# Out of the Box Marketing Tactics



# What's on the Agenda?

- Ideas on getting the word out about your library
- Virtual and In-Person opportunities
- Examples from other libraries

## **Good Ol' Social Media**

### **Facebook Events**

- Facebook is still popular
- Great way to promote programs to followers and library non-users
- Analytics available
- Boost events



### MON, NOV 30 Virtual Knit Wits

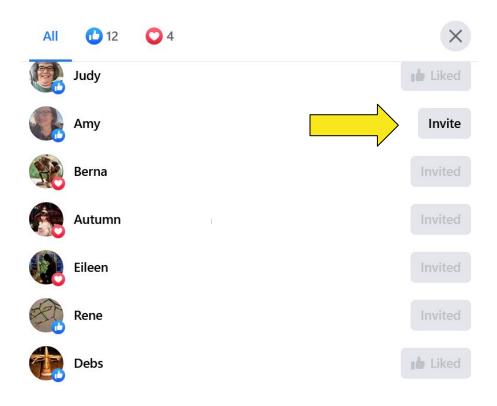
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### MON, NOV 23 Virtual Lego Club Niles-Maine District Library

### Invite Them In!

- Invite non-followers on Facebook who like your post
- Non-followers will receive a notification that you've invited them to like your page



## Tell Stories!

- Create easy Facebook Stories in Facebook Creator
- Disappear after 24 hours
- Share posts
- Add links





## **Engage With Stories**

- Readers' Advisory
- Mini Bookmatch
- Quizzes
- Love It or Hate It
- Promote Local Resources

#MiniBookmatch 18w 🕨 🔺 🚥

For a reader who wanted fiction books about gardening or plants, liked The Garden of Small Beginnings by Abbi Waxman and enjoys reading about strong female characters who are smart and funny:

Garden Spells by Sarah Addison Allen

**Memory Garden by Mary Rickert** 

Earthly Joys by Philippa Gregory

The Heirloom Garden by Viola Shipman

#MINIBOOKMATCH

Reply to skokielibrary.

Drop in to our Facebook Live tonight at 7:00 pm



n us for a live discussion with local rinarian, Dr. Robyn Walter-Mrowiec, out practical advice for your pet's rgencies; from a torn nail to sever utodakatorest data the what?" to c arrest. Don't panic! You can do this!

### Location, Location, Location

- Add your town or library building as a location
- Easy way to reach more people







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### **Tag Organizations in Posts**

- Get the attention of local organizations and businesses
- Do not oversaturate
- Use for most important announcements

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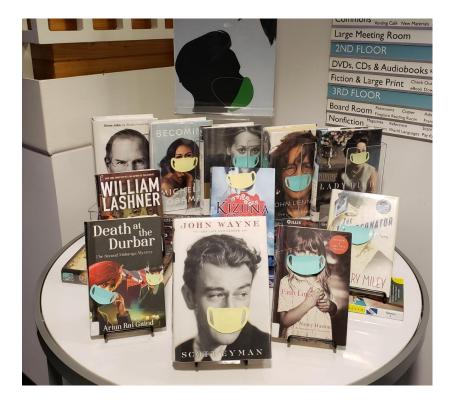
### **Testimonials**

- Read social media comments
- Check your Board reports
- Comments from virtual programs
- Ask staff to send photos and comments

I never realized how much I miss the Library on a Sunday afternoon.

-Tria, Niles-Maine Library Patron

### **Get Creative!**



### LAKE BLUFF LIBRARY'S GUIDE TO PROPER SOCIAL DISTANCING



### PROPER SOCIAL DISTANCING GEESE ARE 6 FEET APART



### What My Spring Break Plans Look Like



### **Showcase Your Staff**

- Familiar faces
- Staff = Superstars
- Promote collection
- Behind the scenes













## **Press Record!**

### Don't Be Afraid of Video!

- Create short videos promoting book recommendations, services, and more
- Facebook/Instagram Live
- Facebook/Instagram Stories
- Instagram Reels
- Create a photo slideshow in Facebook





Music Video by Jason from Digital Services



## What's Next? Recommendations





### Stream from Zoom to Facebook or YouTube

- Alerts followers about live stream
- Lives in your video archive
- Easily share to Facebook Groups

## **Your Library at Home**

#### Wednesday, December 2

10 am - Toddler Time - Facebook Live
10 am - Medicare 101 Educational Seminar - Zoom
5 pm - Go Bilingual Online - Learn Spanish & Aprende Inglés Juntos - Zoom
6 pm - Writing Club: I Wrote A Book! Grades K-8 - Zoom
6:30 pm - Best Picture Books of the Year with Miss Katie - Facebook Live



# In the Community

## Virtual Options

- Facebook Groups
- Nextdoor
- Community Calendar
- Village TV Channel



### **In-Person Options**

- Community Events
- Community Event Giveaways
- Flyers at Village Hall
- Village/School Newsletter
- Chamber of Commerce Guide



# **Community Partnerships**

### **Community Partnerships**

- Village
- Township
- Schools
- Food Pantry/School Meals
- Work with other organizations and businesses



## eNewsletters

## <mark>eNews Tips</mark>

- NextReads Targeted Emails
- Does your email subject attract attention?





Fiction A to Z

#### Check out e-books and digital audiobooks from home!

The library is closed but we're still recommending great books. Don't forget, many of our recommended titles are also offered as e-books and digital audiobooks. Just click on any title or book jacket to see what formats are available. We offer free e-book and digital audiobook apps so you can access e-books and listen to digital audiobooks on your own device. Get the apps and more info here.

#### **Recent Releases**



These Ghosts Are Family

by Maisy Card

## Your Website

## What Are Your Most Popular Webpages?

- Tweak your top 5 most popular webpages
- Add promotions with targeted messaging

- 1. /
- 2. /coronavirus
- 3. /research
- 4. /using-the-library
- 5. /pickup

### **Online Book Displays**

- University of North Carolina Thomas G. Carpenter Library
- Pick a current theme
- Highlight ebooks, streaming media, and programs



# **More Online Options**

## Try These!

- Eventbrite or another online calendar service
- Newspaper Event Listings
- Google Homepage



Niles-Maine District Library on Google



2 mins ago

Learn more

# **More Promo Options**

## Try These!

- Promote programs in a group or theme
- Script at the beginning of programs
- Insert marketing materials in Curbside Pickup bag
- Self checkout machines
- Slides during Board meetings
- Start a contest

### Virtual Programs We Recommend

For Kids Read Live: Off the Shelf with Ms. Cate Wednesday, April 22, 4:30-5:30 p.m. | REGISTER

> For Teens Cap'n Crunch French Toast Recipe WATCH NOW ON YOUTUBE

For Adults Virtual Knit Wits Monday, April 27, 11 am.-12 p.m. | REGISTER

**Kiddleland Remembered** Tuesday, April 28, 1-2 p.m. | **REGISTER** 

## **The Finale**



- You can't promote everything, but you can try!
- Where are the people?
- Challenge yourself to something new
- Not everyone wants to attend a virtual or in-person program, and that's okay!
- Think outside the box

Thank You!

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