

Teens & Tech - What the Heck!

A Guide to Collaborative Teen Programming



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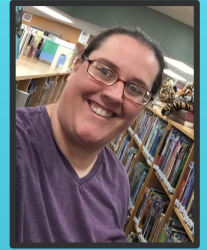
It's All Yours



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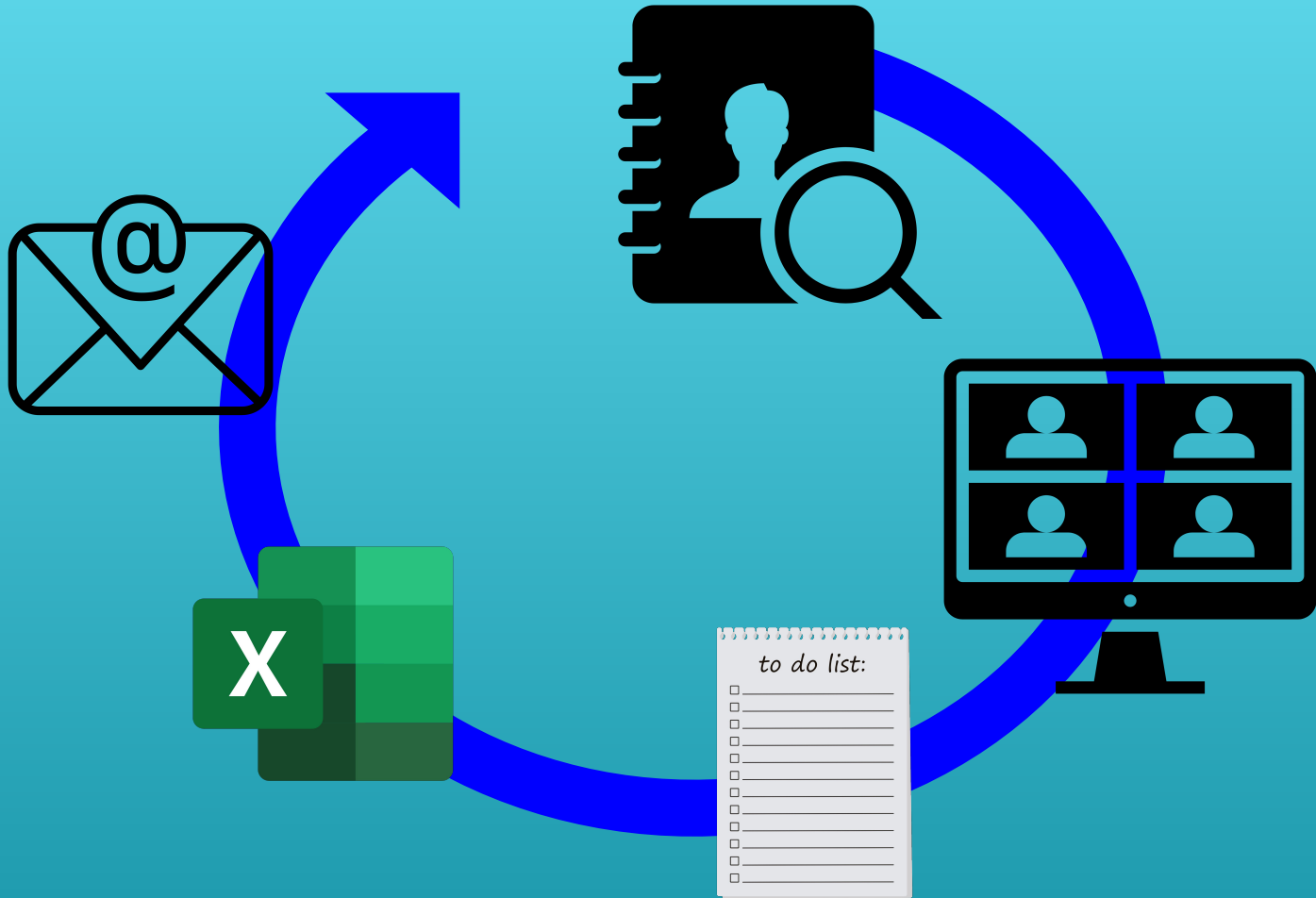
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 **NATIONAL
TEEN LOCK-IN**

