

# MiYouth

Jan 9, 2024

LM's Youth Services Advisory Council (YSAC) lead the conversation on **services to Homeschool groups** and continued our discussion on **video gaming**. Links & chat below. Next MiYouth is Tuesday, **Apr 9, 2024** at 2:00 pm ET.

- MiLibrary Quest: Summer 2024 coming soon! Email [milibraryquest@gmail.com](mailto:milibraryquest@gmail.com) if you're interested in participating.
- [Homeschool eResources from MeL](#)
- [Slides from 1/9/24](#)

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## Chatbox from MiYouth 1/9/24

14:00:50 From Lauren Baker to Everyone:

Plymouth is hiring a full time Youth Librarian! Here is the posting:  
<https://plymouthdistrictlibrary.bamboohr.com/careers/38>

14:01:21 From Cheyenne Smith to Everyone:

cold rain in Clinton twp too

14:01:42 From Danielle, Caro Area District Library to Everyone:

Rain in Caro

14:01:46 From Laura Warren-Gross, MLCS to Everyone:

we had heavy, wet snow all morning and are now supposed to get rain--so SLOP

14:03:17 From Kelly-Saline District Library to Everyone:

snowball fights!

14:03:18 From Lindsay - Novi (she/hers) to Everyone:

Going sledding!

14:03:18 From Cora - BCLS (she/her) to Everyone:

ice skating!

14:03:19 From Heather Harrison - Genesee District Library to Everyone:

Ice skating.

14:03:24 From Melissa-Spring Lake District Library to Everyone:

Sledding

14:03:24 From Laura Warren-Gross, MLCS to Everyone:

sledding :-)

14:03:25 From Sara Porter Coloma Public Library to Everyone:

Sledding!  
14:03:27 From EmmaLee Ridenour - White Lake Township to Everyone:  
Skating!  
14:03:33 From Danielle, Caro Area District Library to Everyone:  
skiing (I grew up in Colorado)  
14:03:34 From Lindsay - Novi (she/hers) to Everyone:  
Building snowmen  
14:03:35 From Emily Peoples to Everyone:  
Building snow forts  
14:03:37 From Tiffany - Greenville to Everyone:  
Ice fort building  
14:03:41 From Cheyenne Smith to Everyone:  
snow angels / snow men  
14:03:47 From Amy Beckman-Millington Arbela District Library to Everyone:  
Sledding  
14:03:49 From Heather Harrison - Genesee District Library to Everyone:  
I really wanted the pom poms on my skates.  
14:04:03 From Jennifer Perryman to Everyone:  
Grew up in the south, so winter was just "less hot"  
14:04:14 From Nisa Kessler (she/her), PDL to Everyone:  
going to the mountains and making a snowman (grew up in California)  
14:05:24 From Cari Fry - Westland Public library to Everyone:  
Snowmen and sledding on the "flats" behind the high school that was really not flat!  
14:06:13 From Cathy Lancaster - LM (she/her/hers) to Everyone:  
Homeschool MeL eResources:  
[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1jhkbWpyMrn1rmDICIR\\_XXOxk2rW4d5Vu/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1jhkbWpyMrn1rmDICIR_XXOxk2rW4d5Vu/view?usp=sharing)  
14:06:41 From Cathy Lancaster - LM (she/her/hers) to Everyone:  
Mi Youth September 2023 Video Games and Youth.pdf From the Fall meeting, too  
14:08:27 From Cathy Lancaster - LM (she/her/hers) to Everyone:  
<https://mel.org/educators/eresources>  
14:09:08 From Cathy Lancaster - LM (she/her/hers) to Everyone:  
Homeschool MeL eResources:  
[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1jhkbWpyMrn1rmDICIR\\_XXOxk2rW4d5Vu/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1jhkbWpyMrn1rmDICIR_XXOxk2rW4d5Vu/view?usp=sharing)  
14:09:42 From Cathy Lancaster - LM (she/her/hers) to Everyone:  
Who all is going to MLA Spring Institute?  
14:10:13 From Cathy Lancaster - LM (she/her/hers) to Everyone:  
Mi Youth September 2023 Video Games and Youth.pdf From the Fall meeting, too  
14:10:24 From Natalie - BDL to Everyone:  
Reacted to "Mi Youth September 2..." with 🙌  
14:10:26 From Natalie - BDL to Everyone:  
Removed a 🙌 reaction from "Mi Youth September 2..."  
14:10:33 From Natalie - BDL to Everyone:  
Reacted to "Who all is going to ..." with 🙌  
14:10:40 From Melissa-Spring Lake District Library to Everyone:

