

Children and Teen Services Online Forums 2020
May 22, 2020

Where are you with reopening your library and providing services?

Pam Mendenhall (to All - Entire Audience): 9:43 AM: Very good, we opened to the public yesterday with limited time. Getting story walks up today in parks.

Belinda Birrer (to All - Entire Audience): 9:43 AM: We started curbside this week. Patrons were excited.

Elaina Daniels (to All - Entire Audience): 10:01 AM: We have opened back up to the public with limited hours.

Elaina Daniels (to All - Entire Audience): 10:01 AM: Yep, starting Monday. SUPER slow. Less than 20 a day most days.

Status of Teen Services Poll Questions

Do you provide teen programs in the library?

Do you offer teen programs at outreach locations?

Do you have dedicated teen services staff?

Do you feel teen services are important to provide in your community?

Betsy King (to All - Entire Audience): 10:07 AM: Would you consider school outreach to be part of providing programs off site?

Pam Mendenhall (to All - Entire Audience): 10:07 AM: I do all the youth services

Denise Loges (to All - Entire Audience): 10:08 AM: I do all the youth services as well

Betsy King (to All - Entire Audience): 10:08 AM: We have a teen services department at our Central Branch.

Christy Schink (to All - Entire Audience): 10:09 AM: We think it's important, but we also rarely see teens, so a mix of 2 and 4.

Jodi Moore (to All - Entire Audience): 10:09 AM: Very important, but we have trouble getting the teens to attend.

Pam Mendenhall (to All - Entire Audience): 10:09 AM: We have trouble getting the teens involved.

Betsy King (to All - Entire Audience): 10:10 AM: The rest of our branch-based youth services staff work with all ages.

Educational Equity Video: <https://vimeo.com/157289578>

Pamela Withrow (to All - Entire Audience): 10:16 AM: Did the video say more than half of school age children are living in poverty?

Pamela Withrow (to All - Entire Audience): 10:17 AM: That doesn't jive with other sources, though

Pamela Withrow (to All - Entire Audience): 10:18 AM: Maybe they were talking about the state and I was looking at U.S.

Heidi Lanz (to All - Entire Audience): 10:22 AM: I looked at Kids Count and saw that 0-6 in poverty is 22%...5-17 age group is 17.5 % I notice that those age groups would have a bit of an overlap

Jeannine Birkenfeld (to All - Entire Audience): 10:23 AM: Interesting. Nonetheless, it's all too high.

Computational Thinking

Debbie Musselman (to All - Entire Audience): 10:26 AM:

<https://code.org/advocacy/state-facts/MO.pdf>

Rebecca Woodin (to All - Entire Audience): 10:29 AM: I saw it isn't required in the schools, which is CRAZY to me! So much is ONLINE

Betsy King (to All - Entire Audience): 10:29 AM: I am taking a free online course you may want to check out: <https://www.coursera.org/learn/tinkering-motion-mechanisms>

Janea Coker (to All - Entire Audience): 10:29 AM: About 5 years we had a code.org trainer come and do a workshop for us and other systems..It was great!

Pam Mendenhall (to All - Entire Audience): 10:31 AM: Janea who did the workshop for you?

Janea Coker (to All - Entire Audience): 10:36 AM: Pam- I have sent an email to them. The last time I ask if we could do again they said we might do a remote. I will let Debbie Musselman know if they let me know anything different. We just use the website and do the Hour of Code right now.

Betsy King (to All - Entire Audience): 10:30 AM: It's not directly related to teens but definitely promotes the skills we are talking about.

Betsy Simmons (to All - Entire Audience): 10:33 AM: What was that called? St. Louis County Library program, I mean?

