

Collaborative Summer Library Program 2020

PROGRAM IDEAS

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For ideas from past years, see the CSLP Program Ideas from Past Years document, linked from [this page](#).

These ideas are arranged by age, but are otherwise in no particular order. You will find ideas relevant to the CSLP 2020 Imagine Your Story theme, as well as other un-themed ideas. *To search this document for a particular topic, use Ctrl-F.*

Access the most recent version of this document on the ISL website:

Direct link - <https://www.in.gov/library/files/CSLP%202020%20program%20ideas.pdf>

Or go to – www.library.in.gov > Services for Libraries > Resources for Librarians Serving Youth > Collaborative Summer Library Program/CSLP 2020: Program Ideas for All Ages document

Additional Resources for CSLP planning

General

- CSLP website: <http://www.cslpreads.org/>
- CSLP Shop (to order incentives, posters, etc.): <https://www.cslpreads.org/shop/>
 - **Note:** You must be logged into the CSLP website to reach the online store.
- ISL's Resources for Librarians Serving Youth: <http://www.in.gov/library/4642.htm>

Programming Resources

- Indiana State Library's CSLP 2020 Pinterest page with program ideas: <https://www.pinterest.com/INStateLibrary/cslp-2020-imagine-your-story/>
- CSLP's Pinterest page (look for 2020 boards by age group): <https://za.pinterest.com/cslpreads/>
- ISL's Indiana Young Readers' Center CSLP 2020 Program Guide: https://www.in.gov/library/files/CSLP_IYRC_Program_Guide_2020_sm.pdf
- The Nature Conservancy's 2020 Program Guide: <https://www.in.gov/library/files/Nature%20Conservancy%20Library%20Program%20Guide.pdf>
- Performers recommended by Indiana library staff: <https://continuinged.isl.in.gov/performers-list/>
- Indiana Storytelling Arts – Storytellers: <https://storytellingarts.org/storytellers/>
- Indiana Storytelling Arts – Teachers' Guide: <https://storytellingarts.org/teachers-guide/>

Artwork Options

- The four original posters edited by State Library of Michigan staff to remove problem images, available for your library to print: <http://bit.ly/LM2020CSLP>

Summer Food Info

- USDA's Summer Food Service Program Toolkit: <https://www.fns.usda.gov/sfsp/summer-meals-toolkit>
- Indiana SFSP information: <https://www.doe.in.gov/nutrition/summer-food-service-program>

Other Resources

- California Library Association webinar about outcomes-based Summer Reading Programs: <https://calchallenge.org/workshops/march-1-2018-summer-reading-outcomes-webinar/>

Program Ideas

All Ages/Any Age program ideas

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- Prince and Princess Tea/Party or "Royal Party" / could have a focus on table manners, trying new foods, etc. Other tea party ideas – Alice in Wonderland, Tea with Queen, Mad Hatter Tea Party; Fancy Nancy tea party.
- "Tell Your Elders' Stories" - have older community members/family tell kids their story. For added impact, have the kids then retell it in their own words.
- Fairy Tale Night – family members dress in costumes, have books, activities, games centered on fairy tales. Or, "Imagine Yourself As..." Day. Make Rapunzel braid bookmarks.
- Bring in Disney princesses/princes (can be hired locally, or get costumes). One idea shared—bring in Jasmine and Aladdin, hold prince and princess training, include songs, a short skit, and a photo op. Could also be done as a Saturday breakfast, like the Princess Breakfasts done at Disney World.
- Hold a comic con at your library. Feature mythological characters.
- Family Show & Tell: Families select an item (heirloom, memorable thing) and share its story with the audience.
- Kick-off party idea: Fantasy theme activities and snacks for all ages – castle bounce house, VR game with a fantasy theme, crafts consisting of crowns, wands (magic or fairy wands), décor... etc.

