

Punch up your Teen Programs

Knockout ideas under \$30

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2015 Illinois YA Librarian of the Year

(yowza!)

Career Conversations

high schoolers asked a panel of
adults questions about their jobs

Coding Club

middle schoolers learned together
by playing with technology

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Career Conversations

6 programs, \$0

Coding Club

twice a month for 2 years, \$100

One size does not fit all

Know your teens

TAB /TAGs

Focus groups

Surveys

Key informants

Friendly neighborhood librarians

Staff

Keeping costs low

Strategies for doing more with
less

Spare \$10 for snacks?

Long range planning

♪ Cooperation makes it happen

Keeping costs low

Strategies for programming
with low costs in mind

BYO

Beg and Borrow

Green It Up

Inherently inexpensive

BYO

You provide the space and extra supplies, rely on
teens to bring something to the table

BYO programs: pro's & cons



Expands your options

Good for space restricted
locations

More personalization

Appeals to devotees



Requires teens to plan ahead

Relies on family resources

“Oh. That’s not what I meant.”

BYO T-shirt

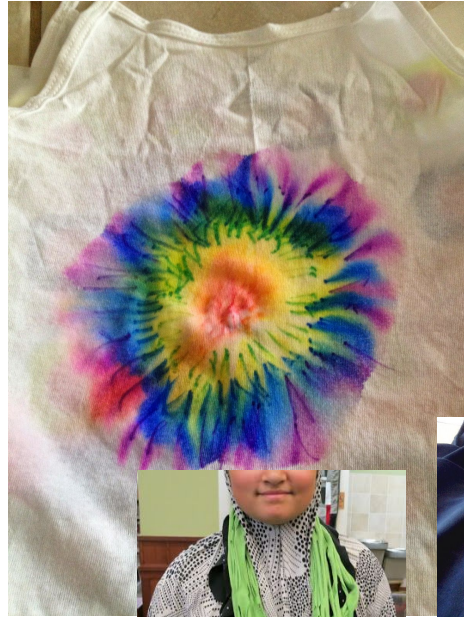
Freezer paper stenciling

Sharpie chromatography

Iron on transfers

Creative painting

T-shirt scarves



BYO Device

Green screen photography

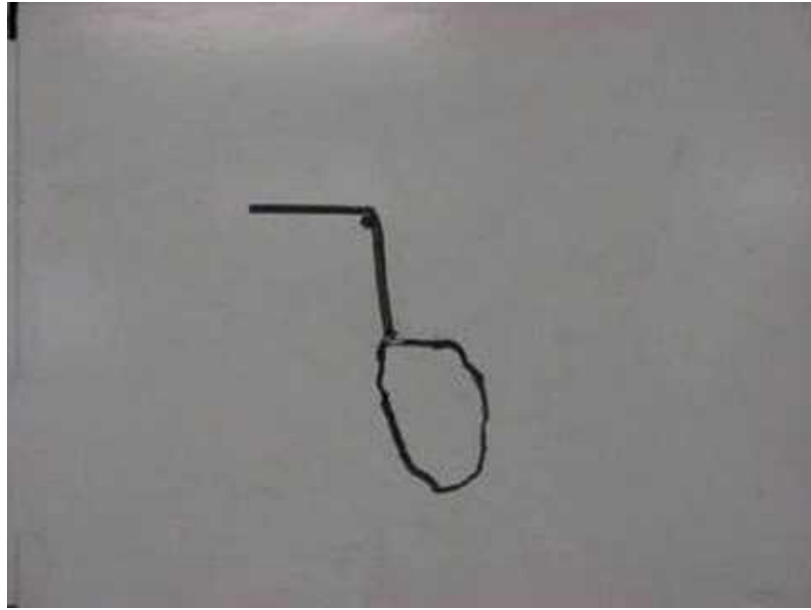
Minecraft

Coding club

Pinterest Party

Stop Motion Animation

Autocorrect poetry



somehow you
somehow you **and i collide**
somehow you **needed me**
somehow you **left me neglected**
somehow you **seem so alive**

Collaborative supplies: BYO ...

smoothie ingredient

Gingerbread house decoration

Geocaching container

Fleece for blanket making

Cool pens/markers for
coloring



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Beg, Borrow, Schmooze

Community and library partnerships

Beg and Borrow programs: pro's & cons



No shopping time!

Smart use of resources

Builds partnerships



Lots of schmoozing time!

Coordination struggles

**Teen services deserves its own
Sharpies (and funding)**

Within your building

Craft supplies

Computer use

Staff expertise



From local organizations

Recreation department

Schools

Clubs

Businesses

Individuals (board members!)



