Adventure Begins at the Library

Getting Ready for Summer 2024...
in Fall 2023

with Cristy Moran & Kate Brunner
Hot Takes on Adventure

Cristy
Let’s Get to the Guidebook

• Take notes throughout the day in relevant sections
• Places to write answers to prompts for activities
• List ideas and resources you can use later
• And now...
  • 5 minutes to answer our 2 Hot Takes on Adventure prompts
Conventional adventure
Adventure doesn’t look the same for everyone

Trying something new
Learning a new language, skill, etc.
Exploring a new genre
Viewing through a different lens, gaining new perspective
Engaging with new formats and media
Let ‘Em Be: Passive Programming for Adults 2024 Edition

- Adventure Community Collage & Living Book Display
- DIYBike Repair
- Wild World of Colorado Coloring Stations
- Outdoors for Every Body Reading Adventure
- Tasting Tour of the Stacks
- Collaborative Summer Learning Program Manual (Adult, Multigen)
Activity - What’s YOUR adventure?

You are:

1. A teenager who watches manga, has a few friends that mostly hang out online, and is into K-Pop

2. A grandmother who spends some time with her granddaughter, but wants to do something for herself

3. Someone new to the state, with little community connections and looking for things to do in a safe space

4. A 40-something dad with two small kids who enjoys the outdoors and woodworking

5. Someone who doesn’t enjoy the outdoors or physical activity - maybe someone who has mobility limitations, maybe someone who just prefers being indoors
Our Parks & Outdoor Partners

Welcome, Colorado Parks & Wildlife!
Leverage the CO State Parks Pass Program

- Colorado Parks and Wildlife website
  - Learn >> Education (kids & families)
  - Things to Do >> Outdoor Recreation (adults & all ages)
- Regional education coordinator contacts for programs and events
- Park map with webpages including events calendar and contact information
  - Geocaching at some parks
- Coloring pages (for adult and through 8th grade with instructional mapping)
- Library of Things to explore the outdoors
- Prizes for adventure
Ideas from Colorado libraries
Coming in January 2024…
The CSLP 2024 Grand Tour

Kate
Scouting Out Intergenerational Programming

Kate & Cristy
Colorado Demographic Trends

Declining under 18 population in 43 out of 64 Colorado counties over the last decade

Increasing 65+ populations over the last decade in 60 out of 64 Colorado counties

34% of Colorado grandparents living with grandchildren under 18yo are responsible for those children’s basic care

29% of all US households are one person households

2016 to 2021 mental health ER visits by CO children under 18 increased by 140%

64.27% US adults some type of disability which may present barriers to activities and resources

Only 16% of Americans report that they feel very attached to their community

Sources: Colorado State Demography Office, US Census Bureau, CO Kids Count, CDC, US Surgeon General
Community Benefits of Intergen Programs

Antidote for the “loneliness epidemic”

Opportunities to:
- recruit retirees as community mentors
- encourage youth to share 21st century skills
- build community connections across age groups
- co-design community-engaged projects

Helps include folks whose cultures define family as inherently multi/intergenerational
Benefits of Intergen Programs for YOU!

Builds capacity and creates shared experience

Encourages relationship building between the library and the wider community

Provides an opportunity to discover new people, resources, and partners in your community
Life-sized Board Games

- Guides with materials list, setup, and game directions shared by Pikes Peak Library District with permissions to share

- Life-sized:
  - Battleship
  - Candyland
  - Clue
  - Upcoming: Among Us and Guess Who (!!!)

- “Pretty low-cost and high interest”
Scavenger Hunt (Brew Tour)

- Scavenger hunt tracks with clues and directions have been provided with permission to share

- Environmental engagement (with collection) and community engagement (cooperative and competitive) to complete tasks and challenges (think Amazing Race)

- "Brew" is both beer and coffee... opportunity for intergenerational audience

- Was done as traditional program of staffing and facilitation but can also be done with no/less facilitation

- Part of the county's larger Brew Tour events and library participated in off-site events as well
Intergenerational Trivia

"Mission Viejo Library and The Aurora Commission for Older Adults partnered for Generational Split - a trivia game focused on different decades and generations of pop culture, sports, and history.

Teams with intergenerational players were most successful, and proof that we do better when all ages work together! We hope to host more intergenerational games in the future, and draw more young folks into participating."
Other ideas from around the state...

Chess Club (Ruby Sisson/Pagosa Springs)
Lotería (Poudre River)
ZucchiniFest (Pine River/Bayfield)
Maker Programs (Estes Valley)
Tortilla Cook-off (Pueblo City-County)
Queer Magic Book Club (Durango)
United Indigenous Dancers (Hugo)
Community Art (Spanish Peaks)
WORK -
What will work well when you design intergen programs for your community?

WORRY -
What makes you worry about designing intergen programs for your community?

WONDER -
What do you wonder about when you consider intergen program design?
Intergenerational Summer: 2024 Follow-up

We’re interested in learning how intergenerational programs for your summer programming worked.

Looking forward to following up in August/September 2024 via email, Zoom call, or phone. Up to you!

Sign up if you would like to be part of our shared learning:

https://forms.gle/H6LvR9MuCLr2PcBi8
Capturing Impact in the Wild

Kate
The “WHY” of Summer

“When we define our purpose and really know who we are and what we want our summers to do for our communities, clear goals rise to the top.”

Building Equity Based Summers: https://equitybasedsummers.org/meet-bebs/the-why-of-summer/
Outcomes-Based Planning and Evaluation Cycle

Step 1 - Gather information

Step 2 - Determine outcomes

Step 3 - Design programs and services

Step 4 - Evaluate programs and services

Step 5 Share your story & refine your practice

Mo Young’s Talk-back Board Method

Next time I want to...

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What Kind of Caregiver are you?

Parent
Grandparent
Nanny/Babysitter
Other

2 things I want to try!

Connected Learning Alliance case study of The Studio at Anythink
Additional Assessment Adventures

“Artifact analysis” - fancy words for a fairly simple process
face your photos - (take more pics of people, less staff)
capture the making - (document what folks created)
living displays - (community book picks, interactive art, etc.)

Informal interviews - don’t forget to include all ages, build in time to write it down so you can refer to it later

Single question staff surveys - analog or digital

Reflective practice - quick went well, do different notes
Assessment Tool I SPY!
*Build A Better Impact Trap*

What sort of impact do you want to capture?
(don’t forget your WHY!)

What tool(s) do you think will best help you capture it?
(pick no more than 2 for today)

How will you capture what you want to know using that tool?

What materials do you need to have on hand to build the

How will you use the tool in the moment?
Braving the Brainstorm

Kate & Cristy
Design Thinking Lightning Round

Now Work With What You’ve Got

Let’s Share the Love
Any Lingering Questions, Thoughts, Concerns?
Bon Voyage, Friends!

BEFORE YOU GO:

Complete your workshop survey for Cristy & Kate

Trade contact info with folks from at least two other libraries

Take pictures of any of the displays, boards, sticky notes, etc.

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