- Three Little Pigs building challenge – Read 2-3 versions of the fairy tale, build a house out of craft materials to house their own 'little pig' (could be paper or other). One library uses straws, popsicle sticks, and LEGOs. Bonus—make it STEM by challenging them to build a house strong enough to stand up to the wolf's breath, aka a hair dryer! Teacherspayteachers.com offers a number of these fairytale based STEM programs for a small fee. <https://inventionlandinstitute.com/steam-lesson-plan-three-little-pigs-design-challenge/>
- Bring in a storyteller through Arts for Learning Indiana; hire a local puppet or other traveling theater to present a fairy-tale based play.
- Hold a Storytelling Extravaganza/Weekend or "Be the Storyteller" event – make it a storytelling contest, offer other activities such as group storytelling (one person starts and you add to it as you go around the circle).
- Hold a Fairytale Film Festival or just show a series of fairytale based movies through summer. Interactive movies are also popular and fun (sing with the characters, yell lines out loud, eat what the characters are eating, etc.) – www.teenthinktank.net contains lots of scripts that tell you what props you'll need and when to interact with the movies. Shrek is a good one for this summer.
- Peter Pan program – Newport Aquarium has a crocodile show they will bring to libraries in a radius from them (near Cincinnati).
- Sidewalk Art/Picasso – block off squares on your sidewalk using chalk or watered down tempera paint, then invite people to create masterpieces on the sidewalk; this program could be for any age or all ages! Ask for fairytale themed art.
- Library in northern Indiana is hiring a harpist who recites fairy tales while she plays, and does all the character voices. Anna Hagen – <https://www.annahagenharpist.com/wp/>
- Fantasy "Glamour Shots" – use green screen and photo editing software, props, etc. to take photos of people with dragons, unicorns, etc.
- Family Disney musical Name that Tune.
- Family Fandom – 4-6 activities around specific fandom (Harry Potter, Marvel, Frozen, Pokemon) for families to participate in together. Have someone dress up in a related costume for photo opp!
- Bowling Night – rent a local bowling alley and invite families to attend! One library did this with great success in their community. May be able to strike a good deal with the alley.

- Invite a local musician to come in and do a “Behind the Music” style concert—play songs and tell the stories of how they were written/inspired, etc.
- Journaling – decorate a journal (purchased or made), give them some writing prompts/talk about what people write in journals. Use Indiana Young Reader’s Center program guide, linked in Resources section, above. Bullet Journal – hold a how-to class for teens or adults
 - Get started with 5 questions: Five things I like about myself that make me unique; Five people I’d like to meet; Five things I’d pack in my suitcase that I could not travel without; Five places I’d like to travel.
- Constellation stories! Rent a planetarium or just show pictures of the constellations, talk about how to find them and the stories behind them. <http://clearinghouse.starnetlibraries.org/> may help with this.
- Hold a Book Tasting for any age group. Set up tables with several book options (by genre works well) then have people spend a set amount of time at each table until they’ve been to all of them. Give them a “menu” with space to keep track of what they are most interested in. Lots of resources online!
- Three Billy Goats Gruff puppet show with a craft (or any other simple fairy tale)—let the kids make their own simple puppets from craft materials and give them a simplified script to take home and recreate the show! Gingerbread Man puppet show could be followed by decorating gingerbread men cookies.
- Contact someone who does Renaissance Fair cosplay, invite them to show off their costumes and depending on their skills/interests, they could talk history or demonstrate costume making, etc. For instance, one librarian knows a fencing instructor. Encourage medieval LARPing (live action role playing). Hold your own library Renaissance Fair. Bobbing for apples and other activities.
- End summer with a Back to School Bash – provide notebooks or binders for kids to decorate with duct tape and makers, play games, have ice cream, etc.
- Board game night- there are lots of games that would work with the theme! Two ideas: Fairy Tile and The Enchanted Tower.
- Hold a drawing contest for any or all ages! One library did superheros but could do mythological or fairy tale characters instead.
- Mascot Design Contest – design a mascot for the library or the children’s department. The winning design can be made into a real stuffed plushie via a website like Budsies.com. Could make one for library and one for winner.
- Minute-to-Win-it family program with various game stations.