Reacted to "Who all is going to ..." with 🙌  
14:10:57 From Laura Warren-Gross, MLCS to Everyone:  
Reacted to "Who all is going to ..." with 👍  
14:11:07 From Heather Harrison - Genesee District Library to Everyone:  
Reacted to "Who all is going to ..." with 🙌  
14:11:15 From Heather Harrison - Genesee District Library to Everyone:  
Removed a 🙌 reaction from "Who all is going to ..."  
14:11:36 From Heather Harrison - Genesee District Library to Everyone:  
Reacted to "Who all is going to ..." with 👍  
14:11:45 From Jennifer Perryman to Everyone:  
<https://bit.ly/QuestSignUp2024>  
14:11:52 From Cathy Lancaster - LM (she/her/hers) to Everyone:  
Reacted to "<https://bit.ly/Quest...>" with 🙌  
14:13:03 From Laura Warren-Gross, MLCS to Everyone:  
Great idea--my son is 24 and was just talking about how he was shaped by Percy Jackson  
14:14:03 From Sara Porter Coloma Public Library to Everyone:  
I am going to PLA!  
14:14:08 From Lindsay - Novi (she/her) to Everyone:  
Reacted to "I am going to PLA!" with 👍  
14:14:10 From Lauren Baker to Everyone:  
very cool!!  
14:14:13 From Emily Peoples to Everyone:  
Me too!  
14:14:14 From Kelly-Saline District Library to Everyone:  
That  
14:14:15 From Laura Warren-Gross, MLCS to Everyone:  
Congratulations! Exciting!  
14:14:21 From Danielle, Caro Area District Library to Everyone:  
That is awesome! How exciting!  
14:14:21 From Lindsay - Novi (she/her) to Everyone:  
I'll be there too!  
14:14:23 From Kelly-Saline District Library to Everyone:  
That's exciting  
14:14:27 From Jennifer Perryman to Everyone:  
Reacted to "I am going to PLA!" with 👍  
14:15:45 From Cathy Lancaster - LM (she/her/hers) to Everyone:  
To find out more about LM's CE Stipend go to:  
<https://www.michigan.gov/libraryofmichigan/libraries/ce/scholarships/library-continuing-education-stipend-program>  
Funded by IMLS  
14:15:54 From Jennifer Perryman to Everyone:  
Reacted to "To find out more abo..." with 👍  
14:16:26 From Jennifer Perryman to Everyone:

Reacted to "very cool!!" with 👍

14:16:29 From Cathy Lancaster - LM (she/her/hers) to Everyone:

Getting Started!

Games & Gaming Round Table: <https://games.ala.org/hive-mind-resource-round-up/Justification>

Article: [https://games.ala.org/why-have-games-in-libraries/Collection Development](https://games.ala.org/why-have-games-in-libraries/Collection%20Development)

Hive Mind GameRT: <https://games.ala.org/hive-mind-collection-development-policies/>

Ratings? A library by library decision...

Budget

Protecting the collection (or Please dont steal our games!)

Where to shelve? Game in the case, or stored elsewhere?

