

Fall 2020: MiYouth Programming & Engagement Ideas



Remember to meet our community's needs:

- Equity, Diversity, Inclusion
- Activities to DO!
- Access to books/Book Giveaways
- Learning is FUN!
- Parents are their children's first and most important teachers.
- Food Insecurities
- English Language Learners
- Mental/Emotional Support
- Remote/Virtual Learning
- COVID Resources (Libraries are a trusted source) and support.
- Teens/Babysitter engagement
- At-Home Educators
- Teachers/School Districts
- Homelessness



Possible Community Partners:

- Great Starts
- Local News Media/PBS
- Zoo's/Museums/Organizations
- Drama Groups/Musical groups
- Businesses
- Parks & Rec
- Religious Groups
- Other Libraries
- Schools (public, charter, private) & Homeschool Co-ops
- Neighborhood groups & Community Spaces
- Parks & Rec
- Transportation Depts/Bus Stations
- Food Banks/Diaper Pantries
- Laundromats
- Pediatric Offices /County Health
- Local Health Dept
- Boys & Girls Clubs, YMCA, etc.
- Apartment Complexes/Low Income Housing programs



Early Childhood



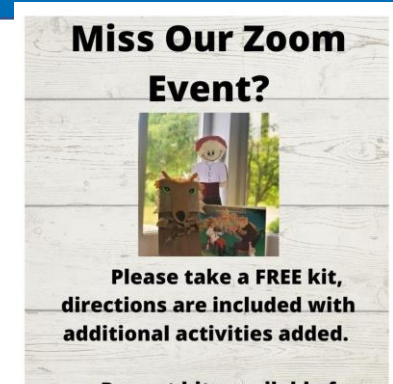
Ready to Read Michigan Kits

- A “take-home kit” for each of the 5 practices (Talk, Play, Read, Write, Sing)
 - A free book or list of diverse books from your collection that meet the practice
 - Activity/Rhymes
 - Craft
 - Storytime tool such as shakers/scarves
 - [RTRM print materials](#) from LM
- Have available for regular storytime participants, but also at bus stations, laundromats, diaper pantries, etc.
- Provide QR codes for slides or links to videos with tips and encouragement for caregivers.
- Share with local media/social media.



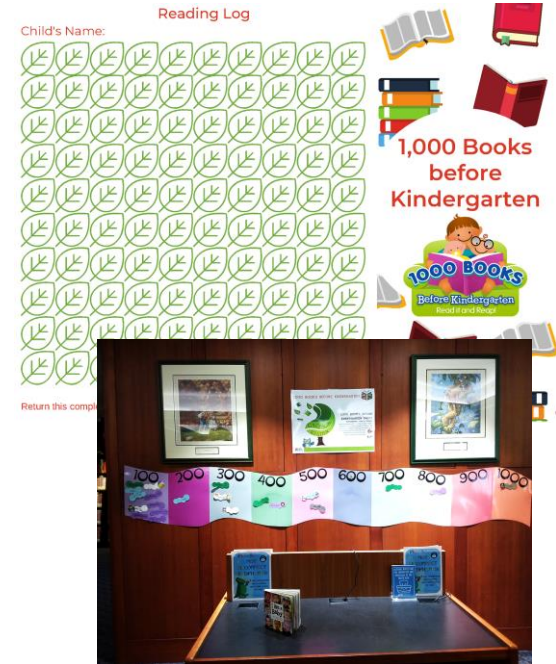
Themed Book Packs

- From “Things that Go!” to “ABC’s,” families love discovering new titles that convey their favorite things. Build & circulate “themed book packs” to families.
- Families can skip the struggle of searching & holding specific titles by relying on your expertise to build them a pack.
- Pair packs with activities, read-a-like lists, and an optional “play” item like a puppet.
- Highlight diverse books, folk tales, animals, favorite characters, and other sections of your collection.