- Cupcake decorating program – get ideas online – can bake cupcakes yourself or negotiate discount from local grocery/bakery; for extra fun, do it in the style of “Nailed It” (Netflix cake decorating show).
- Beach party – bring towels, wear flip flops, hats, sunglasses, eat ice pops, play surfer music, play games like limbo and “hot beach ball” (hot potato but with a beach ball). Or “Splash” day with water games incorporated. Make ice cream in a bag (recipes on internet).
- Invite your local “Community Helpers” (fire dept, police, etc.) to do programs at your library; they often have an outreach division and are very willing to do this. Sometimes they are willing to incorporate a “Touch a Truck” sort of event, where the kids can explore the firetruck, police car, etc.
- For Northeast Indiana libraries – Fort Wayne Youth Theatre has a traveling troupe of teens who will do performances with audience participation. <https://www.fortwayneyouththeatre.org/> Also for NE Indiana, Scheumann Farm & Petting Zoo will bring a miniature pony dressed as a unicorn to your library for photo ops – www.scheumannfarm.com
- For Southeast Indiana libraries – Jeff Nicholas, Cincinnati artist/cartoonist draws character as he tells a story and can be hired to come to your library. <http://www.jnicholasart.com/>

Preschool/Early Literacy program ideas

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***DON'T FORGET**—your CSLP Early Literacy manual contains a wealth of book, song, fingerplay, craft, and other storytime-related ideas!*

Check these sites for songs, rhymes, and other storytime ideas:

- Jbrary: <https://jbrary.com/>
- Storytime Katie: <https://storytimekatie.com/>
- Parent/Child or Guardian/Child Fairy Tale Ball
- Chicken Story Time – read with a live chicken – read the book Chicken Storytime – do a craft of a solo cup chicken noise maker. <https://sciencebob.com/chicken-sounds-from-a-cup/> Chicken Little is a good tie-in.
- Introduce young children to the Chronicles of Narnia series through felt board, puppet shows, and interactive stories. (google for ideas)
- Sensory bins – make “fairy dust” from salt and food coloring, they can write in it or you can hide fairy tale related items in it (see Pinterest). Can also use moon sand, water, beans, etc.

- Gingerbread house class – make a castle instead of house, or tie it into Hansel and Gretel. Can use graham crackers in a pinch!
- Dress up storytime with fairy tale characters or prince/princess/royalty theme. Have a parade around the library for everyone, whether or not they dressed up! Ask for costume/dress donations to have on hand for kids who don't come in costume.
- Do a storytime with different versions of the same tale (Cinderella stories from different countries, etc.)
- Fairy Tale Dance Party! Dance to Disney princess movie songs.
- Use fairy tales to create puppet shows that the librarians do, or the kids can use for imaginative play. Paper bag puppets, stick puppets, sock puppets... Can make puppets out of kitchen utensils, also! Shadow puppets are another option.
- Jack's Bean Sprouts – a gardening club one library plans to do for littles! – another name suggested – Messy Little Gardners – build a castle in the sky using shaving cream in a tub as the clouds and DUPLOs for the castle. Try planting beans, they are relatively easy to grow. Can do this in cups, in library garden, etc. Seed Savers Exchange will send free seeds to your library!
<https://www.seedsavers.org/>
- Do a Once Upon a Story Time Yoga program – some poses can be related to fairy tale characters. Kidding Around Yoga and Yogibrarian are good resource websites. Mindfulness and movement program with breathing exercises and short periods of meditation.
- Jewelry crafts – can be done on different scales for each age (pony beads for kids, real jewelry for adults); make royal jewels.
- Noah's Ark animal building workshop – like Build-a-Bear, can order the animals and materials and put them together at your library during program. Several animals could work for fairy tales.
www.noahsarkworkshop.com
- Gardening/STEAM – plant beans (magic beans?!), pumpkins (Cinderella)
- Teddy Bears' Picnic – set up picnic blanket with teddy bears on it and a picnic basket; say the basket has a hole in it and you've lost everything from inside! Go on a hunt through the library to find the missing food following paper cut outs of bear paw prints. Finish up with the rhyme "Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear, Turn Around!"
- Do a Pete the Cat storytime; using his Old MacDonald book, sing the song; create paper/cardstock animals and put them on craft sticks so the kids can wave them in the air during the song.