Protective cases/anti-theft devices

Accessible Gaming

<https://www.3playmedia.com/blog/the-rise-of-accessible-gaming/>

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/video-games/2020/04/21/accessibility-gaming-nintendo-switch/>

14:16:30 From Jennifer Perryman to Everyone:

Reacted to "Me too!" with 👍

14:16:35 From Jennifer Perryman to Everyone:

Reacted to "Congratulations! Exc..." with 👍

14:16:42 From Jennifer Perryman to Everyone:

Reacted to "That is awesome! How..." with 👍

14:16:46 From Jennifer Perryman to Everyone:

Reacted to "I'll be there too!" with 👍

14:16:49 From Jennifer Perryman to Everyone:

Reacted to "That's exciting" with 👍

14:17:18 From Jocelyn Levin to Everyone:

Reacted to "I am going to PLA!" with 😊

14:17:23 From Jocelyn Levin to Everyone:

Reacted to "very cool!!" with ❤️

14:17:27 From Jocelyn Levin to Everyone:

Reacted to "Me too!" with 😊

14:17:37 From Jocelyn Levin to Everyone:

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14:17:46 From Jocelyn Levin to Everyone:

Reacted to "I'll be there too!" with 😊

14:17:51 From Jocelyn Levin to Everyone:

Reacted to "That's exciting" with ❤️

14:18:31 From Cathy Lancaster - LM (she/her/hers) to Everyone:

Playing is learning!

14:18:40 From Steph Wambaugh, Braille and Talking Book Library to Everyone:

Reacted to "Playing is learning!" with 👍

14:18:45 From Melissa-Spring Lake District Library to Everyone:

Reacted to "Playing is learning!" with 🙌

14:18:54 From Laura Warren-Gross, MLCS to Everyone:

"gamification" of learning

14:20:07 From Natalie - BDL to Everyone:

Regarding games and teen programming... the spring institute workgroup is still searching for teen related breakout sessions and would LOVE to hear from anyone who has great ideas, resources, etc. Several are on this call!

14:20:21 From Cathy Lancaster - LM (she/her/hers) to Everyone:

Reacted to "Regarding games and ..." with 👍

14:20:22 From Jocelyn Levin to Everyone:

Reacted to "Playing is learning!" with 🙌

14:20:40 From Cathy Lancaster - LM (she/her/hers) to Everyone:

Reacted to ""gamification" of le..." with 👍

14:20:56 From Emily Garland-MCDL to Everyone:

Reacted to "Regarding games and ..." with 👍

14:21:29 From Jennifer Perryman to Everyone:

Reacted to "Great idea--my son i..." with ❤️

14:21:56 From Heather Harrison - Genesee District Library to Everyone:

Reacted to "Regarding games and ..." with 👍

14:22:22 From Laura Warren-Gross, MLCS to Everyone:

I included some studies on the bibliography Cathy shared if you need more ideas for justification

14:22:55 From Jocelyn Levin to Everyone:

Reacted to "Regarding games and ..." with 👍

14:23:42 From Cathy Lancaster - LM (she/her/hers) to Everyone:

Reacted to "I included some stud..." with ❤️

14:24:00 From Cathy Lancaster - LM (she/her/hers) to Everyone:

Replying to "I included some stud..."

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14:25:09 From Emily Peoples to Everyone:

We already had a game collection, but hadn't bought anything in a long time and were basically letting it die out. Then the Switch came out, and we were getting a lot of verbal requests from kids, so I asked them to put them in the suggestion box. That carries a lot of weight. I also put up a sheet that they could submit game requests. That really showed the level of interest.

14:25:54 From Cathy Lancaster - LM (she/her/hers) to Everyone:

Reacted to "We already had a gam..." with 👍

14:29:18 From Cathy Lancaster - LM (she/her/hers) to Everyone:

Relying on staff passions/interests helps! Maybe you have a page or TAB volunteer that loves gaming, too. They can be so helpful.

