D.I.Y. ADULT PROGRAMMING
ONE WHOLE YEAR’S WORTH OF DO IT YOURSELF!

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WHO ARE WE SERVING

- Young (or New) Adults
- Middle Aged Adults
- Senior Adults
WHY DO WE HAVE PROGRAMS?

▪ To address community needs
▪ To highlight library collection and services
▪ To “fill their role as community cultural centers — places of cultural and civic engagement where people of all backgrounds gather for reflection, discovery, participation and growth” – from the Programming Librarian, part of the American Library Association (http://www.programminglibrarian.org/about)
D.I.Y. WITH LIBRARY RESOURCES

USE ANY DATABASE OR SUBSCRIPTION!

▪ MAKE AN ACCOUNT FOR YOURSELF
▪ TRY THE PRODUCT
▪ MAKE A TIP SHEET
▪ MAKE A STEP-BY-STEP POWERPOINT

= YOU HAVE A PROGRAM
JOBS AND CAREERS

- JOB NOW
- CAREER CRUISING
- MONSTER (OR ANY OTHER JOB LISTING SITE)
- GOVERNMENT JOBS
- OLAS OR OTHER SPECIFIC SITES
TIP SHEETS – D.I.Y. OR USE COMPANY MARKETING MATERIALS

LEARNING EXPRESS – SOFTWARE TUTORIALS

Now you have created CONTENT for your library’s website and to distribute at events and other programs!
OTHER “TIP SHEET” GUIDED PROGRAMS:

Genealogy – Showcase collection, online resources, how-to access library resources online, materials from government websites, how to search newspaper archives

Reader’s Resources – Highlight Novelist and any other databases you subscribe to – tour your new fiction collection or make up a genre/subject theme

Small business collection – books about running small businesses, including NOLO law books and social media strategies, highlight business databases and how to use them

Test Prep – tour your test collections – highlight community interests (Firefighter, Bay Constable test prep books, Civil service test prep) – online test prep help, such as Learning Express -
DON’T FORGET TO HIGHLIGHT DOWNLOADABLE BOOKS FOR PARTICULAR SUBJECTS!

Searching “Job Search”

Searching “Small Business”

Be prepared to demonstrate downloading books!
CRAFTERNOONS, OR CRAFT EVENINGS

WHAT CAN I HELP THEM MAKE THAT THEY ACTUALLY WANT TO MAKE?
WHAT CAN YOU DO?
WHAT IF YOU’RE NOT “CREATIVE”?

▪ You don’t have to know how to make everything

▪ Pinterest can be your best friend

▪ Patrons have fairly low expectations for a 45 minute craft!

▪ Your real job is to ready the supplies and the instructions – attendees are responsible for actually making something.
MAKE SOMETHING MONTH BY MONTH

ONE YEAR OF CRAFT PROGRAMS!
YOU’LL NEED A MICROWAVE AND SOME MUGS (NO METAL PAINTS!)

**SOAP MAKING**

BUY SOAP CUBES $10-12/each kind – Glycerine and shea butter or goat’s milk
BUY SOAP COLOR DROPS $3-4/each Buy the primary colors
BUY SOAP SCENT DROPS OR ESSENTIAL OILS $3-4 each – buy at least two choices
BUY MOLDS $11/pack of 16 – ask them to be returned

=$59 for 16 participants

**Run it a second time for just the cost of MORE SOAP**

January –

- Get Clean
- Start Clean
- Spa Night

YOU’LL NEED A MICROWAVE AND SOME MUGS (NO METAL PAINTS!)
1. CUT UP SOAP CUBES AND PUT A FEW IN MUG. MICROWAVE ACCORDING TO DIRECTIONS.
2. ADD COLOR AND SCENT
3. POUR INTO MOLD
1. MELT MORE SOAP CUBES
2. ADD DIFFERENT COLOR (PROBABLY SAME SCENT)
3. POUR INTO MOLD
1. Repeat
2. Allow soap to set one hour
Relatively inexpensive
Can be used over and over
Can be bought in conjunction with other departments
Can be circulated!