 **IFLS**
LIBRARY SYSTEM
INSPIRING AND
FACILITATING
LIBRARY
SUCCESS





September 2020

- Intro
- Author Chat
- Escape Room
- Cards Craft
- Book Discussion

**FRIDAY
SEPT. 25
6-10PM**

Register at:
<https://bit.ly/2EpTMaM>

Hosted by Augusta,
Balsam Lake, Ellsworth,
Hammond, Ladysmith,
New Richmond, Park
Falls, Plum City, Rice
Lake and Turtle Lake
Libraries.



**VIRTUAL TEEN
AUTHOR TALK WITH
J. SCOTT SAVAGE!**



- ♦ CHAT WITH THE AUTHOR
- ♦ TEAM UP FOR AN ALICE IN WONDERLAND ESCAPE ROOM
- ♦ CRAFT AWAY THE EVENING
- ♦ SHARE YOUR MOST RECENT



October 2020

- Pumpkin Decorating
- Guest Speaker
- Digital Escape Room
- Crafts
- Scavenger Hunt
- Candy Art
- Trivia



**TEENTOBER
VIRTUAL EVENT**

Students 12-18

OCTOBER 30, 6 PM - 11 PM

Register at bit.ly/Teentober20

Join us for a spooktacular free event including:

- Pumpkin Decorating Challenge**
- Halloween: A Haunted History by Dustin Pari**
- Digital Escape Room**
- Creepy Crafts**
- Spooky Scavenger Hunt**
- Candy Art**
- Hocus Pocus Trivia and More!**

Hosted by Augusta, Balsam Lake, Ellsworth, Ladysmith, Park Falls, and Rice Lake Libraries.

Contact your local library to find out how to register and where to pickup a grab bag.



Disney
HOCUS
POCUS





with
Christian Strutz

VIRTUAL CONCERT & TEEN NIGHT

NOVEMBER 20, 6 PM - 10 PM

ages 12-18

- virtual concert
- watercolor art
- blackout & book spine poetry
- Name That Tune game

To register a
www.ellsworthlibrary.org

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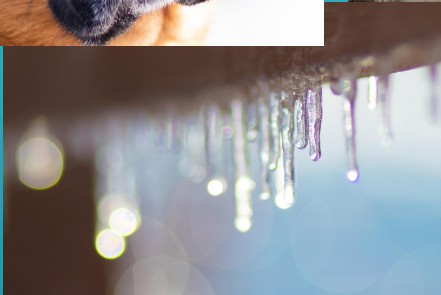
Teen
Photo
Contest

Open to ages 12-18

Photo Exhibition
will be held at our
November 20
Virtual Concert
and Teen Art
Night!

Submit to eplstaff@ellsworthlibrary.org

**SUBMISSIONS DUE
NOVEMBER 13, 2020**



November 2020

- Christian Strutz Concert
- Blackout Poetry
- Watercolor Art
- Name that Tune



OUT OF THE IRON WOMB!
By POUL ANDERSON

*Behind a pale Venetian mask
across the horizon from Saturn to the sun
revelations for death was plainly marked.*

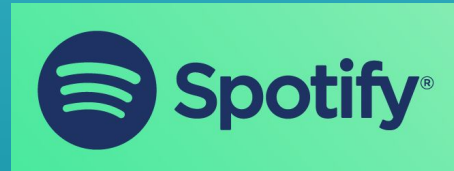
The most dangerous is not the murderer, who slays men, but the rebellious philosopher: for he destroys worlds.
Darkness and the glitter of stars
whirling speck of stone

There was no horizon. The flying mountain
cliff of jagged rock, losing its blackness in the loom of shadow; its teeth ate
regally across the Milky Way.