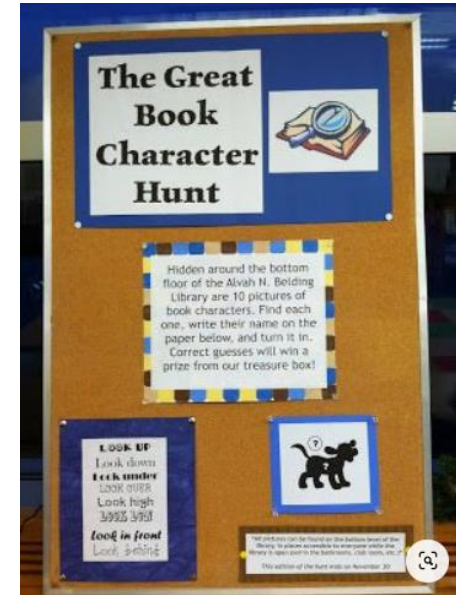
Re-Charge Your 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten!

- In addition to print reading logs, give families options to email or digitally submit logs by moving program to a virtual platform such as Wandoo Reader/Beanstack.
- Shift to fewer/combined prizes so they are easier to hand out and can be given out with curbside orders. (A small prize every 100 books, like a pencil)
- Push out 1,000 Books tips and reminders on your social media, along the lines of "Tell us what book you and your little one are enjoying this week!" to try to build a sense of community among those doing the program.
- Highlight accomplishments on social media!



Favorite Book Character Hunt

- Connect with local businesses, organizations, and neighbors to post a character from popular picture books - prepare and distribute pre-printed characters combined with a rhyme or short story verse, to hang in their window.
- Challenge families to “spot” them all and collect the story.
- Return completed hunts for a prize such as a local coupon book, food bucks to the farmers’ market, or a coloring kit.



<https://pin.it/7j4NupR>



Storybook “Drive” or Reader’s Theatre

- Recreate a favorite tale as a drive-through story play! You can record & share on your platforms for those unable to drive through.
Sample: [C.E. Weldon Public Library \(TN\) Storybook Drive](#)
- Cast & record familiar staff faces for a virtual reader’s theatre or team with the Parks department for a drive-in reading.
- Pair up with a local radio station to offer stories over the air.



School-Aged Children



Book Programs

- Battle of the Books
 - Families or school groups
 - Supply books
 - Readers Guide
 - Coaching
 - Virtual battles!
- Social Justice Book Club
- Homeschool Book Club
- First Chapter Fridays
- Winter Reading Program
- “Imagine Your Story” - year-round usage rights from CSLP.

- Themed Book Packs/Book Bundle Request Forms
- “Flamingos in the Snow!” A Winter Reading Program



POP Projects!

- “POP Projects” are quick & easy engagement activities for families on the go.
- Includes brief explanation of craft & crafting materials in a popcorn bag.
- Themed ideas are small & low cost, to fit into bag.

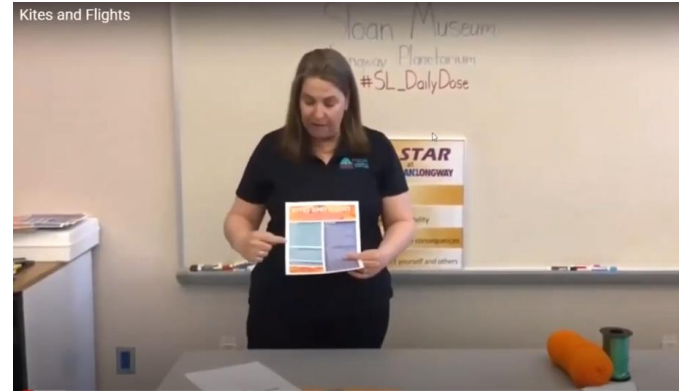


- “Make Your Own Scratch-off Ticket”
 - Draw a picture, write the punchline of a joke, or let a friend know how much you care about them.
 - Cover the words or drawing with a scratch off sticker and give it to someone special!