Sarah Wood (to All - Entire Audience): 10:34 AM: Coding 101

Sarah Wood (to All - Entire Audience): 10:34 AM: Google's CS First program

Sarah Wood (to All - Entire Audience): 10:35 AM: <https://csfirst.withgoogle.com/s/en/home>

Rachel Johannigmeier (to All - Entire Audience): 10:34 AM: Girls Who Code Program at Kirkwood

Jennifer Ensign (to All - Entire Audience): 10:34 AM: We have held summer coding camps for the past two summers

Christy Schink (to All - Entire Audience): 10:34 AM: Have done Hour of Code programs

Rachel Johannigmeier (to All - Entire Audience): 10:34 AM: Coding Club as well for elementary once a month - we use Hour of Code

Denise Loges (to All - Entire Audience): 10:34 AM: Maybe ozbot, board games

Sharon Anderson (to All - Entire Audience): 10:34 AM: We have virtual board games planned for summer. :)

Anali Mathies (to All - Entire Audience): 10:35 AM: Our tech librarian did small series of coding club. Also did one-off Hour of Code.

Betsy King (to All - Entire Audience): 10:35 AM: I am working on building programming around the tinkering course I mentioned.

Denise Loges (to All - Entire Audience): 10:35 AM: What kind of virtual board games are there?

Sharon Anderson (to All - Entire Audience): 10:35 AM: We do partner with the junior high for Hour of Code (during a typical year)

Jennifer Ensign (to All - Entire Audience): 10:35 AM: We have a monthly makers night with challenges

Betsy King (to All - Entire Audience): 10:35 AM: MakerSpace-type programming

Heather Emokpae (to All - Entire Audience): 10:35 AM: We hosted a family coding event and partnered with a local high school robotics club

Sharon Anderson (to All - Entire Audience): 10:35 AM: We have done both.

Pam Mendenhall (to All - Entire Audience): 10:36 AM: Maker space programming. We have a few tech things like shpero

Denise Loges (to All - Entire Audience): 10:36 AM: I have done snap circuits

Sharon Anderson (to All - Entire Audience): 10:36 AM: The junior high has a new librarian--so we need to build the relationship.

Rebecca Woodin (to All - Entire Audience): 10:38 AM: I think it is vital, especially in this day and age. It is intertwined in almost every aspect of life.

Jennifer Ensign (to All - Entire Audience): 10:38 AM: it's a source of connection for a lot of these kids. Kids that don't usually engage with others get very involved if they can connect over the tech they love

Rebecca Woodin (to All - Entire Audience): 10:39 AM: ^ my son!

Jennifer Ensign (to All - Entire Audience): 10:40 AM: D&D group facilitation online

Jeannine Birkenfeld (to All - Entire Audience): 10:40 AM: My library is going to be doing Jackbox gaming nights through Zoom this fall.

Denise Loges (to All - Entire Audience): 10:40 AM: I have had trouble reaching our teens

Rachel Johannigmeier (to All - Entire Audience): 10:41 AM: We have a teen Instagram

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Jeannine Birkenfeld (to All - Entire Audience): 10:42 AM: We are also trying out D&D using Role20

How are you adapting your TEEN summer reading programs in light of COVID-19? Will anyone be holding onsite programs?

Pam Mendenhall (to All - Entire Audience): 9:44 AM: Teen virtual is a struggle, they already do so much online already.

Belinda Birrer (to All - Entire Audience): 9:45 AM: We aren't getting much interaction with our virtual programs. It's definitely a struggle. I think our families are sick of virtual.

Sharon Anderson (to All - Entire Audience): 9:53 AM: The laptop lab that we bought with an LSTA tech grant a couple of years ago is getting lots of use by staff members.

Sharon Anderson (to All - Entire Audience): 9:54 AM: We were scheduled to use the lab at a program in the community--it does get used for patrons, as well.

Sharon Anderson (to All - Entire Audience): 9:55 AM: We are NOT. But we are going to do the reverse parade.

Heidi Lanz (to All - Entire Audience): 9:55 AM: No

Belinda Birrer (to All - Entire Audience): 9:55 AM: Because of uncertainty we chose to do virtual only.

Pam Mendenhall (to All - Entire Audience): 9:55 AM: We are planning to start in July and Aug. but we will see. I still have performers scheduled

Rachel Johannigmeier (to All - Entire Audience): 9:55 AM: No, we will be doing virtual this summer

Coli Creach (to All - Entire Audience): 9:56 AM: We are only doing virtual this year.

