2022 Fall Youth Services Workshops:
All Together Now
Get involved!

• Committee and board opportunities
• Idea submissions
• E-newsletter
2023 CSLP Manual

New this year:

• Activities by material type
• Section for standalone printables
• New program breakdowns
Artist: Frank Morrison

Young kids

Kids

Teens

Adults
Upcoming Themes

• 2024: Adventure Begins at Your Library with artist Juana Martinez-Neal

• 2025: Color Our World (art theme) with artist Brian Floca

• 2026: Dinosaur theme (slogan and artist TBD)
• Kindness for:
  • Others
  • Community
  • Animals
  • The environment
  • Yourself!
All Together Now Craft Ideas

Kids’ craft: Finger Labyrinths
Teen craft: Kindness bookmarks

- You're loved
- You're wanted
- Be proud of who you are

There will always be someone who loves you. So don't stop being yourself.

There's always someone that's gonna love you no matter what.

Never give up
Adult craft: DIY gift wrapping
For All Ages: Services

- Food
- Menstrual supplies
- Laundry access
- No overdue fines
- No fees for lost/damaged children’s materials
- Therapy dogs
- Little Free Libraries and Pantries
- Food and hygiene supply drives
- Gender neutral bathrooms
- Donation to charity instead of incentives
SEL Library Section
Free Care Kits at DeKalb libraries
Friendly signage
Create an outdoor safe space

Garden of Reflection, Derry, Northern Ireland
To circulate

- Wellness/mindfulness/meditation kits
- Memory kits
- Kits for caregivers of seniors
- Family book discussion kits
- Anti-bullying kits
- Anti-racism kits
- SEL kits
Take and makes

- Self-care bags
- DIY greeting cards
- Kindness buckets
- DIY animal toys to donate to a shelter
- Meditation bags
- Finger labyrinths
- Appreciation packages
- Random Acts of Kindness kits
- Kindness Rocks
Partners

- Random Acts of Kindness Foundation (based in CO!)
- Peer Kindness, Montrose
- Spark the Change Colorado
- Raising Kindness
- Unity Project, CO Springs
- Aurora (and other cities) Sister Cities International
- Best Buddies CO
- Friendship Circle of CO
Celebrate kindness and service

- MLK Day of Service, Jan. 16
- National Volunteer Week, April 16-22
- World Kindness Day, Nov. 13
- National Day of Service, Sept. 11
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Kids

• Service projects
• Community science projects
• Collaborative puzzles
• Halloween costume exchange
• Yoga (maybe with animals!)
• Kindness Rocks (have a rock garden!)
• Collaborative art
Labyrinths
Kids: Your turn!

Your turn!

In small groups, outline a program for kids for the summer:

• Outreach to an underserved group
• Intergenerational program
• Community service project
• Outdoor event
• Circulating kit
• Your choice!
Teens

- Community service projects
- Community science projects
- DIY sleeping mats from plastic bags
- Collaborative art project
- Group writing project
- Inclusive book club choices
Teens

• Prom dress exchange
• Guided meditation
• Yoga
• Hygge series
• Make Buddy, Positivity, or Friendship Benches

Jefferson County Library

Madison Public Library
Teens

• Write and hide uplifting messages
• For Freedoms project
• Kit assembly for charities
• Little Free Libraries
• Bullying prevention

Waltham Public Library
What can summer look like for teens?

• Ask your teens!!
• Keep it simple
• Partnerships
• Teen-led
• Multiple formats
• Take it into your community
• Focus on underserved audiences
• Reduce barriers to participate
• Service based
Adults

- Yarn bombing
- Human Library
- Community scavenger hunt
- Community wellness program
- One Kind Word Project
- Phone in meditation
- Meal sharing events
- Kindness Club
- Host a blood drive
- DIY eco-friendly gift wrap/bags
Your turn!

Select a program/service to outline for the summer:

• Outreach to an underserved group
• Community service project
• Circulating kit
• Partnering with a community organization (or 2!)
• Intergenerational program
• 2 take and makes
Using simple feedback to create the summer program your community wants

Overarching goal:

The library will work with the community to co-design a summer program where community members engage in participatory, active learning and strengthen social connections.
Wish trees

Great for seeking open-ended input
Dot boards

Great for narrowing specific options, and adaptable for all ages!
Pie in the sky ideas!

Instead of dismissing them, find the core of the idea and turn it into a feasible project that still fills the need and interest.

1. Let’s have Neil Gaiman do a writing workshop for teens at our library!

2. We kids want a week-long overnight camp at the library! For free!
Putting it all together

• Gather input from library users AND nonusers
• Group ideas; include them all to start
• Find the commonalities
• Break out pie in the sky ideas into core wishes that are do-able
• Prioritize—you can’t do it all!!!
• Communicate plans, highlighting community input