There was no sound except the thudding of his
mouth.
no air, no heat, no water or
life
planning through space beyond Mars.

Silence answered him. He gulped a handful of tainted air

The stars blazed with
illiance, over him, around him, light-years to fall
through emptiness. He had been alone
in a long watch,
turning
of the remote sun
could understand. But they didn't care. To them, he did not exist, and
they would shoo him away after he was gone into night.



December 2020

- Name That Tune
- Yarn Mini Hats
- Scavenger Hunt
- Sock Snowmen
- Pop Up Cards
- Graham Cracker Cottages



Virtual Teen Event

Friday, December 18
6-9 PM

Play Name that Christmas Carol
Create Graham Cracker Cottages
Make Holiday Crafts Perfect for Gifting
Create Pop-up Cards & More!

Register at bit.ly/DecTeen

Hosted by Ladysmith, Ellsworth,
Augusta, and Park Falls Libraries



January 2021

- Scattergories
- Bring Your Own Book
- Skribbl (Pictionary)
- Digital Escape Room
- Create a Book Bento

Handouts: [Scoring Sheet](#), [Word Scramble](#), Book Bento
Instructions

February 2021

- Ice breaker
- Chopsticks demo
- Snack: Ramen
- Scriblio
- Escape Room

Virtual Teen Chinese New Year Event

Friday, February 12, 2021

7 - 9 PM

Register at bit.ly/FebTeen



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Guidelines

ONLINE PROGRAM GUIDELINES:

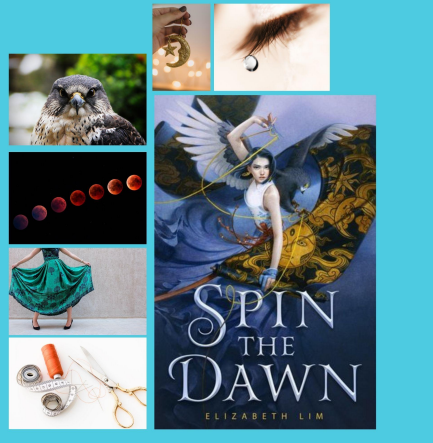
- Use appropriate, non-offensive language.
- Accept people as they are and try your best to respect the personal pronouns others use; if you aren't sure just respectfully ask.
- Respect personal space when it comes to using the camera, microphone or chat remembering that all our activities are "group" activities.
- Leave space for others to participate.
- Keep conversations on topic within the group and avoid discussing or using the names of people who are not involved in the activity and are not able to share their perspective on a subject.
- Please mute your microphone and turn off your camera if you need to eat during our programs.
- Be mindful of background noise, but know that we want to hear your voice and we promise not to judge you based on what we may hear or see at your house.
- Virtual programs are a "safe space"; you matter, your opinion matters—you are among friends.



Candy Sushi



Book Bento



Cultural Appropriation



APPROPRIATION

What is cultural appropriation?

The adoption of elements of one (often minority) culture by members of another (often dominant) culture. This is harmful and offensive because it:

- Reduces a culture to a narrow stereotype.
- Sexualizes, trivializes, and mocks groups of people who often face oppression and/or marginalization.
- Allows the participant to adopt the aspects of a culture they find appealing while ignoring the struggles of the people to whom that culture belongs.
- Removes the context that makes those cultural elements meaningful.

Ask yourself:

- Does my costume mock cultural or religious symbols such as dreadlocks, headresses, afros, geishas, etc.?
- Does my costume reduce a cultural or ethnic group to a stereotype?
- Do I completely understand the cultural significance of what I want to wear?
- Do I only want to wear this because of how "exotic" and "different" it is?
- Does my costume trivialize human suffering, oppression, or marginalization?
- Would my actions allow me to profit from cultural elements that are not my own?