- Read *Where the Wild Things Are*, make crowns, have a wild rumpus parade.
- Picture Book Putt Putt – use painter’s tape to outline each hole; every hole has a different book theme. Print off or find props to correspond to the book at each hole. Can find cheap child-sized plastic golf-clubs at dollar store.
- Don’t forget—you can take storytimes on the go to a local park, police station, restaurant, store, etc.

Children’s/School Age program ideas

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- LEGO Club – Castle edition! Or, make castles from recycled materials – make it a challenge – have groups build as tall as they can, or make them so they can hold a certain amount of weight, etc.
- Make castles from recycled materials; make magic reading wands with popsicle sticks (decorate and use to point to words as they read).
- Make marshmallow catapults: <https://www.wikihow.com/Make-a-Marshmallow-Catapult> Great if paired with castle building challenge—use the marshmallow catapults to knock down the castles!
- Hold a Wizard Camp!
- Make glow in the dark fairies from soda bottles – adapted from lightning bug craft – <https://onelittleproject.com/pop-bottle-firefly/> Another option is to create a “fairy bottle”-- <https://bitzniggles.com/glowing-fairy-bottle/> Or, a cut-paper lantern similar to this: <https://liagriffith.com/fall-paper-cut-lantern/> (but with fairies instead of leaves)
- Moana Mythology Party – hire a presenter to dress as Moana, read tales/folklore from Hawaii and other Polynesian islands. Could do similar things with other Disney or book characters.
- Knights/Knight Training program – Decorate a cardboard shield, make up a story about being a knight. What are your strengths? What adventures do you go on? Set up challenges such as ‘slay the dragon,’ ‘capture the dragon egg,’ or ‘rescue the village person’—essentially, an obstacle course. Jousting with pool noodles.

- Order blank books (or staple paper together to make a “book”) and let kids draw and write to create their own ‘book.’ Note- Amazon has blank *board* books. East Chicago Public Library did this with elementary aged kids and called it “Our Story” – the kids wrote their own stories.
- Alice in Wonderland mini-golf. Could use lawn flamingos instead of clubs!
- Hold a National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo) Summer Camp - <https://ywp.nanowrimo.org/pages/summer>
- Make fire breathing dragon puppets
- Percy Jackson – “Battle of Cabins” program – Give groups or “cabins” of children challenges where they earn points – Build the Parthenon, STEM challenges, etc.
- Cardboard castle building—collect boxes and let them build. Ask local furniture/appliance/grocery stores to donate extra large boxes. Provide other materials to decorate creations.
- Fairy Tale Character Scavenger Hunt – print characters and hang around library; each character has number. Kids have ‘bingo’ style cards with character pictures/names on them; they write the number they see next to the hanging character on the bingo card to verify they saw it. Or, just play Fairytale dress up BINGO! They come dressed up as their favorite character and you can give away fairytale-related prizes or books.
- Enchanted Forest Dioramas – kids bring a shoebox, library supplies art materials; create an enchanted forest in the box. <https://theimaginationtree.com/little-red-riding-hood-story-box/>
- STEM fairy tale program; use book Fairy Tale Fixers (or get creative on your own) and offer activities like building the three little pigs houses and testing them for strength; get Rapunzel out of her tower, etc.
- Use the book The Library Gingerbread Man to talk about Dewey Decimal System.
- Dragon and Unicorn Party, or Mermaid party – make dragon or mermaid eggs using air dry clay and press jewels and other shiny items into the clay. Hold a dragon egg hunt by hiding pre-made eggs around the library. Suggestion for making dragon (aka dinosaur) eggs: <https://www.instructables.com/id/DIY-Dinosaur-Eggs/>

