MiYouth

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Today's Slides:

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MeL Slides: https://drive.google.com/file/d/12WBx8-C_0ulnoBPj3hBHsR3z6AykZIwm/view?usp=sharing

MiLibraryQuest
Virtual and/or in-person teen summer quest
Sign-up: https://bit.ly/Quest2025SignUp
More info: https://milibraryquest.wixsite.com/quest1 (Will be updated for 2025 soon!)
Contact: MiLibraryQuest@gmail.com

Building Equity Based Summers (BEBS)
BEBS Video: https://youtu.be/yQOUlEIe6qo
Learn more and how to apply: https://www.cslpreads.org/building-community-based-summers/

What's your "why" of summer?

Provide an activity that whole families can do together that encourages good reading habits and builds community connections :)
Opportunity to read what we want - not what we HAVE to for education. :)
Connecting the generations in the community
It is expected of a library
Bring community together! :)
Inspire lifelong learning
To Provide Fun and Engaging Social Opportunities for Teens in the Community
To bring patrons into the library who are not regular users :)
To give kids something to do all summer long
To help prevent summer slide :)
Keep kids excited about reading even when they're not in school. :)
To connect with our community.
To Engage with our Community and Bring the Library to Them
Offer fun reading opportunities when the regular school year has a lot of pressure to succeed. We want summer reading to be fun! :)
Help kids to retain their skills during the summer and keep them excited about learning. :)
Help kids find books that get them excited about reading/books they get to choose for themselves
Provide a space for our community to come together and foster their love of learning.
Creating a positive and public display of tax dollars at work. :)
To provide a safe and fun place for the community to gather and enjoy events together
Fostering a love of reading, exploration, and lifelong learning for all ages. Prevent summer learning loss.
To show our kiddos that reading can also be FUN! :-)
Keep kids excited about reading & promote the library as a community resource
To encourage youth to continue reading and learning throughout the summer
To connect community organizations and resources

Low on the list, but still a why: To show the value of the library to our community. It's a big event that includes everyone and gets more attention. :)
To provide children/teens/families with FREE things to do throughout the summer. :)
I'm planning summer reading because I was told to. Jennifer Moore

Summer Programming Ideas (Please place under appropriate age group as noted)
- Note: Inclusion Resources available on CSLP website. When programming, ask 'what physical accommodations can I make' and 'what programmatic accommodations can I make'.

<mark>Early Literacy</mark>

Let's Get Messy!!!
Process Art (painting to music, collage, clay play, etc)
Bubble Party
Sticker-palooza
Tummy Time Art
S'more Stories Storytime (outdoor story with s'mores in the evening!)
Playdoh Party
Community StoryWalk Outings (we host a large group to come out and walk our storywalk trails together)
Sensory Play
Dramatic Play
Reach out to daycares/Great Start and go to them for storytime/art and/or have them come to you for a "lunch on the lawn" time

Don't forget TALK: Text to Learn for Kindergarten - great time to market it in summer!
Can find some cool Adaptive Art supplies online as well. Example:
https://www.amazon.com/adaptive-art-supplies/s?k=adaptive+art+supplies

Children's

Sensory Play
Dramatic Play
Drop-in stop motion animation
Print-making
Explore the art of…[insert artist]
Family Collaborative Art Program
(families will rotate through adding to each piece)
CD Weaving (see picture)
Perler Beads
Clay Art (offer playdough, crayola model magic, air dry, etc.)

 <-- Giant "Dry Erase" (shower curtain and markers)

Tween/Teen

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Renaissance Games Gone Wrong _ Let Your Imagination Lead you!

Art Journaling. Have Teens make a journal and complete new prompts weekly.

Art Museum Themed Escape Room

Diamond Painting. You can get small stickers, coasters, and bookmarks off of amazon.

Clay Sculpting

Origami

Karaoke Night

Bad Art Night

Nailed It: Art Edition: We give them inspiration art (super easy one) that they have to replicate in the given amount of time.

Painting on thrift store art and/or vases (thrift flipping)

Teen craft for summer: LARGE canvas, fill small balloons with paint, "sew" the end of the balloon through the canvas til it looks like a carnival dart game. Teens take turns trying to pop balloons. The paint drips down. Hang in teen area for the next year… or more!

Library Summer Games (Olympic Type mixed with Silly races too) *We did a Chocolate Olympics with all chocolate-themed challenges, it was popular! - Emily G.*

Sewing plushies

Boba tea party. An anime/character cosplay with lots of boba tea!

"Band rules" Teen Euchre Tournament.

