

FY19 Library Showcase

Title With Great Power - A Diverse Comics Book Talk

Brief Description

I will be focusing on comics and graphic novels that are written by diverse creators who have non-white or inclusive characters in their stories. For times sake, I will not be focusing on Marvel or DC, but on titles published by independent houses such as Image, Boom!, IDW, and others. Some time will also be devoted to how and where librarians can find trustworthy reviews and how to stay on top of release schedules.

Why It's Cool

Graphic novels can be enjoyed by individuals of all ages and backgrounds, and can even be used as tools to teach English language learners! There's never been a better time to be a reader of graphic novels!

Why Do It At Your Library

My title says Head of Reference Services, but I also coordinate outreach and partnerships with other public agencies and host teen programs!

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Title Book Talking Your Way to Higher YA Circulation



Brief Description

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Why It's Cool

It's fun to see the lights go on to the coolness of an interesting plot.

Why Do It At Your Library

It will definitely boost your circulation

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Title Introduction to Ancestry Library Edition

Brief Description

Recognizing that this genealogical subscription database was being under utilized by patrons, I developed a curriculum around the features and functionality of this resource. Delivered in an 1 hour program per month, I cover a general overview of the database and how it differs from Ancestry.com; the basics of how to log in and conduct a search; how to print/email/save records for future use; to an in-depth exploration of the four most popular record collections on the database [Vital Records, Census Records, Immigration, Naturalization & Citizenship Records, and Military Records], as well as other topical themes such as "Finding Your Irish Roots Using ALE" [presented each March]. I also highlight advanced searching tips and techniques that lead to successful search results.

Why It's Cool

According to a 2014 survey by ABC News, genealogy is the second most popular hobby in the U.S. after gardening, and the second most visited category of websites, after adult websites. It's a billion-dollar industry that has spawned profitable websites including Ancestry.com, television shows like "Who Do You Think You Are?", numerous books and research resources, and with the advent of at home genetic tests, an explosive rise in DNA ancestry testing. Ancestry.com is the world's largest and most popular online family history research site. Their edition for library use, Ancestry Library Edition (ALE) provides patrons digital access to millions of US and international records and historical documents. With records being added daily, this resource is robust and always evolving. Creating programming on how to use the genealogical resource has increased patrons' use of the technology across our library system.

Why Do It At Your Library

The Ancestry Library Edition database is a resource that complements and enriches our historical and genealogical collections at New Bedford Free Public Library. It provides patrons access to records which they may not have been able to access unless embarking on a research trip to other institutions. Crafting programming around the features and functionality of this resource will help to increase patron usage, as well as introduce another tool to their research arsenal.

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Title Rochester's COA Book Group



Brief Description

Plumb Library hosts the Council on Aging Book Group at the Rochester COA building once a month. While it is mostly a success, there are challenges: working with the busy COA to find a day, a time, and a location; how to recruit participants; how to communicate with participants that are not computer literate; getting transportation for those participants who can no longer drive; competing with the dancercize class taking place in the same room at the same time; and more. Flexibility and a sense of humor is the key to success!



Why It's Cool

Some Rochester Seniors say it's the highlight of their month. It's certainly one of the highlights of my month!

Why Do It At Your Library

It's good outreach and helps you mingle with a population that can't always make it to your library building.

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Title Meet the Monster Squad! Bringing Creepy to the Community

Brief Description

An overview of the Swansea Public Library's newest and spookiest program! The Monster Squad is a monthly group of children from 6-12 and their parents or guardians. Each month highlights a new monster! The squad investigates each monster while learning about science, nature, movie-making, and what makes scary stuff scary along the way. Learning is followed by snacks and crafts or games. Critical thinking and curiosity are encouraged while bringing together people with particular passions for the paranormal.

Why It's Cool

Kids and their adult counterparts can show their enthusiasm for spooky things while in a setting of people with similar passions. The adults are just as excited as the kids to meet with like-minded people.

Why Do It At Your Library

It's one of our most successful and consistently attended programs to date. Our members are excited for each month's new monster and to see one another again. The creativity and curiosity monsters seem to inspire are amazing. It also doesn't cost much to get together, besides some time and maybe an allotment for snacks and candy.

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NanoWrimo at the Library



Brief Description

NanoWrimo stands for National Novel Writing Month and is an entire month dedicated on one thing: writing your own book! Patrons will participate in write-ins, word sprints, and encourage their fellow writers to meet their goal at the end of the month. In the presentation, I'll talk about getting started, where to find help with ideas, writing prompts, etc, and how to celebrate when it's all over!



Why It's Cool

Support your local blossoming writers of all ages! It's great to challenge yourself to finish the book you've always wanted to write with a group supporting you!

Why Do It At Your Library

Work off an existing fan base to bring people to your library and expose them to all the other wonderful things you offer!

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FY19 Library Showcase

Title Ted Talk Thursday at the Library

Brief Description

Last spring the Ames Free Library staff were trying to come up with a summer program that would promote "lifelong learning" for the library's older adult population, run during the day, cost nothing and not require a great amount of preparation work. The result? TED Talk Thursdays! During TED Talk Thursdays meetings, we watch 3-4 pre-selected TED Talks from ted.com about a common topic and then we discuss the talks at the end. During this presentation I will show the audience how to go about creating a TED Talk club at their library and I will share some of my favorite TED topics. More than a year later, I am still hosting this educational, entertaining, free and almost effortless program - and still finding many exciting topics and talks to share and discuss with our patrons.

Why It's Cool

You and your patrons will learn new and amazing things from TED experts and connect with others who share a passion for life long learning.

Why Do It At Your Library

This program is free, fun, educational and involves very little staff preparation!

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FY19 Library Showcase

Title Storywalks

Brief Description

The Norfolk Public Library has a collection of Storywalks that are available to borrow, along with stakes and suction cups for a variety of display options.

Why It's Cool

Gets kids reading with their caregiver in a new way that they may have not seen before. Great for kids who may not want to sit still for a book.

Why Do It At Your Library

Can be done outside or indoors. Many patrons have not seen a story walk before and they get a kick out of the format.

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