- Rick Riordan “Camp Half-Blood” Program – kids complete series of challenges. Poseidon Water Day in partnership with local pool, can include stories and crafts in addition to water games.
- Make Fairy gardens – collect jars or plant pots, provide potting soil and small plants (may be able to source these from avid gardeners in your community) and plant along with small items like fairy doors and little toy fairies, etc.
- Recreate Ancient Greek myths; do a mythology program—make Greek masks, Greek god/goddess coloring sheets, watch videos about Greek mythology.
- Fairytale Escape Room/breakout box – search online or Breakout EDU for ideas
- Fairy Tale Con for elementary kids – dress up as your favorite fairy tale; tell about your character; have fairy tale themed crafts; have a photo booth set up for pictures
- Harry Potter Triwizard Tournament! Quidditch Tournament in a local park!
- Make a diorama of a fairy tale or myth
- Science of Stories – plant “magic” beans, etc. Fizzing Fairy Potions – using baking soda, vinegar, dish soap, glitter, food coloring, glass jar, etc. <https://theimaginationtree.com/science-activity-fizzing-fairy-potions/>
- Fractured fairytale readers’ theater, or even act out a traditional fairy tale. Get kids involved in costuming and sets, and even writing the script. Could be multi-week program. Or, could do this as an improve activity – select a well known tale and change up the details, then tell the new story.
- Make storytelling rocks—you paint or mod podge characters from fairy tales to smooth rocks and as you tell the story, you set the characters out one at a time. Many examples on Pinterest, see ISL’s Pinterest page (linked in Resources above).
- Roll Your Roles – divide kids into groups and give them each a 6 sided die along with three lists of 6 each of fairy tale heroes, villains, and items. They roll to get their combination (one hero/one villain/one item) and then create a short story or skit to act out.
- “Imagine What I Can Be When I Grow Up” – bring in people from all types of professions to talk to the kids. Could be a series. Community helpers are especially appealing and often come with interesting uniforms/vehicles/etc., but any job could work!

- Build a fairy house, create fairies from craft materials (search pinterest for ideas). Or, create a lighted silhouette fairy in a jar (pinterest).
- “Favorite Book Character Day” – make masks, hats, and props; use photo background of castle.
- Make-a-Monster: Read “She Made a Monster” by Lynn Fulton then construct own monster out of construction paper; could possibly lead to writing or telling story about their monster.
- Silly Storytime for older kids (K-2nd) centered around *Mother Bruce* books by Higgins; read the stories, do a bear hotel craft based on *Hotel Bruce* book; do “Going on a Bear Hunt,” have a snack.
- Messy Art Day – use leftover craft supplies from other programs (clear out the craft closet!), let them make whatever they want.
- Slime is always good! Numerous resources, just google.
- Hold a robot obstacle course using spheros and any other robots your library may own; set up the course in advance, or let the kids design it.
- Food/Cooking – make/build/decorate gingerbread houses from Hansel & Gretel (could use graham crackers, too!); Make gingerbread men cookies for the Gingerbread Man tale.
- Create your own graphic novel/comic strip. Tell YOUR story! Hold a comic book club.
- Build a rubber band powered car or other vehicle using LEGOs and rubber bands; see whose goes farthest.
- Life-sized board games! Candy Land – could change character names to fairy tale names...
- TEI Landmark Audio sells MakerSpace and summer reading themed programming kits:
<http://teilandmarkaudio.com/pages/makerspace.aspx>
- Minute to Win It challenge programs are always popular and can be done inexpensively. YouTube has lots of ideas.
- Trickster Day (originally done as April Fools program) – various stations with projects like making fake poop, brown “E’s” (brown die-cut E’s inside a container instead of brownies), donut seed packets (printables4mom.com), fake colored glue “spill,” etc.

- Certified therapy dogs reading program (kids read to dogs) – if you have one of these already, see if your regular dogs might be willing to wear dragon (or other fantastical) costumes this summer while the kids read to them!
- American Girl Doll Club – tell ‘their stories’ then pending age of audience, kids could tell their own story.

