

Program-a-Rama ALA Annual 2016

Saturday 9-10am

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Introductions

Participants shared favorite programs. These included:

- Mock awards with kids in school library. 5th and 6th graders are invited to do a voluntary mock Newbery. At the beginning of summer they are given a list of titles and asked to read any 5 off the list. In the fall, the Newbery club (about 20-30 kids) meet weekly to discuss the different criteria. One week it might be talking about setting, another about characters. Sometimes they have salon days, where they drink hot chocolate and talk about the books. Other days they play a musical chairs-inspired game. When the music stops you have to share with the kid next to you. The Friday before the awards the club meets and each kid votes for their top 3 books. Then they meet to livestream the award ceremony and reveal their mock results. The school doesn't have money to buy enough books, so the school librarian has a monthly faculty book club. Faculty members purchase their books and then loan them to the school library for kids to check out. The librarian also asks for a \$5 donation to buy books. At the end of the year, kids can enter to win any book they read that year. ARCs are also used.
- Mock Caldecotts with 1st-6th graders. The same school librarian also does a mock Caldecott, which is mandatory. She picks 10 books and displays them around the library. She has each class for 30 minutes, so they have about 1 min and 30 sec with each book. Then they vote on their top 3 books. She has all the classes come through during the same week and then at the end of the week the results are announced. She's looking forward to trying a mock Geisel this year!
- Battle of the Books. Ask your library's Friends foundation to purchase books for you.
- Storybook Walks inside as a passive program. Using the whole library, kids and their adults can walk through a storybook. The pages from the book are scanned, printed in color, and taped to the wall by accompanying activities. The first was The Snowy Day by Ezra Jack Keats. Kids crunched through newspaper, drew lines with markers taped to pool noodles, balanced a bean bag (snowball) on their head. They finished up by playing with fake snow and listening to the story on a CD player while looking at the book. Recently, We're Going on a Bear Hunt by Michael Rosen was turned into a storybook

walk. Kids swished through an inflatable pool filled with green streamers, swam through an inflatable pool filled with scarves, explored a sensory table of mud (baking soda, water, and food coloring), walked over plastic stepping stones, walked through balloons hung from the ceiling with yarn (snowstorm) and found the teddy bear inside a folding tent. Then they ran all the way to the cardboard house. It was great to see caregivers and children reading the book together, which was so easy for them because it's such a well-known story. Most kids went on a bear hunt 2-3 times in a row!

Brainstorming ideas

Process Crafts for 3-10 year olds

- Decorate sticks with yarn, paint
- Paint on foil
- Use pipe cleaners, LEDs, and batteries to make light up animals or monsters
- Animal templates and then have kids add trunks, horns, etc.
- Shaving cream and pool noodles sensory exploration
- Decorate boxes
- Decorate cuties
- Brown paper journals
- Tissue paper squares glued on baby food jars with battery candles
- Easy yarn bombing (wrapping things in yarn, not knitting)
- Trace your body and label
- Chia pets with plastic cups and grass seed
- Paper plate jellyfish with pipe cleaners
- Paper plate hats with stick foam shapes
- Paper plate and egg shaky thing
- Dream catchers
- Wrap pipe cleaners around strung rope to create sculptures
- Paper bag puppets
- Tongue depressor picture frames with chalk boards inside
- Pipe cleaner beading

Obstacle Courses

- I Spy Olympic flats
- Fishing for medals
- Olympic ring color sort
- Design your mascot
- Minute to Win It challenges
- Paper plate discus
- Balloons hung from yarn to be snow or lava

- Hula hoops on ground or as hula hoop
- Shaker egg relay
- Hopscotch
- Library mini golf
- Inflatable pools
- Tunnels or crawl through tents
- Limbo pole
- Superhero agility challenge
- Animal obstacle course (slither like a snake, etc.)
- Flat rope ladder
- Balance a book on your head and weave through cones
- Walk a balance beam or tape line

Preschool Maker Projects

- Green screen
- Simple diorama with simple gears
- Kitchen science
- Sand and water table
- Kinetic sand
- Chemical reactions with baking soda and vinegar
- Clay
- Gel beads with hidden objects
- Water play
- Tie dye milk
- Make bubbles
- LED animals with pipe cleaners
- Sidewalk chalk
- Lego challenges
- Beans, rice, sensory buckets
- iPad with music maker apps
- Coding basics with blocks
- Which object will fly?
- Which object will sink or float?
- Building blocks

Programming Obstacles Discussion

How do you keep kids busy when they can't be on the computers? Specifically, during a very well-attended Minecraft club.

- Putt putt golf
- Library scavenger hunt with badges
- Gamify it!

- Crafts
- Minecraft themed trivia, scavenger hunt, putt putt course
- Origami
- Board games
- One day, don't play Minecraft. Instead, have kids make their own games and then have them around for play other weeks.
- Check online for board game templates.
- Complete a library quest (maybe spin a wheel or pull your quest out of a hat)

Has anyone had success collaborating with local museums on children's programming?

- Multnomah has partnerships with the art museum and OMSI, but programs are mostly teen-oriented.
- It's difficult to coordinate collaboration
- Often museums plan their exhibits and budgets several years ahead, unlike libraries.
- Have a special event for high achieving summer readers at the museum.