Partnering with Little Traverse Civic Theater for a Teen Improv class.

Fiber Arts series: crocheting, artful mending, cyanotype print denim patches

Creative mending–helps with sustainability AND for those who need to stretch the use of their clothing can make the patches/mending beautiful MeL eBook: https://auth.mel.org/newera/check-direct?url=https://widgets.ebscohost.com/prod/customerspecific/mel/auth.php?url=https://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=edspub&AN=edp30510775&site=pfi-live

Multi-Generational/All Ages
Community StoryWalk Outings (we host a large group to come out and walk our storywalk trails together)

Tiny Art Show

Tie-Dye

Portrait Swap - Adults paint children's portraits, children paint adults

Partnering with our Senior Center for intergenerational Bingo, Game Day, and others yet to be finalized

Painting canvas bags

Poured paint coasters: everyone in a group or family gets one coaster to make a set

Mini fairy gardens

"Bad Art" Night - supply all sorts of leftover craft materials and encourage all ages to make the "worst" art they can. Everyone can vote for their favorites at the end of the night.

Summer Prizes

We give books. For teens, I let them pick, then I order and they pick up later. Also for teens, we have them vote on a "community prize". Last year they voted for a throwback gaming system (Atari).

School supplies
Non-perishable food/Meal kits
Household goods
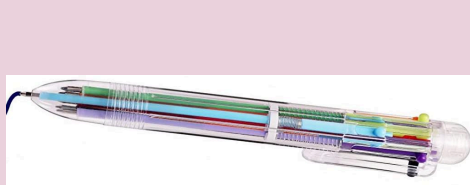Cooking lessons
Recipes
Subscriptions
Passes

Coupons/vouchers to local ice cream shop and bakery, plus books *Same here - Emily G.* DITTO - about 12 places/2,000 coupons

Teens - CSLP water bottles - they love them

Our patrons are reading toward a group goal - when we reach the goal, several more items will be added to our Library of Things that are art related.

In the past, patrons really liked art/craft kits as prizes.

Performers - recommendations/regional sharing:

Chatbox:

13:57:33 From Nisa Kesseler (she/her), PDL to Everyone:
   I am battling a nasty cough, so I am going to stay muted. But I will put any ideas or thoughts in the chat!

13:58:03 From Lindsay - Novi Library (she/her) to Everyone:
   @Nisa Kesseler (she/her), PDL I hope you feel better soon!

13:58:25 From Nisa Kesseler (she/her), PDL to Everyone:
   Replying to "@Nisa Kesseler (she/her), PDL I hope you feel bett...":
   Thank you, Lindsay

13:59:44 From Nisa Kesseler (she/her), PDL to Everyone:
   Altogether, about 10 inches

13:59:51 From Laura Warren-Gross, MLCS to Everyone:
   I think about 5" here in Kalamazoo but super fluffy. I shoveled it all during my lunch.

14:00:30 From Nisa Kesseler (she/her), PDL to Everyone:
   We got a lot of lake enhancement with our snow

14:01:14 From Laura Warren-Gross, MLCS to Everyone:
   if not now, then in the dark!

14:01:33 From Laura Warren-Gross, MLCS to Everyone:
   Mulders?

14:02:03 From Laura Warren-Gross, MLCS to Everyone:
   They do a great job. When I was at the schools in Kalamazoo they did all of our moves for remodeling and picked up all of our weeding.

14:03:09 From Cathy Lancaster - Library of Michigan (she/her) to Everyone:
   Shared Notes:
   https://docs.google.com/document/d/1jROxai9_wkaLZeH2aafHkjpvH3rprdNixav5py2mJY0/edit?usp=sharing

14:04:06 From Stacia Serafin to Everyone:
    Yzma and Kronk from The emperor's new groove!

14:04:08 From Nisa Kesseler (she/her), PDL to Everyone:
    yogi bear. We would have a pic-a-nic

14:04:12 From Jennifer McArdle to Everyone:
    Bluey!!!

14:04:13 From Laura Warren-Gross, MLCS to Everyone:
    George Jetson--I like the idea of my meals appearing from a portal and also driving a hovercraft!

14:04:13 From Ashley and Ron to Everyone:
    The Peanuts Gang

14:04:14 From Rhonda Belcher - Cass District Library to Everyone:
    Rainbow Brite

14:04:14 From Jelic, Susan to Everyone:
    She-Ra

14:04:20 From Marissa, Commerce Township Community Library (she/hers to Everyone:
    Shrek

14:04:27 From Lindsay - Novi Library (she/her) to Everyone:
    Peppa Pig!

