ADULT PROGRAMMING IDEAS

Off the Beaten Path Summer 2022
Adult Programming

- Summer reading is for adults, too!
- Encourage parents to sign up for Summer Reading when they sign up their children.
- Adults vote! Kids don’t vote. Parents do.
- Parents modelling good behavior: Readers make readers
- Promote literacy and literacy services
- Active brains + social participation = Happy Adults!
- Fun opportunities to encourage life-long learning!
Storytelling around a (virtual) campfire

If in person, can use large LED candles, a lantern, or a video of a campfire

Optional: DIY S’mores kit
Do a presentation about which wildflowers and plants are edible and which ones are poisonous

A staff member can lead it or contact a gardener or horticulturist

Give samples of edible plants or encourage attendees to find their own
Contact a representative of a nature center, national park, historical society, science center, or museum to do a presentation.

Topics can include regional wildlife, history of which indigenous peoples lived in the region, tips about the best hiking trails, and more.
Pressed Flowers/Leaves Bookmark

Supplies:
- Flowers/Leaves
- Watercolor paper
- Flower press or heavy book
- Clear mod podge
- Glue (optional)
- Tweezers (optional)
- Flat paint brush
- Toothpick

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Create a geocaches or letterboxes for your library, or partner with a local hiking trail/park

Geocache: GPS

Letterbox: Clues and sometimes a compass

Have trinkets for participants to leave for others. Optionally, offer a reward for finding a geocache
Create take-home kits with stationery supplies such as paper, blank postcards, stickers, stencils, etc. for participants to mail postcards or letters to their loved ones.

For an in-person program, participants can decorate letters/postcards and write together using colorful pens, markers, and other art supplies.
Supplies:

Knitting needles

Yarn, worsted weight

Have someone who knows how to knit give a beginner’s class on knitting

Alternatively, have a knitting social where everyone can bring their own projects
Local Author Open Mic

An opportunity for local authors, both experienced and inexperienced, to showcase their writing by reading excerpts of their work.

Helps them to “get their feet wet” and become more comfortable about presenting in a safe space.

Can be in person or virtual over Zoom.
Survival Skills

Book a presenter to teach participants about basic survival skills, either related to being out in the wilderness or emergency preparedness
http://www.natedpro.org

Potential topics:
- Starting a fire
- Animal tracks
- Avoiding starvation
- Creating a shelter
DIY National Parks posters: Participants create their own posters of local parks, hiking trails, etc., including positive reviews.

DIY postcards on a bulletin board display: Participants decorate posters with stationery supplies.

Survival-themed books with a display of survival tools (put the tools in a case to prevent children from touching them).
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