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APPRECIATION

How can I appreciate without appropriating?

- Consider the context.** Don't adopt sacred artifacts or practices as accessories.
- Do your research.** Fully understand the cultural, historical, and religious significance of the items and actions you are engaging with.
- Put your money where your mouth is.** If you want to participate in an aspect of a different culture, do it by supporting people and businesses that belong to that culture.
- Engage with a culture on more than an aesthetic level.** Don't "cherry-pick" only the elements that you find fashionable.

Unsure if your costume might be offensive?

Don't be afraid to ask questions! There are many campus resources that offer great opportunities for you to learn about other cultures and engage with them respectfully.

Multicultural Programs
 MulticulturalPrograms@missouristate.edu
 417-636-5652
 missouristate.edu/MulticulturalPrograms




[@MOStateRLDiversity](https://twitter.com/MOStateRLDiversity)

From <https://twitter.com/OnlyBlvckGirl/status/916732437786513409/photo/1>

March 2021

- Icebreaker
- Rules & guidelines
- Talent Show
- Sweets trivia
- Escape Room
- Tissue paper relief art
- Craft & hang out time



April 2021

ZOOM
ADULTING SKILLS FOR TEENS
APRIL 9 7-9 PM
Register at bit.ly/AprilTeens

AGES 12-18

LEARN ESSENTIAL
"ADULTING" SKILLS
WHILE PLAYING GAMES,
DISCUSSING CHALLENGES,
AND HANGING OUT
WITH AREA TEENS



- Map Skills
- Made Crepes
- Recipe Share
- Felt Phone Cases



May 2021

- Stress Ball
- Decorative Doodling
- Galaxy Bottles
- Paper Roses
- Mindfulness Exercises




**Mindfulness
for Teens**
May 14 @ 7-9 PM
Register at bit.ly/mindMay
Hosted by Augusta, Chippewa Falls, Ladysmith and Park Falls

What We Learned

- Timing
- Planning process and collaboration
- During the program



What Worked

- Open communication
- Prizes and snacks
- During the program
- After the program and follow up

“That was really fun! I wasn’t sure I’d feel comfortable sharing a talent but everyone was so helpful. I feel so talented now!”

-13 year old after March’s Teen Talent Show

Prizes to Giveaway for Virtual Events

March 19th Teens: Scroll through this list of prizes then email Jenna at with your top 3 choices. Your home librarian will contact you when your prize is ready for you. (You may choose a prize from any library’s list.)



Prize	Winner's Name	Library to send to via courier
Rabbit & Robot (1)	Claimed QG 3-23-21	Chippewa Falls
Rabbit & Robot (2)		
Rabbit & Robot (3)		
This Journal is a Verb	Claimed EH 3 23 2021	Perk Falls

“We were homeschooled and so it gave us the opportunity to meet new people, and do some fun stuff!”

-Gavin

What Worked

After one teen heard the group guideline to "Accept people as they are and to try your best to respect the personal pronouns others use. If you don't know how someone wanted to be addressed then respectfully ask without judgement", he knew he had found a place where he fit in. The monthly online sessions were the only time when he could sit back, relax, and talk with other kids his age who were feeling the same isolation as he was during the pandemic. The virtual events gave him something to look forward to.

