

twenty-five programs under twenty-five dollars

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Parameters

Let's assume...

- 1.) You don't have a craft closet (because let's face it, a lot of us don't!)
- 2.) You don't have a stash of "stuff"
- 3.) You don't have a movie license
- 4.) You'll be doing these programs for 20-30 teens

If you have these things, fantastic! Your programs will be that much better. But if not, it's okay. Your programs will still be awesome!

All of these programs can be done for about \$25.

If you have a bit more to spend on prizes & aptly-themed food, go for it!

But you don't need it. The teens will have fun regardless.

Let's begin.

01: Live & Let Spy

A celebration of James Bond, Ally Carter, Spy vs Spy, & more!

Codes: creation & decoding
Laser grid training
Spy trivia
Photo op with disguises
Invisible ink
Morse code bracelets
Agent code names
Spy vs Spy "Hot potato" bomb
Computer hacking simulation

Bonus: Watch Skyfall or other James Bond movie!



01: Live & Let Spy







02: Indoor Drive-In

B-movies & popcorn FTW!

You'll need:

Public domain movies
Popcorn (allergen-friendly, too!)
Lemonade
\$1 Movie theatre candy prizes

Bonus: Have the kids livetweet/liveblog their viewings with hashtag #indoordrivein (or something similar)

03: Recycled Crafts

It's an upcycled party! The best part? Many of these use old library materials!

Floppy disk notepads
Bread tag monsters
Smash journals
CD Art
Pop tab bracelets











O4: Superheroes vs Villains Ultimate Challenge

Perfect for Free Comic Book Day or next summer's theme!

Part 1: Choose your side & make a costume! Masks & plastic tablecloth.

Part 2: Trivia

Part 3: Team challenges with the emphasis on team, such as:



Working under pressure: Lifesavor Relay

Teamwork: Marble Relay (with spoons)

Weapon creation: origami shuriken

Logic: Oops! iPad game

Stressful environment: Balloons in the air

05: Silent Library Around the World

A great way for teens to experience different cultures... without boring them to tears!

The Challenges:

Hummus & pita chips
Avocado
Brie (rind & all)
Lox & mini-bagels
Fried plantain chips
Yoga

Prima ballerina
Irish dancing
Talking drums
Mexican hat dance
Seaweed snacks

06: Night of the Ninjas

A rare celebration of silence!

Origami shuriken

Stealth challenges

>> pull out Silent Library challenges!

Kokeshi dolls

Trivia

Watch episodes of Naruto

with free Crunchyroll account!





07: Zombie Infestation

Braaaaaaains!

Night of the Living Dead viewing! Braaaaains eating contest

Peg doll zombies Trivia Zombie tag



Bonus! Buy Barbies from a dollar store & paint/cut/zombify!





08: T-Shirt Transformations

So many amazing things to do with a basic t-shirt!

















09: Ramen Noodle Eating Contest

Programs do not get any easier than this!

Pair it with your anime club or just host it as a one-shot! Then watch some anime from Crunchyroll.

You'll need:

Several multi-pack boxes of ramen giant igloo beverage dispenser Something in which to heat water Cups & spoons Hungry teens



Whoever eats the most ramen in ten minutes wins!

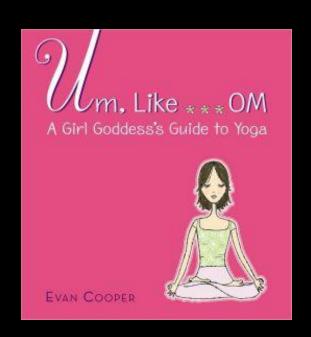
10: On Their Om: Yoga & More

A combination of yoga & healthy eating. Teens get stressed out, too!

Yoga: Sun salutation & moon salutation

Healthy food:

Baked kale chips with salt Cucumber water Sauteed chickpeas with chili powder



11: Nerdfighter Gathering

Don't forget to be awesome.

(This is also good stuff for a TFIOS movie party)



Pizza tasting contest!
Vlogbrother videos!
DFTBA/Okay? Bracelets!
Book charms!



I went to Nerdfighteria & all I got was this awesome community.

12: Star Wars

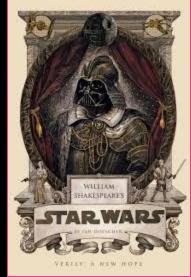
May the Fourth be with you.

Those new Star Wars movies are on their way next summer... are you ready?

Pool noodle lightsabers
Jedi Knowledge
Origami characters
Storytime with Vader
YouTube fan videos
Costume contest







13: Game on!

Gaming events becoming a tad stale?

Try something new!