14:29:32 From Jocelyn Levin to Everyone:  
Reacted to "Relying on staff pas..." with 👍

14:29:44 From Jocelyn Levin to Everyone:  
Reacted to "We already had a gam..." with 👍

14:29:45 From Cathy Lancaster - LM (she/her/hers) to Everyone:  
At TADL once I got one of the tech folks to co-lead our Minecraft Club

14:33:57 From Lindsay - Novi (she/her) to Everyone:  
For those with video game collections, is there a vendor you purchase from? Do they offer any discounts, like print books or audiobooks?

14:34:22 From Cathy Lancaster - LM (she/her/hers) to Everyone:  
Reacted to "For those with video..." with 🎮

14:35:13 From Susan Jelic to Everyone:  
We need to know more about that switch organizer!

14:35:22 From Jocelyn Levin to Everyone:  
Reacted to "We need to know more..." with 🙌

14:35:42 From Jocelyn Levin to Everyone:  
Reacted to "For those with video..." with 🤑

14:36:07 From Melissa-Spring Lake District Library to Everyone:  
We mostly order from Amazon, occasionally Target or even Best Buy. We do look for Prime Day and Black Friday sales but that's about it, in terms of discounts

14:36:07 From Emily Peoples to Everyone:  
Replying to "For those with video..."

I've struggled to find one. A lot of people like Crimson, INC. Right now we are using Amazon and Gamestop.

14:36:11 From Susan Jelic to Everyone:  
Brand?

14:36:39 From Susan Jelic to Everyone:  
Hahaha

14:36:40 From Lindsay - Novi (she/her) to Everyone:  
Reacted to "We mostly order from..." with 👍

14:36:56 From Cathy Lancaster - LM (she/her/hers) to Everyone:  
ProLine Digital

14:37:13 From Susan Jelic to Everyone:  
TY- we just use envelopes in an old card catalog drawer!

14:37:20 From Cari Fry - Westland Public library to Everyone:  
We use a large binder with CD pages... 4 on a page.

14:37:28 From Cathy Lancaster - LM (she/her/hers) to Everyone:  
<https://prolinedigital.com/>

14:37:32 From Cathy Lancaster - LM (she/her/hers) to Everyone:  
Reacted to "We use a large binde..." with 👍

14:38:26 From Emily Peoples to Everyone:  
We use the same locking cases that we use for DVDs

14:39:20 From Cathy Lancaster - LM (she/her/hers) to Everyone:

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14:41:46 From Cathy Lancaster - LM (she/her/hers) to Everyone:

Novi Public Library Homeschooling Resources:

<https://www.novilibrary.org/research-learn/homeschooling/>

14:41:51 From Lindsay - Novi (she/her) to Everyone:

Reacted to "Novi Public Library ..." with 👍

14:42:19 From Danielle, Caro Area District Library to Everyone:

WE are starting a "homeschool hour" programming this month. Each month it will be a different topic, with this month being ozbots and 3d pens.

14:42:26 From Cathy Lancaster - LM (she/her/hers) to Everyone:

Reacted to "WE are starting a "h..." with 🙌

14:42:28 From Jocelyn Levin to Everyone:

Lyon Twp offers a daytime Lego Fun session for homeschoolers each month on the same day as our evening Lego Fun event

14:43:59 From Natalie - BDL to Everyone:

I just started offering a homeschool explorers club! We do it one Wednesday a month and it's just a chance to get together and do activities with other homeschoolers. Starting this month we will be doing two different age groups (1st-3rd and 4th-6th), because parents were bringing their 3-5 year olds and saying they were in K and it was just too young.

14:45:47 From Lindsay - Novi (she/her) to Everyone:

Replying to "Lyon Twp offers a da..."

Do you also offer an evening Lego program? If so, do you have any pushback from the community about why you are offering a daytime and evening of the same program?

14:46:43 From Deb Lake Odessa Community Library to Everyone:

where

14:46:58 From Deb Lake Odessa Community Library to Everyone:

did you find noodle rulers idea?

14:49:32 From Cathy Lancaster - LM (she/her/hers) to Everyone:

miyouth@mcls.org

14:49:49 From Lindsay - Novi (she/her) to Everyone:  
Replying to "I just started offer..."