Teen program ideas

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- Create your own Fractured Fairytale. Read examples like Stinky Cheese Man by Scieszka.
- Creative writing class teens. Have them tell their stories (Imagine Your Story) or focus on modes of storytelling, of which writing is one. “Write the story of your future” or their autobiography.
- Rick Riordan book club for teens.
- Green Screen – movie making – movies are a mode of storytelling
- LARPing (Live Action Roleplay) – based on fairytales, mythology, or a well-known story. The teens do the actual role playing and adults are brought in as volunteers to be the “non-player characters” and interact with the teen’s characters—adults can be monsters the teens need to defeat, etc. Lessons on how to LARP, how to make costumes, etc. can take place in the weeks beforehand or even the morning of the event.
- Horcrux Scavenger Hunt (Harry Potter) – Teams compete to destroy/find all the Horcruxes and defeat Voldemort, they are hidden through the library.
- Order blank books so teens can write their own graphic novel. Could also staple paper together to accomplish this if needed.
- Hold a National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo) summer camp for ages 13 and up - <https://campnanowrimo.org/>
- “Interrupting Anime” – have manga blocks of a few stories at their climax point and leave the rest blank for teen anime fans to finish.

- Play art game Exquisite Corpse – could call it Exquisite Mythological Monster, etc. Fold paper in three, a person begins drawing the head of a monster; fold that part over and pass to next person, who draws torso of monster without knowing what the head looks like; next person draws bottom of monster. At end, unfold it to see your creation!
- Use Google CS “storytelling” function for preteens/teens to create own story. Just google “Google CS!”
- Hide-n-Seek in the library- after hours – serve pizza and let teens have free reign in the library (with supervision!)
- Medieval weaponry/armor cosplay and/or crafting (using foam!)
- Bad Art Night – create the baddest art with random art supplies.
- Nailed It (show on Netflix) cookie/cake decorating program for Adults – show them picture of a beautifully decorated cookie, cupcake, etc. and they have to recreate it – library provides the base cookie or cupcake and decorations – they decorate.
- Food program focused on food from fantasy movies/books – butter beer from Harry Potter, Turkish delight from Chronicles of Narnia, tea from Alice in Wonderland, etc.
- Interactive story walk – teens write, stage, rehearse, plan, & perform an interactive storywalk for kids in the community. Could be outside or inside library. More info:
<https://www.kellogghubbard.org/storywalk>
- Escape Room – “Escape from Medusa’s Lair.”
- Let’s go on a Quest – obstacles and games that kids can compete in
- Awkward/Fairy Tale Story – play a game where the group builds a story together.
- Make Fairy gardens – collect jars or plant pots, provide potting soil and small plants (may be able to source these from avid gardeners in your community) and plant along with small items like fairy doors and little toy fairies, etc.
- Percy Jackson movie marathon and/or trivia

- Set up a Dungeons and Dragons club or other tabletop roleplaying game. If you don't know how to lead these yourself, talk to local game stores, D&D website <https://dnd.wizards.com/>, watch YouTube series Critical Role for an idea of how D&D works (heads-up, this is a very high-level D&D game that has been going on for years and is played by professional voice actors—but it shows you what the game can be): <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCpXBGqwsBkpvcYjsJBQ7LEQ>
- World Building 101: Creative writing/art opportunity to develop a world setting for stories, games, etc. Develop your own creation myth, religion, countries, politics, and more. Donjon.bin.sh is a world building generator.
- Create a dragon egg from papier-mache; decorate. Make paper dragon puppets: <https://rufflesandrainsboots.com/paper-dragon-puppets/>
- Egg Drop challenge – Dragon Egg Drop Challenge? - Give them a raw egg and materials for them to create a protective structure around the egg. Drop them from a height and see which ones don't break. Participants should test and adjust their creations as they go!
- Dragon egg bath bombs
- Harry Potter Wizard's Ball
- Summer-ween – Halloween myths in the summer – taken from Gravity Falls TV show
- Lit Café – themed to mythology/folktales/fairytales
- Special effects make-up program – one library invited a local theatre make-up artist to give lessons; you can find some ideas online, also. Zombie make-up is an extension of this.
- STEM-related program – one idea is to have kids roll a marble through a pool noodle to try to knock down fat sidewalk chalk that is standing upright. Discuss probability, make guesses about how many attempts it might take to knock over the chalk, discuss what worked and what didn't.
- College/Career Prep program – invite local scholarship coach or school counselors to talk about applying for scholarships and how to find them, FAFSA, etc.
- Sewing program for teens – learn basic hand sewing with simple projects, or use sewing machine if library (or staff member) has one. Pillows, tote bags, pillow cases, notebook covers, stuffed animals.