Live Clue Live Pacman Giant Twister Giant Checkers Giant Scrabble Live Angry Birds Paper Minecraft Jenga tournament Rock, paper, scissors, lizard, spock

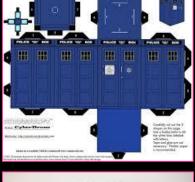
14: Doctor Who

You might have noticed that Doctor Who has turned into a true global phenomenon. If you host a party, the

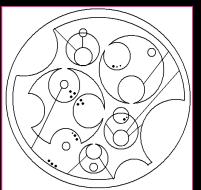
Whovians will come...



Bowties
TARDIS photo op
Gallifreyan names
Don't blink! staring contest
Van Gogh coloring sheets
Youtube videos
Paper TARDIS & Daleks
Trivia through Space & Time









Bonus: Make fish fingers and custard!

15: Happy Birthday, Harry Potter!

For most teens, it's their original fandom.

Chopstick wands

Stick the Car in the Whomping Willow

House sorting (determines teams for trivia)

Foam House ties

Book charms

Potter Puppet Pals

Costume contest

Cockroach clusters

Trivia





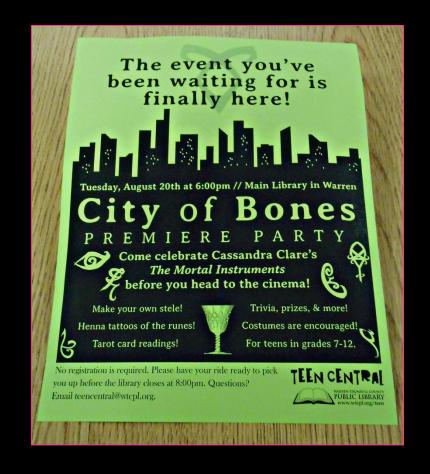




16: The Mortal Instruments

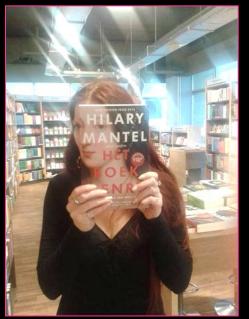
The movie might have been terrible, but the books are still popular! The final book is out soon.

Tarot card readings
Runes with black face paint
Book charms
Angelic rune necklaces
Book trivia



17: Photography

Teens can play with photography, or



help create displays!

Sleevefacing // Banned books

We mustache you to

check out these books!

Photo booth drawing Playing with Shadow













18: Supernatural Survival Skills 101

Can they survive the beasties of the night?

Perfect for your Supernatural fans!

Trivia

Pass the rabbit's foot OR Why did it have to be snakes?

Zombie tag

Pentacle charm bracelets

Watch the Ghostfacers!







19: The Hunger Games Survival Challenge

Challenging, intellectually stimulating, & fun!



Working with their District, teens complete 10-15 challenges by racing through the library arena. All challenges are based on either events in The Hunger Games or on survival in nature, like animal tracks, poisonous plant identification, book trivia, first aid, archery, etc.

20: Divergent

One choice can transform you...

Erudite trivia

Abnegation food drive

Amity arts & crafts (book charms)

Dauntless tattoos

Candor confessions

Movie poster print-outs

Bonus: Chocolate cake and t-shirts!







21: Love Stinks Chocolate Fest

It's a celebration of teen angst!

Chocolate tasting

Mini voodoo dolls

Chocolate drizzled over pretzels, marshmallows, bananas

Break-up song videos (use YouTube to create a playlist!)

Name That Candy! Riddle game

Black paper roses







22: Holiday Workshop

Teen can create decorations for themselves, for gifts, & for your teen space!















23: Back to School Craft Lab

Get everyone back in the library one last time before school starts!

Washi tape pencils

Glitter pens

Notepads & notebooks

Container magnets





24: The Nightmare on Mahoning Ave

Rename for your unique location!

Dirt pudding
YouTube clips
Horror movie trivia
Spooky garland
Costume contest
Tombstones
Haunted houses



25: ALL THE CRAFTS!

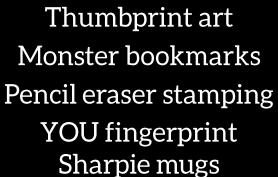
These are crafts you could pair with another program,

or just as easily host as a one-shot!





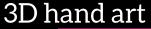
Steampunk journals
Felt plushies
Rock creatures/art
OWLS!



Polymer clay creatures

















Bonus: Investments Things worth having around!

- Crayola Airbrush marker sprayer \$25
- Rice cooker \$20
- Cotton candy machine \$35
- Sewing supplies (thread, yarn, needles, felt)
- Pony beads (a big vat of them) & plastic yarn (Rex Lace)
- Sharpies & paint markers
- Popcorn maker
- 1" circle punch & small heart punch
- Crank laminator

Note: Withdrawn books in excellent shape (those sad titles that never went out) make excellent prizes! Cut the tape, peel off the cellophane & barcodes, & voila! Keep a stack of those in your stash for instant prizes.

Supplemental Materials

Available here:



http://zen-teen.com/2014/03/23/do-more-with-less/