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Gaming and Literacy Webinar (Teens and Technology Series)

[Register](#) for a discussion of the value of gaming programs for tween and teens, focusing on ways to incorporate literacy and promote other library activities via this medium favored by today's youth. The April 13, 2011 session will include:

- Ideas on how to set up and run gaming events.
- Ideas on utilizing outreach to increase attendance.
- A conversation on justifying gaming in libraries.

Programming Materials

Developed by Florida youth services librarians and ready to download, the FLYP Materials [website](#) has 18 complete programs based on the 2011 world culture theme.

Bulletin Board

Check the Bulletin Board [website](#) for posts about free webinar training for youth services staff and for vendors promoting their talent.

More Program Materials on the FLYP Wiki

The 600 attendees of the 2011 FLYP workshops were introduced to the 18 units available on the [FLYP wiki](#); the units are complete programs that complement the 2011 travel theme.

Now, the wiki has more materials.

The [Next Stop: Everywhere](#) file has an additional program. The Suwannee River Library Cooperative youth services staff submitted an eighth unit, *Global Fairy Tales*.



Norwegian Cork Trolls from *More Crafts by Continent*.

Because this year's theme is similar to the 2008 theme Florida used prior to joining CSLP, the Division has moved the 2008 world continent crafts from the FLYP website to the wiki. Many of these crafts are ideal projects for storytelling props or for themed decorations. You'll find them listed as [More Crafts by Continent](#).

This wiki is your resource for sharing programming ideas. If you have an outline of a successful program, if you used a wiki program and have a suggestion or improvement, or if you have photos

regarding any aspect of the wiki's materials, please send your programs and comments to the [wiki administrator](#).

Teen Video *You Are Here* Contestants

Our teens are creative! You may soon view the 10 teen video submissions for the CSLP Teen Video Contest.

In March, the Florida panel of judges that included teen advisory boards, teens and teen youth services staff, selected Florida's winner to submit to CSLP. After confirming that the state's winners meet the contest requirements, CSLP will announce and post the videos.



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Snippets and Snapshots

What Will Young Adults be Reading?

Books with futuristic space settings, predicts panelist Sara Shandler, author of the *New York Times* bestseller [Ophelia Speaks](#) (HarperCollins, 1999) and vice president and editorial director of [Alloy Entertainment](#), which develops books, television shows and movies. Steampunk will also be hot, says Sabrina Rojas Weiss, an editor at [MTVNews.com](#). Books about dead teens, such as Lauren Oliver's *Before I Fall* (HarperCollins, 2010), are already flying off the shelves, says H. Jack Martin, assistant director for public programs and lifelong learning at [The New York Public Library](#).



Brevard Teens Helen and Cece (above) are making their Thai String Dolls (below).

All Dolled Up

Jennifer Hopwood and Marlena Harold, youth services librarians from Brevard County Library System, share their Thai string doll craft project, which is similar to the worry dolls demonstrated at the 2009 and 2011 FLYP workshops.

According to [kamibashi.com](#), each handmade string doll has his or her own special power which is always positive and helpful.

Jennifer found a good printable [instruction sheet](#) to guide the teens.

Marlena: "I will say that when we did it we figured out that you definitely need to apply white glue as you're wrapping it with the string. It will fall apart if you don't."



E-Mail Snippets

FLYP Teens and Technology Webinars:

"After attending the first *Teens and Technology* webinar we have started showing Anime every other Saturday afternoon. We are making use of the site (discussed in the webinar) which offers a free DVD. Some days we get a good turnout, sometimes not, but we have always had problems getting teens in here. Our Friends of the Library are bringing in the Anime/Manga artist who Paul Stonebridge (webinar presenter) uses to give a full day art workshop in March. We also are running a countywide Manga art contest. We wouldn't have tried any of these things without having viewed the webinar." ~Claudia Moriarty,

Youth Services Librarian, Monroe County Public Library System, Key Largo Branch

Steampunk Program on [FLYP Wiki](#):

"I don't have a pic of the Steampunk craft we made from the program but this is what one of my teens, Madison (age 15), said on our Facebook page afterward:

I would like to say that I absolutely love the necklace I made and have received several comments on its awesomeness. I vote we raid Walmart for their hardware supplies and make more attempts at Steampunk attire."

~Marlena Harold, Youth Services Librarian, Brevard County Library System, Satellite Beach Public Library

Succinctly Stated: Ideas and Comments for Programs and Activities

- Every Tuesday during the summer we have T2T (Teens at 2 on Tuesdays.) For two hours, teens ages 13-18 can play video games or board games or use the karaoke machine. Each TV in the program room has a different gaming system and we have a sign up sheet for teens to sign up for 20 minutes of play. The board games are stacked up on a cart near tables for teens to sit down at and play.
~[Deirdre Tolia](#), Youth Services Librarian, LeRoy Collins Leon County Public Library System

- Students in a Jefferson County, Florida middle school social studies class created “[bottle biographies](#).” They used empty soda bottles to create their figurines, learned three facts about the person they chose to depict and shared them with the class. Consider having youth make bottle biographies of their favorite characters for an inexpensive library display. List the three facts with the bottle and have a naming contest.