Going Green

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Really cool programs

Green programs: pro's & cons



Expands on a common teen concern

Lots of ways to spin it

Built-in audience with other clubs and organizations



That “lovingly home made” look

Hidden costs

Often time intensive

Crafting Green

Paper bracelets

Wound yarn figures

Old Books - New Art

Plastic Bag crochet

Upcycle Everything!



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Waste not, Want not

Take Stuff Apart

Make New Games (don't keep the old)

Paperback swap

Denim dog toys

Conductive Gloves

Build a better speaker

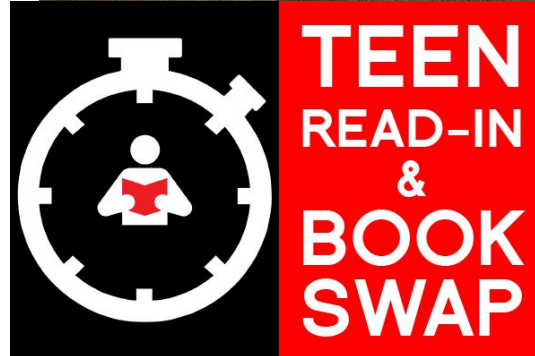


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Inherently Inexpensive

Big fun, low cost

Inherently Inexpensive programs: pro's & cons



Lots of great ideas out there!

Low risk if the turnout is poor

Focus on relationship and skill building



Can take a lot of staff time

Teen programs should be well funded

Competitive Spirit!

RecordSetter.com

Minute To Win It

Self Directed Contests

Talent contests (photography,
poetry, bookmark design)

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Tallest Golf Pencil Tower In A Public Library

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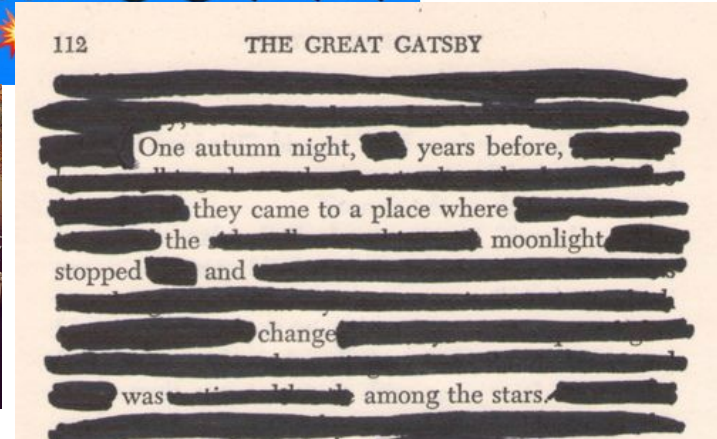
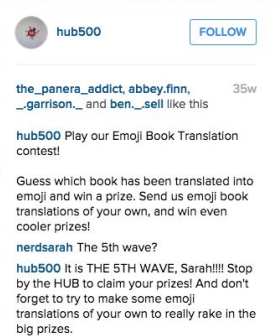
Papercraft

Predictions

Take it & Make It

Blackout Poetry

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BYO Ideas

Book clubs

Anime discussions

Study Buddies

Game Nights

Pop Culture

[Insert interest here] Club

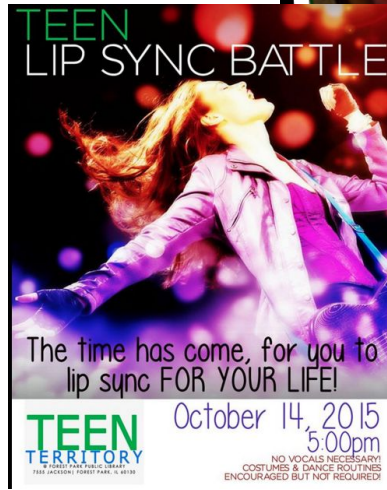
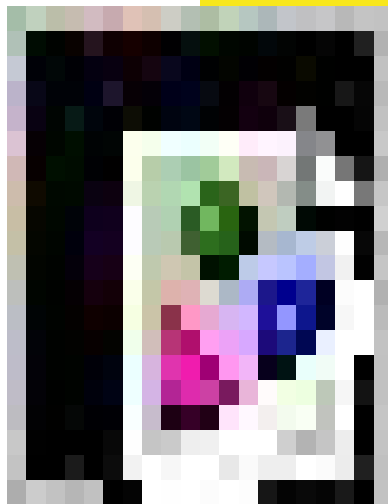


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TPiB (Teen Program in a Box)

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