What time did you say your program is held?

14:51:05 From EmmaLee Ridenour - White Lake Township to Everyone:

Natalie! We are a little far down the road but I am game for anything together! Make a little 23 & m59 triangle of libraries haha

14:51:07 From Natalie - BDL to Everyone:

Replying to "I just started offer..."

I do the last wednesday of the month! We're doing the 1st-3rd graders 12:30-1:15 and the 4th-6th 1:30-2:15

14:51:12 From Deb Lake Odessa Community Library to Everyone:

We have been highlighting fairy tales and stem, once a month, this month is Goldilocks and the 3 Bears and building a chair and seeing how much weight it can hold, and we meet once a month and this year has been the largest group that we have had in attendance, and it's by word of mouth. We just did Hansel and Gretel and they could create a trap for the witch, and Cinderella's carriage out of artificial and real pumpkins for them to see how they could pull them on a base with wheels.

14:51:12 From Cathy Lancaster - LM (she/her/hers) to Everyone:

I keep meaning to make it for a visit to Westland!

14:51:18 From Cathy Lancaster - LM (she/her/hers) to Everyone:

Reacted to " We have been highli..." with 👍

14:51:25 From Jocelyn Levin to Everyone:

Replying to "Lyon Twp offers a da..."

Yes, they are on the same day. We already are getting all the Lego out, so we just do it earlier in the day for the homeschoolers and for everyone in the evening (same day)

14:51:25 From Natalie - BDL to Everyone:

Reacted to "Natalie! We are a li..." with ❤️

14:51:31 From Cathy Lancaster - LM (she/her/hers) to Everyone:

Reacted to "Natalie! We are a li..." with ❤️

14:51:38 From Lindsay - Novi (she/her) to Everyone:

Reacted to "I do the last wednes..." with 👍

14:51:52 From Lindsay - Novi (she/her) to Everyone:

Reacted to "Yes, they are on the..." with 👍

14:52:03 From Lindsay - Novi (she/her) to Everyone:

Would be happy to collaborate at Novi!

14:52:11 From Natalie - BDL to Everyone:

Reacted to "Would be happy to co..." with ❤️

14:52:13 From Cari Fry - Westland Public library to Everyone:

Reacted to "Would be happy to co..." with ❤️

14:52:21 From Jocelyn Levin to Everyone:

Replying to "Lyon Twp offers a da..."

We offer the same program multiple times in the same day all summer to allow more people to participate, so our patrons are used to seeing the same program offered more than once

14:52:31 From Lindsay - Novi (she/her) to Everyone:

Reacted to "We offer the same pr..." with 👍

14:52:31 From EmmaLee Ridenour - White Lake Township to Everyone:

Reacted to "Would be happy to co..." with ❤️

14:53:02 From Cathy Lancaster - LM (she/her/hers) to Everyone:

Reacted to "Would be happy to co..." with ❤️

14:53:17 From Cari Fry - Westland Public library to Everyone:

Replying to "I keep meaning to ma..."

Come see it! I will provide personal behind the scenes tours!

14:53:27 From Cathy Lancaster - LM (she/her/hers) to Everyone:

Reacted to "Come see it! I will..." with ❤️

14:53:33 From Natalie - BDL to Everyone:

Reacted to "Come see it! I will..." with ❤️

14:54:50 From Jennifer Perryman to Everyone:

We offer Storytime during the day and some kids that age are in day care or preschool. We've never gotten complaints for that

14:55:10 From Cathy Lancaster - LM (she/her/hers) to Everyone:

Reacted to "We offer Storytime d..." with 👍

14:55:15 From Lindsay - Novi (she/her) to Everyone:

Reacted to "We offer Storytime d..." with 👍

14:55:18 From Natalie - BDL to Everyone:

Mine is specifically called Homeschool Explorers, here's the description:

"Come & discover alongside other homeschoolers! We will explore different topics each month and learn about our world through different activities.

