
- CNY Arts wants to be kept informed of changes and wants changes thoroughly documented

Timing

- Same as last year
- Can do earlier since schools are closed (but you don't have to)
- Can do as short or as long as you are comfortable doing