- [Angry Birds](#) is a popular puzzle video game of birds versus pigs. View a [make-and-take angry birds craft](#) tutorial to make mini pom-pom birds and pigs (photo on right). Tweens can use stacked paper cups to create the tower to sling-shot the birds into the pigs in a non-virtual version of the game.



An Angry Bird with Pigs in Background

- “I had a rock, paper, scissors tournament. If you look online, there are many different ways to play RPS. This was really fun.” ~youth services blogger
(Editor’s Note: Watch the official referees judge participants at Rutgers University’s RPS [tour- nament](#).)

- “Check the free stuff listings on Craigslist or community list-servs. I scored two big boxes of fabric from a costume designer that we used for all sorts of projects, from making a Summer Reading Program table banner to fabric for a designing clothes program.” ~youth services blogger
- For free, informational programs, invite an instructor from AAA Driving School do a talk about the laws related to teens getting a license, and invite Kaplan or similar testing centers to do SAT practice tests. ~youth services blogger

- In preparation for proms, Duckbrand is hosting its annual [stuck at prom contest](#). Teens who design and wear their duct tape clothing to their prom may win cash prizes. View 2010 finalists to inspire teens. Entry ends in June. Too ambitious? How about a modest ABC (Anything But Clothes) contest instead? In an ABC, older teens make clothing from not just duct tape but also any non-cloth materials such as cardboard, newspaper and plastic. Provide paper grocery bags for making the hats that were demonstrated at the 2009 FLYP workshops (photo on right). And, add an RST (Recycled, Steampunk, or Technology) jewelry component, for example, technology jewelry designs could include a bracelet made from a cassette tape ribbon or a pendant made with keyboard letters.



Paper Bag Hat Stack from 2009 FLYP Workshop

- An Ohio librarian posted her program called “You are Here: Making Connections Around the World.” She was looking for another library, or libraries, in a different part of the country who might like to partner with her to have a Skype session where the teens could meet each other and talk a little bit about what life is like in their communities. Consider contacting other libraries in Florida for a similar experience—teens in Florida’s rural and urban areas could learn about each other.
- A Spokane, Washington civic group planned a fundraiser to help children pay off overdue fees so they could be active borrowers again. A teen advisory board could do the same with a car wash or bake sale.

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T & T: Tween and Teen Program—Altered Books

I know we've all done an altered book program before, but this is a great program and it ties in well to several events you may have planned for April: National Library Week, National Poetry Month and Earth Day.



Debra helps teens transform a discarded book into a personalized prized possession featuring their creative art work.

Program Description

This is a craft program which requires collecting old, discarded books prior to the program. Books can be altered in a variety of ways using common craft items and scissors. There are no instructions. Teens are free to use their own creativity to choose how they will alter their book.

Preparation

We created a template from cardstock and trimmed all the corners of the book with scissors. We then used water colors for backgrounds and cut out images that we printed from the Internet and glued them in. Making examples prior to the program makes a great display. The images here are from an altered book that we created with a little help from our volunteers. The last image with the goldfish (see page 5) was embellished with drops of glitter to look like rain drops.

Good luck, and remember that there is no wrong way to alter a book. Let your imagination go.

~Debra Winslow, Youth Services Librarian, Orange County Library System

Program Materials

- Discarded hardcover books and magazines
- Ruler
- Scissors
- Pens and colored pencils
- Glue: Tacky or Elmer's Glue-All and sticks
- Binder clips to hold pages open
- Watercolors and paintbrushes
- Paper cups
- Water

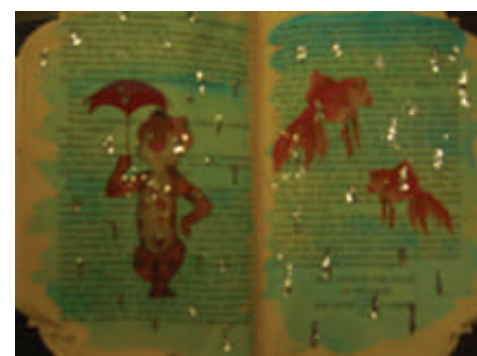
Optional Materials

- Feathers
- Tissue paper
- Glitter
- Scrapbook paper
- Scrapbook trinkets
- Buttons



Debra's Tips & Tricks

- Watercolors make excellent backgrounds and dry quickly.
- Paint over a black and white photo printout with watercolors for an interesting effect.
- Personalize book with event tickets, maps, photographs, pamphlets, etc.
- Remove groups of pages to leave room for bulky embellishments.
- Use a straight edge ruler to rip out the pages about ¼ " from the fold.
- Glue together several pages for thickness and stability. Tacky glue works best.
- Use removed pages to create 3D or pop-up images to be glued into your altered book.
- Use the whole book as a piece of art.



Debra's Recommended Resources

- *The Complete Idiot's Guide to Altered Art (Illustrated)* by Allyson Bright Meyer (2007)
- *Altered Art: Techniques for Creating Altered Books, Boxes, Cards & More* by Terry Taylor (2004)
- [How to Make Altered Books – Free Altered Books](#)
- [Arts and Crafts Techniques for Altered Books](#)
- [How to Make an Altered Book | eHow.com](#)

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