Homeschoolers in 1st through 3rd Grade."

14:55:31 From Lindsay - Novi (she/her) to Everyone:

Reacted to "Mine is specifically..." with 👍

14:55:48 From Lindsay - Novi (she/her) to Everyone:

Replying to "Mine is specifically..."

Do you allow non-homeschoolers to attend if they are interested?

14:56:04 From Cari Fry - Westland Public library to Everyone:

Does anyone have any specific teen offerings for homeschoolers?

14:56:07 From Natalie - BDL to Everyone:

Replying to "Mine is specifically..."

I mean, they could? But they're in school so.

14:56:13 From Cathy Lancaster - LM (she/her/hers) to Everyone:

Reacted to "Does anyone have any..." with 👍

14:56:28 From Susan Jelic to Everyone:

We have a homeschool co-op in Dearborn and worked with our board to get approval to give anyone enrolled in the co-op a library card, just like a public school.

14:56:52 From Melissa-Spring Lake District Library to Everyone:

Reacted to "We have a homeschool..." with 👍

14:56:53 From Lindsay - Novi (she/her) to Everyone:

Reacted to "I mean, they could? ..." with 👍

14:57:03 From Jocelyn Levin to Everyone:

Replying to "Mine is specifically..."

Our description includes

"We're now offering a Daytime Lego option as well as our evening Lego Club. If you are a homeschooler or are a child or teen who is home during the day, come build something fun with all of our Lego bricks!

14:57:13 From Lindsay - Novi (she/her) to Everyone:

Reacted to "Our description incl..." with 👍

14:57:15 From Cathy Lancaster - LM (she/her/hers) to Everyone:

Replying to "Does anyone have any..."

That could be cool - like poetry slams or something group-based.

14:58:24 From Laura Warren-Gross, MLCS to Everyone:

Replying to "Does anyone have any..."

In one webinar I attended they mentioned having an art show for homeschool kids which would work well for teens.

14:58:39 From Cathy Lancaster - LM (she/her/hers) to Everyone:

Reacted to "In one webinar I att..." with 👍

15:00:06 From Emily Peoples to Everyone:

We don't have homeschool-only events, but lately we've been holding tween events in the afternoon when there is no school. So far it's been really successful and we get both schooled and homeschooled kids.

15:00:28 From Lindsay - Novi (she/her) to Everyone:

Reacted to "We don't have homesc..." with 👍

15:00:45 From Jennifer Perryman to Everyone:

Reacted to "We don't have homesc..." with 👍

15:01:26 From Emily Garland-MCDL to Everyone:

Very cool everyone! Thanks, I have to go cover the desk.

15:01:27 From Jocelyn Levin to Everyone:

jlevin@ltpl.org

15:01:40 From Natalie - BDL to Everyone:

naggard@brightonlibrary.info

15:02:04 From Cari Fry - Westland Public library to Everyone:

Replying to "Does anyone have any..."

Thanks!

15:02:16 From Jocelyn Levin to Everyone:

Passionate about Teens? Present at Spring Institute: Contact me: [jlevin@ltpl.org](mailto:jlevin@ltpl.org)

15:03:04 From Nisa Kessler (she/her), PDL to Everyone:

Replying to "Passionate about Tee..."

I will contact you later!

15:03:33 From Natalie - BDL to Everyone:

Reacted to "I will contact you l..." with 

15:03:45 From Natalie - BDL to Everyone:

Lindsay, what's your email?

15:04:28 From Lindsay - Novi (she/her) to Everyone:

Thank you everyone!

15:04:28 From Kelly-Saline District Library to Everyone:

Thank you!

15:04:30 From Sara Porter Coloma Public Library to Everyone:

Thank you all!

15:04:43 From Danielle, Caro Area District Library to Everyone:

Thank you! Great conversations!!

15:04:50 From Amy Beckman-Millington Arbela District Library to Everyone:

Thank you!

15:04:53 From Emily Peoples to Everyone:

Thanks!