

YSS Unconference
Norfolk Public Library
Thursday, October 6th, 2017

11:15 Agenda Building

Announcements

- Next YSS Mtg on Thurs, Nov 16th at 11am at new MLS Offices in Northampton
 - Park at the back entrance
- MLA-Youth Day is next May 22nd at the Sheraton in Framingham

11:50 session 1

Intros

Teen crossovers

- Middle schooler identity issues
- separate space for middle schoolers?
- grade related space?
- computer related issue
- issue when teens don't have their own space
- the bleed between grades 6th and 7th
- handouts for staff about being sympathetic to teens-teen services underground FB or teen think tank
- how space is set up often determines problems
- food issues
- staff issues with teens
- headphones-teen issues, hygiene

Programs

- next trends
- sidewalk chalk but with masonite to do indoors
- books and ballerinas
- sand table-kinetic sand(or rice or beans)
- pirate day(digging for treasure in sand table), pirate training camp, spy training camp
- scavenger hunts active and passive
- googley eyes
- candy as prizes-BJs, bins of twizzlers, starbursts

Summer Reading

- Western MA Boy Scouts mobile rock-climbing wall(as a recruiting event only \$100)
- Tinker times
- Process art
- PDF of tinker time Manuel-on the wiki
- mlayss.pbworks.com
- <http://www.school-readiness.org/>
- Peeps big wide world

Library of things

- Imagination playground blocks, will be lent out
- Library of things-avoid batteries, lithium ion or nothing, little bits are too delicate to circulate, board games-don't count - items when checking in, get circ ppl on board
- Board game bar
- Costumes that circulate
- Library washer and dryer-Westfield ma grant
- Teens-ukeleles, guitar with amp
- Metal detectors, stud finders
- Book with pictures so people can decide what they want to check out

- Birdwatching bag
- Literacy bags
- Vox Picture Books-Vendor is called "Library Ideas"
- Play away launchpads-issues, chargers don't work, they break all the time, bad customer service
- Kindle fire for kids for staff use

Performance recommendations

- Rainforest reptiles-Eastern MA, Beverly
- Teaching Creatures

Wireless issues

- Technology issues
- construction

Program attendance

- When to schedule
- Seasonal changes

Staff meetings-lack thereof or too many

1:00 lunch

1:50 session 2

We are Cranky

- Burnout
- Figuring out what your job is every day
- Colleague issues-other staff don't value/understand programming
- Overachieving
- Needs assessments
- Imposter syndrome
- Getting staff buy-in
- Suggestions from board of directors
- Author talk challenges
- Dealing with programs that work or don't
- Be silly and have fun
- Cow cow children's librarian dresses
- Patrons getting to have opinions about you and your appearance

Podcasts

- Reply all
- 99% Invisible
- Call your girlfriend
- Switched on pop
- 2 Dope Queens
- Photo of podcast list will be uploaded to wiki
- Missing Richard Simmons

Feedback

- Got good ideas
- Nice to hear other people are feeling burnout
- I'm not alone
- Quality not quantity

-Redefine role of library

-Good to hear what's not worth the investment