14:04:37 From Lauren Aquilina to Everyone:
    Donkey from Shrek

14:04:40 From Coopersville Area District Library to Everyone:
    Replying to "She-Ra":
    She-Ra was my answer, too! I'm rewatching the newer series right now.

14:05:11 From DanielleD to Everyone:
    Replying to "Shrek":
    Yes although I would say Donkey!

14:05:13 From Lake to Everyone:
    Nightwing

14:05:31 From Carol Robinson, GLADL, she/her to Everyone:
    Eliza from Wild Thornberrys

14:05:50 From Laura Warren-Gross, MLCS to Everyone:
    Oh I love the Wild Thornberrys Carol :-)

14:05:57 From Brandi Swinehart to Everyone:
Scooby Doo

14:06:13 From Marissa, Commerce Township Community Library (she/hers to Everyone:
Replying to "Shrek":
Basically anyone from Shrek will do!

14:09:49 From Cathy Lancaster - Library of Michigan (she/her) to Everyone:
"Great American Artists for Kids: Hands-on Art Experiences in the Styles of Great American Masters" is available on MeL.org - Link to Laura's slides are in today's Shared Notes: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1jROxai9_wkaLZeH2aafHkjpvH3rprdNixav5py2mJY0/edit?usp=sharing

14:10:32 From Cathy Lancaster - Library of Michigan (she/her) to Everyone:
Stained Glass... That'd be a cool community project

14:12:48 From Cathy Lancaster - Library of Michigan (she/her) to Everyone:
Art of Custom Sneakers on MeL! Who knew? Fun find, Laura.

14:13:09 From Melissa-Spring Lake District Library to Everyone:
I've been thinking of doing a sneaker painting program for a while! Love this

14:15:07 From Jennifer Perryman to Everyone:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeJfsrwKTRXjcEevOodEr_Jy---WuzMGs7PLIZlsz4Am6zILg/viewform

14:15:59 From Laura Warren-Gross, MLCS to Everyone:
Sign up for free MeL webinars (including summer reading coming up in February): https://mcls.corsizio.com/portal/mcls?category=6285576539816c17128e0780

14:16:47 From Laura Warren-Gross, MLCS to Everyone:
My contact: Laura Warren-Gross warrengrossl@mcls.org or melerhelp@mcls.org (517) 939-1384

14:16:55 From Jennifer Perryman to Everyone:
MiLibraryQuest@gmail.com

14:17:59 From Jennifer Perryman to Everyone:
MiLibraryQuest sign up:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeJfsrwKTRXjcEevOodEr_Jy---WuzMGs7PLIZlsz4Am6zILg/viewform

14:19:53 From Cathy Lancaster - Library of Michigan (she/her) to Everyone:
Shared Notes for today:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1jROxai9_wkaLZeH2aafHkjpvH3rprdNixav5py2mJY0/edit?usp=sharing

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Learn more and how to apply: https://www.cslpreads.org/building-community-based-summers/

14:22:50 From Cathy Lancaster - Library of Michigan (she/her) to Everyone:
    Shared Notes for today:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1jROxai9_wkaLZeH2aafHkjpvH3rprdNixav5py2mJY0/edit?usp=sharing

14:26:53 From Matt Archibald (he/him) - TADL to Everyone:
    Both.

14:26:54 From Ashley - Gloria Coles Flint Public Library to Everyone:
    A Little Bit of Both

14:26:55 From Emily Garland-MCDL to Everyone:
    I feel pressure because we had an EXCELLENT prior director

14:26:56 From Nisa Kesseler (she/her), PDL to Everyone:
    Mostly self

14:27:05 From Stacia Serafin to Everyone:
    I am admin and I feel like it's both! Even though I try to make it pressure-filled

14:27:08 From Emmy Datema (ERADL) to Everyone:
    Both

14:27:14 From Stephanie Wambaugh, Braille and Talking Book Library to Everyone:
    Self!

14:27:16 From Jennifer Moore- Tecumseh Library to Everyone:
    Admin

14:27:24 From Jennifer McArdle to Everyone:
    It's a staple library program. I think the public also.

14:26:56 From Melissa-Spring Lake District Library to Everyone:
    Both

14:30:42 From Stephanie Wambaugh, Braille and Talking Book Library to Everyone:
    Let's get messy is a really accessible program as well, because it offers lots of options!

14:30:46 From Cathy Lancaster - Library of Michigan (she/her) to Everyone:
    Replying to "Cathy, I really like to see the trends in how atte...":
    That is fun to track! Just not meant to be a pressure. 😉

14:31:29 From Emily Garland-MCDL to Everyone:
    For sure!