- Invite a local author such as Sandra Mitchell to speak. Sandra can lead workshops, talks, etc. www.saundramitchell.com

Adult program ideas

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- Ask local Classics professors to do a talk
- Fairy Tale or Mythology Trivia
- Cosplay – invite local who cosplay in to talk about the process of creating a character/costume.
- Ballroom dancing class/series – end with a fairy tale ball for adults!
- Invite patrons who have visited Europe to share their pictures/travelogues, especially if they visited castles.
- Alice in Wonderland tea party for Adults, or hold a tea tasting – try different flavors/styles or teas from different countries. Learn about the traditional Japanese tea ceremony, try matcha green tea.
- Create book art
- Escape Room/breakout box – search online or Breakout EDU for ideas. One suggested idea was “This is Sparta” based on Ancient Greece – use Greek hieroglyphics, Greek gods and goddesses, etc.
- Decorate Sgraffito pottery: <http://www.lakesidepottery.com/Pages/Pottery-tips/How-to-create-sgraffito-pottery-tutorial.htm>
- Try eco dyeing - <https://sunnastudios.co/blogs/news/eco-dyeing-an-introduction>
- Use polymer clay to create “fairy food” – on a tiny scale (small donuts, pizza, etc.) – could use these in a fairy garden, make jewelry, etc.

- Fairytale Foods cooking class
- Make resin jewelry: <https://www.resinobsession.com/resin-frequently-asked-questions/resin-jewelry-making-what-every-beginner-needs-to-know/>
- Cryptids & Speculative Zoology program - Chupacabra, Loch Ness Monster, Big Foot, etc. Local college anthropology department or local paranormal groups may be resources for presenting.
- Nailed It (show on Netflix) cookie/cake decorating program for Adults – show them picture of a beautifully decorated cookie, cupcake, etc. and they have to recreate it – library provides the base cookie or cupcake and decorations – they decorate.
- Adult painting class- mythical creatures such as unicorns, etc.
- Lord of the Rings: A History of Middle Earth – find someone in your area (enthusiastic patron? Professor?) to talk about Lord of the Rings and the rich (fantasy) history in the books.
- Ladies Night Out – women only event with food demo (chocolate fondue), invite a local performer in to entertain, offer fun games
- “Caring for our Elders” series – planning ahead for elder care. Bring in experts from community, such as lawyers, banks, funeral homes, nursing homes, etc.
- Cooking class for adults – they can help or just watch. Could select food that is found in fairy tales!
- Bob Ross painting class. Must be a certified Bob Ross instructor – bobross.com – prices will vary based on what you want and individual instructor. Usually include all materials in the cost. Library would need to decide whether to charge, request donations to cover cost, or just provide free to patrons—libraries say people are usually willing to pay, though, if cost is otherwise prohibitive for library.
- Cemetery Walk – partner with another library with genealogy and local history dept, or your local historical society to plan a cemetery walk; research people buried there who might have local significance, or relatives of participants. During walk, someone is stationed by the headstone to tell the story of that person. This was a program that was planned over several months and included the research portion, which was done by the participants/volunteers.

- Invite local crafts people in to demonstrate what they do; for instance, a woodcarver. (Could also incorporate fairy tales—Pinnochio to go with the woodcarver, etc.)

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