

Teen Programs @ the Rice Lake Public Library

Teen Yoga

Cost: Free

Community Resource: Local Yoga Instructor

Local instructor Lynda Sirrianni brought an intro to yoga lesson to the library for teens. She included handouts and talked about healthy habits. Our turnout was mostly girls, but they really liked it and it was free and easy!

Teen Movie Night

Cost: Movie Licensing + \$50/ month for pizza and drinks

Community Resource: Pizza Hut sponsors this program for 3 months in the summer and offers us a discount during the school year

Each month TAG members choose a PG or PG-13 movie that we have rights to through SWANK. We show the movie and serve pizza and besides being fun, this is a great way to get new teens into the library and build relationships with them.

Teen Space Design

Cost: \$30 for supplies

Community Resource: Local Interior Designer

We had a designer come to talk with teens about how they could redesign their own spaces at home inexpensively. She brought fabric samples, photos of things she had done for teens, and design ideas. Great turnout and the teens had lots of good questions. Teens later came together to apply what they had learned to our Teen Space at the library.

Spa Day

Cost: \$75 prizes and supplies (prizes optional)

Community Resources: Clinique counter make-up artist, Local manicurist

We decorated our space with white tulle and Christmas lights. We did a bath scrub craft that used oatmeal in white washcloths tied with ribbon and then had the manicurist at one table and Clinique at another. Both ladies came for free. The make-up artist talked about moisturizing your skin and then did age-appropriate make-up on all of the girls. The manicurist did everyone's nails. (Note: Next time I would have at least 2 manicurists as that took awhile for all of the girls to get their nails done.) Then we drew for door prizes which were gift baskets of bath and beauty supplies.

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Mehndi/ Henna

Cost: \$50 dyes and applicators (Amazon.com party kit was plenty of dye but needed more applicators)

Community Resource: Local woman from Pakistan offered to demonstrate design elements

This was our best attended teen program in summer 2009. We had over 50 teens come (boys and girls) and they loved doing this! The only thing I would say is to have plenty of books for checkout on the subject and to splurge on the extra applicators so teens aren't standing around waiting for too long.

Tie-Dye

Cost: \$400 (\$200 for dye kits and \$200 for white hats/ bags to dye)

Community Resource: Volunteers!

This is an expensive program, but one that we did for kids and teens together. Our TAG members came and helped younger kids with the tie-dyeing and then did their own clothing pieces at the end. You could definitely do this program and ask that teens bring their own clothing items instead of providing it. Also, the above amount was enough for 275 kids and teens to tie-dye so you could easily adjust down for smaller groups. We did this outside where we set up 4 stations.

Station 1—Rubber Bands

Station 2—Water bins to soak their items

Station 3—Dyes (4 tables of bottled dye and 4 buckets of color for dunking)

Station 4—Wrap in plastic wrap and bag.

TAG Fundraisers

Cost: \$10 (Milk/ Juice)

Community Resource: Teens!

Our TAG members decided to host a bake sale to raise money for their new teen furniture. They met to decide on recipes, split up the ingredients list, arranged to borrow a church kitchen for baking, and worked out a schedule for the day of the sale. The only thing I had to do was advertise the bake sale, provide them with tables and platters for the baked goods and supervise at the kitchen. It was wonderful and they raised over \$100. Their next fundraiser is on Halloween when they plan to set up a fall backdrop behind some hay bales and take photos of children in their costumes. They will sell the prints for \$5 and add the money to their furniture fund. This is another idea they have come up with on their own and implemented really well.

Teen DIY

Cost: \$25--\$50 per month

Community Resource: Depends on craft

We do a monthly teen craft that generates a turnout of 10-20 teens each month. In the past year, our more successful ones have included: Jeans decorating, Marble Magnets, wooden letters, GOCKS, and beading/ jewelry making.