14:32:37 From Stephanie Wambaugh, Braille and Talking Book Library to Everyone:
    Inclusion Resources available on CSLP website. When programming, ask 'what physical accommodations can I make' and 'what programmatic accommodations can I make'.

14:35:15 From Laura Warren-Gross, MLCS to Everyone:
    I could be wrong but I think (?) Coopersville goes to Head Start programs that are open in the summer for migrant families (if I am remembering right).

14:36:27 From Brenda, Coopersville Library to Everyone:
    Yes! We do. It's a simple storytime for the most part, but they're a great crowd of littles.

14:38:14 From Cathy Lancaster - Library of Michigan (she/her) to Everyone:
    Shared Notes for today:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1jROxai9_wkaLZeH2aafHkjpvH3rprdNixav5py2mJY0/edit?usp=sharing

14:38:18 From Stacia Serafin to Everyone:
    @Jennifer Perryman will the webinar on the 20th be recorded for us to watch later?

14:38:50 From Laura Warren-Gross, MLCS to Everyone:
    Replying to "Yes! We do. It's a simple storytime for the most p...":
    I thought I remembered that from my visit to your library!

14:39:46 From Cathy Lancaster - Library of Michigan (she/her) to Everyone:
    Feel better @Stacia Serafin!

14:40:11 From Jennifer Perryman to Everyone:
    Replying to "@Jennifer Perryman will the webinar on the 20th be...":
    Was this for me or someone else? If it's about the Quest meeting, we don't record our meetings, but are happy to share any info with you or answer any questions.

14:40:55 From Laura Warren-Gross, MLCS to Everyone:
    Replying to "@Jennifer Perryman will the webinar on the 20th be...":
    I think maybe you meant the MeL summer reading webinar? Yes, I plan to record it and send everyone who registers a recording.

14:41:09 From Stephanie Wambaugh, Braille and Talking Book Library to Everyone:
    LOVE THAT!

14:41:24 From Jennifer McArdle to Everyone:
    That's amazing, @Stacia Serafin. Thanks for sharing.

14:41:46 From Brenda, Coopersville Library to Everyone:

I always love seeing how so many activities are usable for a wide variety of ages! I've had days where we ran similar programs for EL in the morning, teens after school, and adult craft night in the evening, all in the same day.

14:42:29 From Stacia Serafin to Everyone:
    Replying to "@Jennifer Perryman will the webinar on the 20th be...":
    Oops, yes I did, sorry about that!

14:42:41 From Alicia-Coloma Public Library(MI) to Everyone:
    Can you remind me how to get to the shared notes? Popped in late because of other obligations.

14:43:09 From Cathy Lancaster - Library of Michigan (she/her) to Everyone:
    Shared Notes for today:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1jROxai9_wkaLZeH2aafHkjpvH3rprdNixav5py2mJY0/edit?usp=sharing

14:43:39 From Laura Warren-Gross, MLCS to Everyone:

https://auth.mel.org/newera/check-direct?url=https://widgets.ebscohost.com/prod/customerspecific/mel/auth.php?url=https://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=edspub&AN=edp30510775&site=pfi-live

14:43:48 From Lake to Everyone:
    that sounds so fun!

14:43:57 From Steph (Grant Area District Library) to Everyone:
    As someone super into things like Dungeons & Dragons and role-playing games set in pre-tech times, I love this whole thing.

14:44:02 From Lindsay - Novi Library (she/her) to Everyone:
    Thanks for sharing @Ashley - Gloria Coles Flint Public Library

14:46:47 From Jennifer Moore- Tecumseh Library to Everyone:
    will you please put the link here

14:47:09 From Cathy Lancaster - Library of Michigan (she/her) to Everyone:
    https://www.michigan.gov/mde/services/food/summer

14:47:47 From Emily Garland-MCDL to Everyone:
    Cathy, we also did "Gather to Grow" as a food program.

14:49:52 From Cathy Lancaster - Library of Michigan (she/her) to Everyone:
    Shared Notes for today:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1jROxai9_wkaLZeH2aafHkjpvH3rprdNixav5py2mJY0/edit?usp=sharing

14:50:13 From Cathy Lancaster - Library of Michigan (she/her) to Everyone:

Replying to "Cathy, we also did "Gather to Grow" as a food prog...":
Tell us more!

14:50:18 From Jocelyn Levin to Everyone:
School supply lists! So Smart!