**PAPER PUNCHES**
- Card Making
- Bookmarks
- Paper Punch Art
- Scrapbooking Maker Space
- D.I.Y. Garlands for different occasions

Each requires card stock, paper punches, glue sticks or glue dots, art markers or colored pencils or crayons!

- **February**
  - **Love Notes**
  - **Paper Crafting**

Blank greeting cards with envelopes - $6/50 cards
Scrapbook Paper – between $.50/each and $10/pack
(use discarded books/magazines for free!)
Paper Punches – between $5 and $15 each
Glue Dots or Glue Sticks - $7/20 people

Around $50 for 20 people, assuming you buy a few punches!

**PAPER PUNCHES**
- Relatively inexpensive
- Can be used over and over
- Can be bought in conjunction with other departments
- Can be circulated!
- Picture Frames (wooden or acrylic)

**March**

**Picture this**

- Picture frames - $1/each
- Washi tape - $25 / two sets from Amazon
  = $45/20 participants

**WASHI TAPE**

- Paper tape
- Not expensive
- Can be removed and repositioned

What else to washi tape?
- Clothespins + washi tape + magnet glued on = fridge magnets
- Flower pots!
- Notebooks, bangles, clock faces, boxes, tins, any flat surface
APRIL – **SPRINGTIME, FLOWERS, EARTH DAY**

**RECYCLED PROJECTS**
- BOOKS FROM BOOK SALE (DISCARDS)
- DISCARDED MAGAZINES
- ROLLS FROM INSIDE OF PAPER RECEIPT ROLLERS...OR OTHER THINGS THE LIBRARY DISCARDS IN BULK

MONOGRAMMED LETTERS COVERED IN FLOWERS, PAPER FLOWERS, PAPER MACHE, MOD PODGED...

**BEST USE FOR:**
- OLD ATLASES
- OLD DICTIONARIES
- OLD ART BOOKS
MAKE YOURSELF AT HOME

Make your own doormat

Ikea Sindal Doormat (4.99 each)
Contact paper $6/roll
Acrylic paint $.69/each (2 black)
Painter’s Tape $5
Sponge brushes $10/20

$83/12 participants
JUNE
GET READY FOR SUMMER
TOTE EVERYTHING THIS SUMMER

BULK TOTE BAGS – CANVAS (under $1.00 each)
$25/20 bags with S&H
Paint ($0.79/each) or
Sharpies ($12 for a big pack) with
painters tape ($5)
OR
Cut out a simple shape on cardstock
Use unused pencil erasers as “dots”

$37/20 Participants

(I like the website ingreetings.com for tote bags, but you can easily buy some on Amazon, too!)
Case of Mason Jars 12/ $12
School Glue or craft glue $2
Food coloring $3
Battery operated tea lights $10/24 pack
Lace or ribbon odds and ends
OR acrylic paint
$20 for 12 participants
$30 for 24 participants
D.I.Y. PAINT NIGHT

Trace a Silhouette that you print from googling “animal silhouettes” lightly with a pencil onto an 8x10 canvas

Use acrylic paints to make “dots” with different colors (and cheap brushes or stick a pin in an eraser) along the traced silhouette, covering the pencil lines

Fill in some of the rest of the silhouette.