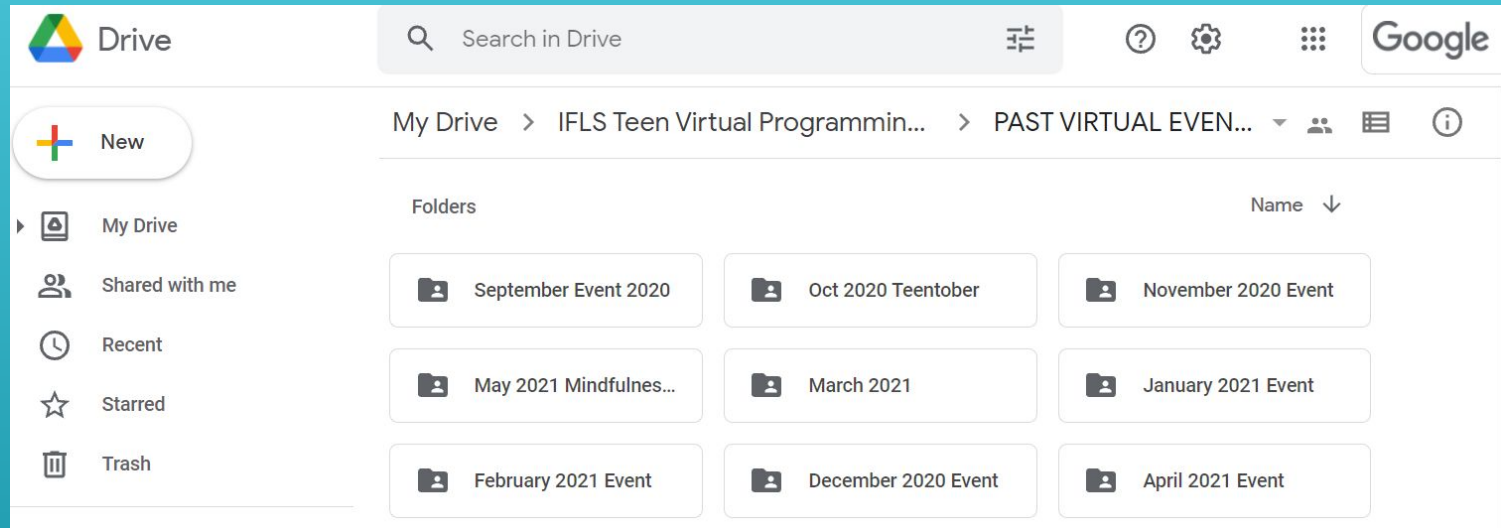
-Parent comment

Resources and Backup Activities



- Skribbl.io
- Kahoot
- YouTube
- Swellgarfo Scattergories

Communication & Creative Tools



Virtual Events for 2021-22 so far...



Thursday, September 30
7-8 PM

Register at bit.ly/TeenTrivia21

Teens ages 12-18

Presented by a collaboration of Wisconsin Libraries.

The poster for Spooky Science features a dark background with a cartoon scientist, lightning bolts, and laboratory glassware. Text includes "WISCONSIN SCIENCE FESTIVAL" and "CURIOSITY UNLEASHED." in an orange box, "SPOOKY SCIENCE" in large purple letters, and event details for Friday, October 22, 6-7:30pm. A circular badge indicates "Teens 12-18 years" and a QR code is provided for registration.

WISCONSIN SCIENCE FESTIVAL
CURIOSITY UNLEASHED.

Teens
12-18
years

SPOOKY SCIENCE

Friday, October 22, 6-7:30pm
Register at bit.ly/Spookysci

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The poster for Cornucopia of Creativity features a yellow background with a cornucopia overflowing with colorful pens and pencils, and a pumpkin. Text includes "Teens 12-18 YEARS OLD" on the pumpkin, "Cornucopia of Creativity" in a cursive font, and event details for Wednesday, November 10, 5-6:30 PM. A QR code is provided for registration.

Teens
12-18 YEARS
OLD

Cornucopia of Creativity

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 5-6:30 PM
Register at bit.ly/nov1021

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2021-22 Collaboration

- Roberts
- Bruce
- Sand Creek
- Ladysmith
- Prescott
- Ellsworth
- Chippewa Falls
- Cadott
- Augusta
- Park Falls
- Wausau
- Marinette
- Manitowoc



ANY QUESTIONS

Feel free to send us an email if you think of any questions later. Thank you for joining us today.

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