

Chat Log Reading Challenge Software Discussion 03/12/2021

Katie Long (to All - Entire Audience): 10:05 AM: LDRL uses Beanstack

Janea Coker (to All - Entire Audience): 10:06 AM: We used Wandoo Reader at BLRL. We were happy

Janea Coker (to All - Entire Audience): 10:07 AM: Sorry- IT issues so I can only share in Chat.

Janea Coker (to All - Entire Audience): 10:10 AM: We created our own challenges/badges. Greg / Lee Ann did a great job. We liked that. We liked the book review feature. One thing was not as good as it could have been better is they have a story line that they did not get out until mid June

Katie Long (to All - Entire Audience): 10:14 AM: We had great signs ups, horrible finishing

Janea Coker (to All - Entire Audience): 10:14 AM: yes- our participation was down as well

Belinda Birrer (to All - Entire Audience): 10:17 AM: I will also say ReadSquared support has been great. They get back to you quickly.

Janea Coker (to All - Entire Audience): 10:19 AM: wow! love the idea of staff club!

Christy Schink (to All - Entire Audience): 10:19 AM: We use READsquared at Scenic. I've liked it but think it was a big learning curve to get it set up so I think it will be better this summer now that I've figured stuff out. READsquared support is great, but I've found its best if I email or call rather than use the help ticket feature. And when I've asked them to call me because I need extra help, they've always done it and been really helpful. We did SRP, then added 1000 Books in the Fall, then did a BINGO winter reading program. We are planning to do a game board this summer for the reading log. I've had problems with reading crossing over from one program to another, but I think that's my user error in how I set up 1000 Books.

Christy Schink (to All - Entire Audience): 10:20 AM: I'm really excited about the partnership with Page Turner Adventures, so we did buy that for this summer for virtual programs.

Christy Schink (to All - Entire Audience): 10:21 AM: Past data is wiped out when you close out a program - you have to pull all the data before you finalize the program.

Christy Schink (to All - Entire Audience): 10:22 AM: Your program set-up remains but the patron data is gone.

Belinda Birrer (to All - Entire Audience): 10:23 AM: Ditto what Christy said on reporting. I don't like that the reports are gone when you close it out.

Katie Long (to All - Entire Audience): 10:29 AM: Ideas for how to keep people active on the software without constantly doing prizes

Christy Schink (to All - Entire Audience): 10:29 AM: We made a short how to sign up video for READsquared and put it on our website.

Belinda Birrer (to All - Entire Audience): 10:30 AM: For our school year program we did silly videos and posted on social media. It was "Book a Trip" and it was based on an elephant and piggie book.

Janea Coker (to All - Entire Audience): 10:30 AM: I did get to email things to school 2020

Christy Schink (to All - Entire Audience): 10:30 AM: We are making an SRP promotion video and sending a private link to our YouTube to schools.

Katie Long (to All - Entire Audience): 10:31 AM: We had great signups from adults especially, but after June, when we launched interest dropped

Belinda Birrer (to All - Entire Audience): 10:31 AM: We won't be able to go into schools so it will have to be video which will have to grab student/family attention.

Janea Coker (to All - Entire Audience): 10:31 AM: we will be able to do drop off of items - narrative walks - etc but school is still only teachers only

Christal Bruner (to All - Entire Audience): 10:33 AM: Our local radio station interviewed me and I talked about summer reading and our new software

Katie Long (to All - Entire Audience): 10:33 AM: Yes, Facebook helped and word of mouth as patrons checked out.

Janea Coker (to All - Entire Audience): 10:33 AM: The in person contact at the branches.

Belinda Birrer (to All - Entire Audience): 10:34 AM: We put info in with our make and take crafts we hand out.

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Janea Coker (to All - Entire Audience): 10:34 AM: We also did the radio station

Brian Cleveland (to All - Entire Audience): 10:35 AM: Our patrons liked to see photos of other participants' submissions

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Sherri Luce (to All - Entire Audience): 10:35 AM: We are partnering with our local Parents as Teachers for a SRC info and book giveaway drive-thru in our parking lot

Janea Coker (to All - Entire Audience): 10:36 AM: not sure on wandoo - photo gallery- but great idea

Sherri Luce (to All - Entire Audience): 10:37 AM: Yes! We love promoting

the state level awards

Sherri Luce (to All - Entire Audience): 10:38 AM: I plan to use the new Mark Twain's as my First Chapter Fridays

Julie Orf (to All - Entire Audience): 10:38 AM: Our library does not have this software which is why I am participating. But, we give stickers/badges for bringing in a friend or reading partner. On the sign-up sheet, the last question is "Who invited you to the library?"

Brian Cleveland (to All - Entire Audience): 10:40 AM: I think it is good to utilize a calendar so that participants can plan ahead which events they might be more or less interested in

Brian Cleveland (to All - Entire Audience): 10:40 AM: Yes we used BookPoints

Christy Schink (to All - Entire Audience): 10:41 AM: We did challenges for the teen and adult. So they had "missions" to get bronze, silver, and gold badges. And had to do so many challenges to get each badge.

Christy Schink (to All - Entire Audience): 10:41 AM: The challenges were things like read a book with one word title, or read at the humane society.

Christy Schink (to All - Entire Audience): 10:41 AM: Yes, you can release challenges on dates throughout the summer.

Christy Schink (to All - Entire Audience): 10:41 AM: Or release challenges based on what they've completed.

Brian Cleveland (to All - Entire Audience): 10:42 AM: Yes, to Debbie's question. As admins, we can publish what/when we want things to be visible

Belinda Birrer (to All - Entire Audience): 10:42 AM: We did non reading challenges like Everyday Hero where they had to do so many things to help others. A fun badge where we had different easy/fun activities they could do at home.

Brian Cleveland (to All - Entire Audience): 10:43 AM: We had success with scavenger hunts and hidden codes around town.

Brian Cleveland (to All - Entire Audience): 10:45 AM: Library mascot parade

Christy Schink (to All - Entire Audience): 10:45 AM: We will continue to use READSquared.

Katie Long (to All - Entire Audience): 10:46 AM: We have a contract with Beanstack for 3 years

Christy Schink (to All - Entire Audience): 10:46 AM: It's made my life so much easier with stats, drawings, and letters to schools.

Christal Bruner (to All - Entire Audience): 10:46 AM: We will continue to use READSquared

Brian Cleveland (to All - Entire Audience): 10:46 AM: Yes, stats are a breeze with BP

Lisa Garro (to All - Entire Audience): 10:46 AM: We will use Beanstack again this year

Julie Orf (to All - Entire Audience): 10:47 AM: I have gathered lots of good information!

Christy Schink (to All - Entire Audience): 10:47 AM: We send a letter to each school listing all their students who completed SRP, and I was able to just pull the lists by school and paste them into the letters.

Katie Long (to All - Entire Audience): 10:48 AM: data collecting is way easier and faster with beanstack