12 canvases/$24, acrylic paints at $.69 each (15 colors), cheap brush pack of 24 for $4.99 = 39.34 (paper plates as a palette, colors pre-squeezed)
D.I.Y. PAINT NIGHT

We traced cut-out images of the world (super generalized blobs!) and used the cheap brushes to paint in with either acrylic or watercolor paints. We commissioned an etsy seller to make the vinyl “Adventure Awaits” stencil, and I bought two of them:
- $23.50 for the custom stencils
- $24/12 canvases
- $5 for watercolors
- $.69/each for acrylic paints
- $5/6 black Sharpie markers
- Hairdryer from home
SEPTMBER

CHALKBOARD PAINT

B.Y.O. Vase or Glass Jar (From Florists!)
Paint with Chalkboard Paint (2 coats)
Bring home and season with chalk

Chalkboard paint $12 – Foam brushes $10/20 brushes – Box of chalk (break each in half) $5 – $27/20 participants

Make it fancy - * Ask for glass ahead of time – pre-paint it – buy chalkboard markers ($14/pack)- decorate!
PAINT A BASKET

WATER + ACRYLIC PAINT = PAINT WASH, APPLIED WITH A WET PAPER TOWEL (DRIES QUICKLY)

LEAF PAPER PUNCH

SCRAPBOOK PAPER

MODPODGE

SHARPIES FOR DESIGN (OPTIONAL)

BASKETS $4/EACH + LEAF PUNCH $12 + SCRAPBOOK PAPER $5/5 SHEETS + MOD PODGE ($5) + ACRYLIC PAINT $.69 = 102.69/20 PEOPLE (ASSUMING YOU HAVE NONE OF THESE SUPPLIES!)
D.I.Y. GIFTS FOR HOLIDAY SEASON

GREAT MAKE-FOR-YOURSELF
JEWELRY

PAINTED WOODEN BANGLES

WOODEN BANGLES BOUGHT IN BULK $15/12 BANGLES
ACRYLIC PAINTS ($.69/EACH) X 10
PAINT BRUSHES (4.99/24 SMALL KID BRUSHES)
MOD PODGE AS SEALANT (IF YOU CHOOSE) $5

$31.89 FOR 12 PARTICIPANTS
DECEMBER
D.I.Y. GIFT WRAPPING NIGHT
BRING GIFTS TO WRAP!!

Make your own wrapping paper using craft paper or white paper rolls and stamps!

Encourage participants to bring scraps and ribbon to share!

Use those paper punches again – use leftover scrapbook paper from previous projects.

Sharpies, beads, washi tape, paint all leftover from other projects could decorate wrapping.

MAKE IT A B.Y.O.T. (Bring Your Own Scotch Tape) and it will only cost you the amount for the plain gift bags and wrapping paper - $30 or so for 20 participants.
BUILD IN A ONCE-A-YEAR PROGRAM INVOLVING COMMUNITY BUSINESSES!

ONE OF LONG ISLAND’S BIGGEST INDUSTRIES!

INVITE YOUR LOCAL FLORISTS TO SHOW AN EASY D.I.Y. CENTERPIECE

PULL BOOKS FROM YOUR WEDDING COLLECTION

WEDDING CARDS COST 7 OR 8 DOLLARS! HAVE A CARD MAKING STATION AND INVEST IN SOME FANCY STICKERS FOR $20!
BUDGET IDEAS

IN A LIBRARY, THEY’RE EVERYWHERE!
ON YOUR SHELVES:
741-745
CHECK YA AND KID’S SECTIONS TOO.
ADAPT AND EXPAND!
Start a library account and pin ideas for future crafts. Ask patrons to follow you and see how they like posted ideas!
LAST MINUTE IDEAS

OR IF YOUR PROJECT FALLS THROUGH
YOU CAN ALWAYS BUY A KIT OR A PRE-MADE CRAFT!

Host a B.Y.O. Paint by Number Party – Spend your programming money on snacks and drinks! Everyone brings their own kit – could be a three-meeting-program!
IT CAN TAKE A LITTLE WHILE FOR THINGS TO BECOME POPULAR! IT’S OKAY TO INVEST IN CRAFT MATERIALS THAT YOU CAN USE OVER AND OVER AGAIN!

ASK YOUR PARTICIPANTS FOR IDEAS AND SUGGESTIONS
ASK YOUR STAFF FOR THEIR EXPERTISE
ASK FOR DONATIONS FROM STAFF AND PATRONS WHEN YOU KNOW WHAT YOU NEED