Sharon Anderson (to All - Entire Audience): 9:56 AM: I have been gathering costumes. So far, we have Pete the Cat, a shark, a unicorn, a dinosaur, and lots of period costumes for the parade.

Sharon Anderson (to All - Entire Audience): 9:56 AM: Yes--I used to be a costumer for the theater, so I have connections. :)

Pam Mendenhall (to All - Entire Audience): 9:57 AM: We will still do virtual for those that are still wanting to not be in the building.

Rebecca Woodin (to All - Entire Audience): 9:57 AM: We are doing virtual mixed with grab bags. Participants come grab bags with projects/crafts in them and do at home

Betsy King (to All - Entire Audience): 9:57 AM: St. Louis Public Library is also hosting virtual camps this summer.

Heidi Lanz (to All - Entire Audience): 10:07 AM: No, but for SRP, we have a special one and they come to the library for it!

Heidi Lanz (to All - Entire Audience): 10:42 AM: We will be using either Zoom or FB Live mixed with pre-recorded posts and will be sending home activity packs every Monday

Betsy Simmons (to All - Entire Audience): 10:43 AM: Provide volunteer opportunities for teens who need community service for school etc. Then they hopefully share with friends

Rebecca Woodin (to All - Entire Audience): 10:44 AM: What kinds of things do you all have for your volunteers?

Rachel Johannigmeier (to All - Entire Audience): 10:44 AM: we plan on having crafts to hand out for teens as well, similar to what we are doing with kids

Dan Brower (to All - Entire Audience): 10:45 AM: Roll20 also has a character creator so that first time players can just jump in too

Rebecca Woodin (to All - Entire Audience): 10:45 AM: <https://roll20.net/> This is what I found.

Betsy Simmons (to All - Entire Audience): 10:45 AM: Craft prep and helping with library events when we're open, book selection opportunities

Heidi Lanz (to All - Entire Audience): 10:46 AM: We are not using any volunteers this year due to CoVid crisis

Jennifer Ensign (to All - Entire Audience): 10:46 AM: There is a lot of free content that you can request for D&D and Magic the Gathering -- they give you a TON of the books and campaigns for D&D :

<http://spr.ly/61811N4cR>

Rebecca Woodin (to All - Entire Audience): 10:46 AM: We just rarely get them in the door :/ We are not either, just asking for the future :)

Jennifer Ensign (to All - Entire Audience): 10:48 AM: We've partnered with our A+ coordinator at the high school, we get a lot of good volunteer connections that way

Pam Mendenhall (to All - Entire Audience): 10:50 AM: Has anyone tried using A+ teens for reading buddies for the younger kids? How did it go?

Stephanie Jenkins (to All - Entire Audience): 10:50 AM: University City Public Library partners with our A+ program at our high school and also partner with our middle school to reach our younger teens too.

Rachel Johannigmeier (to All - Entire Audience): 10:50 AM: We did this in the past - it has worked really well

Rachel Johannigmeier (to All - Entire Audience): 10:50 AM: We cannot do it this year

Rachel Johannigmeier (to All - Entire Audience): 10:51 AM: We usually have about 30 teens or so who apply for reading buddies

Rachel Johannigmeier (to All - Entire Audience): 10:51 AM: We also promote, and we work with the A+ coordinator to get out information

Denise Loges (to All - Entire Audience): 10:52 AM: The teens where I work, not interested in book clubs

Pam Mendenhall (to All - Entire Audience): 10:52 AM: The teens I have are not interested in book clubs either but if we use A+ kids maybe that will get it started.

Shannon Julien (to All - Entire Audience): 10:52 AM: Anime Club!

Jennifer Ensign (to All - Entire Audience): 10:53 AM: We were working with our school's TV club - we were going to facilitate them showing younger kids how to create YouTube videos

Debbie Musselman (to All - Entire Audience): 10:58 AM: The information from today's session will be posted at Youth Services: https://www.sos.mo.gov/library/development/services/youth_srs