14:51:32 From Cathy Lancaster - Library of Michigan (she/her) to Everyone:
And these activity ideas benefit community partners, too

14:52:19 From Brenda, Coopersville Library to Everyone:
It's also a great way to try to build connections with local teachers

14:52:46 From Laura Warren-Gross, MLCS to Everyone:
I like the idea of experiences!

14:53:34 From Carol Robinson, GLADL, she/her to Everyone:
Coupons from local businesses. We have a couple of local ice cream shops that give us lots of coupons for a free kids size cone.

14:53:40 From Brenda, Coopersville Library to Everyone:
Stuffies are always popular with our patrons. This year we have some 'tie-dye' stuffies or some of the octopi that are reversible with a smiley side and a grumpy side

14:53:41 From Laura Warren-Gross, MLCS to Everyone:
Is that a Hoopla pen, Cathy? I have one of those!

14:53:50 From Cathy Lancaster - Library of Michigan (she/her) to Everyone:
Replying to "Is that a Hoopla pen, Cathy? I have one of those!":
IT is!

14:55:18 From Jennifer Moore- Tecumseh Library to Everyone:
Where do you get prizes with your logo?

14:55:51 From Lindsay - Novi Library (she/her) to Everyone:
@Jocelyn Levin do you know what your budget was for logo printed prizes? Love the highlighter!

14:55:55 From Jennifer Perryman to Everyone:
I'm sorry I had to step out for a minute - kids needing help. Does anyone have a good source of inexpensive prize books for teens? We use scholastic for children but they don't have selection for teens.

14:56:42 From Cathy Lancaster - Library of Michigan (she/her) to Everyone:
There's space for Performer recommendations in the shared notes, too

14:56:58 From Lindsay - Novi Library (she/her) to Everyone:
Replying to "I'm sorry I had to step out for a minute - kids ne...":
We struggle with the same thing too. We use donations and purchased bundles from Scholastic. We also supplemented with coloring books and colored pencils instead of just books.

14:57:19 From Nisa Kesseler (she/her), PDL to Everyone:
    Replying to "I'm sorry I had to step out for a minute - kids ne...":
    Honestly, I just shop around Ingram and Amazon to find the cheapest options. But I also let the teens pick whatever paperback they want.

14:57:35 From Jennifer Perryman to Everyone:
    Kelly - We're in a different coop, but geographically close. Keep us (Milan) in mind for sharing performers!

14:58:21 From Jennifer Moore- Tecumseh Library to Everyone:
    I live in Milan and drive to Tecumseh. I would like to partner with Saline and Milan.

14:58:32 From Jennifer Perryman to Everyone:
    Replying to "I'm sorry I had to step out for a minute - kids ne...":
    @Lindsay - Novi Library (she/her) Thanks! coloring books is a great option.

14:58:32 From Jennifer Moore- Tecumseh Library to Everyone:
    I am not sure what coop I am in

14:58:51 From Jennifer Perryman to Everyone:
    Replying to "I'm sorry I had to step out for a minute - kids ne...":
    @Nisa Kesseler (she/her), PDL Thanks!

14:59:49 From Laura Warren-Gross, MLCS to Everyone:
    Replying to "I am not sure what coop I am in":
    You are in the Southwest Michigan Library Cooperative at Buchanan :-)

15:00:12 From Jocelyn Levin to Everyone:
    Replying to "@Jocelyn Levin do you know what your budget was fo...":
    We try to spend less than $1 per item

15:00:34 From Jocelyn Levin to Everyone:
    Replying to "@Jocelyn Levin do you know what your budget was fo...":
    I can let you know what we paid for any of them in particular

15:00:44 From Nisa Kesseler (she/her), PDL to Everyone:
    Thanks everyone! This was great!

15:00:47 From Matt Archibald (he/him) - TADL to Everyone:
    Thank you!

15:00:51 From Lake to Everyone:
    Thank you!

15:00:58 From Cathy Lancaster - Library of Michigan (she/her) to Everyone:
    LancasterC5@michigan.gov

15:01:04 From Jelic, Susan to Everyone:
Thank you!

15:01:05 From Lindsay - Novi Library (she/her) to Everyone:
Thank you for coming everyone! Feel free to continue to share your ideas in the shared notes document. :)

15:01:11 From Laura Warren-Gross, MLCS to Everyone:
Replying to "I am not sure what coop I am in":
ope you are in Tecumseh my error that is Woodlands

15:01:31 From Rhonda Belcher - Cass District Library to Everyone:
Thank you!

15:01:34 From Emmy Datema (ERADL) to Everyone:
thanks!

15:01:40 From Emily Garland-MCDL to Everyone:
Thank you!