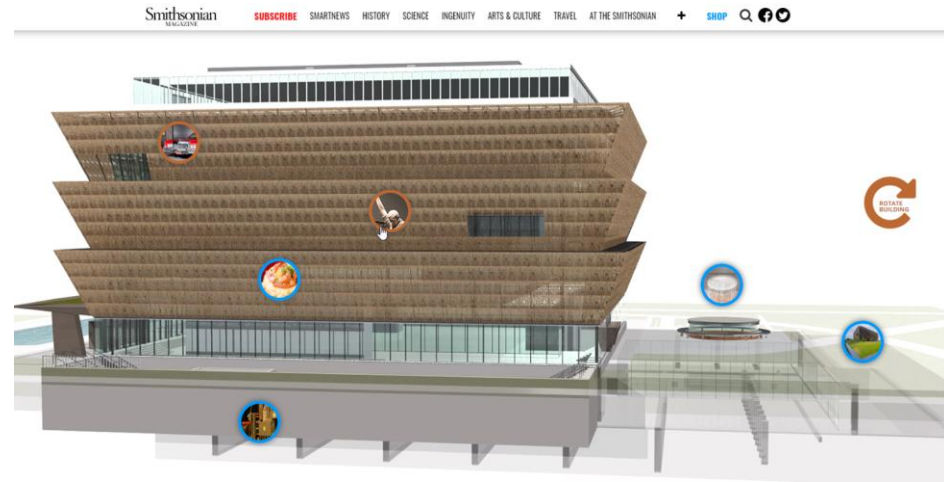
STEM @ Home

- ❖ Provide take-home kits or a list of commonly found materials around the house.
- ❖ Supplement with live-time or recorded videos.
- ❖ Work with local schools to supplement curriculum.
- ❖ Resources:
 - [Program Model: Science @ Home](#)
 - [Motion! with Longway Planetarium](#)
 - [STEM in the Kitchen with Longway Planetarium](#)
 - [Materials for Longway Webinars](#)



Virtual Field Trips

- Collaborate with local museums and organizations like the zoo!
- Pre-record video or host live “walkthroughs,” or share one of the many free virtual tours on websites from around the nation and world.
- Feature related books from your collection.
- Allow time for Q&A with participants.
- Make the Library a “stop” on the tour list. (more on this soon...)



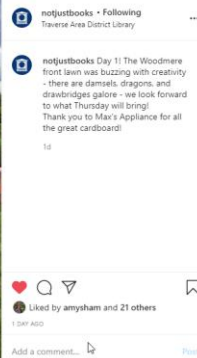
“Build a...” Challenges

- Create a challenge calendar to send home or post a regular challenge on social media.
- Mix in various materials or stick to one format such as:
 - Legos
 - Minecraft
 - Roblox
- Take it outside!
 - Mark off lawn space or use a local park to offer building challenges.



LEGO CHALLENGE CALENDAR
31 Days of Fun Ideas for Any Month!

DAY 2 Build a Person With Moving Legs and Arms	DAY 3 Build a Catapult	DAY 4 Build a Robot	DAY 5 Build a House That Opens	DAY 6 Build a Box That Floats
DAY 8 Build a Box With a Lid	DAY 9 Build a Small World Scene	DAY 10 Write a Comic Strip for a Minifigure	DAY 11 Build a Model of Your Room	DAY 12 Build a Simple Machine
DAY 14 Build a Favorite Character	DAY 15 Make a Mosaic Using Flat Pieces On Baseplate	DAY 16 Draw a Design Make it with LEGO Bricks	DAY 17 Build Something To Go With A Favorite Book	DAY 18 Build a swimming pool for a minifigure
DAY 20 Build a Pyramid	DAY 21 Build a Marble Run	DAY 22 Draw a Play Mat and Add LEGO	DAY 23 Learn Paper Football and Build a Goal	DAY 24 Have a Minifigure Building Race
DAY 26 Try to Sink a Minifigure	DAY 27 Build a Zip Line	DAY 28 Make Your Own LEGO Skittles Game	DAY 29 Build a Parachute for a Minifigure	DAY 30 Build a Car Attach a Marker and Draw!
				DAY 31 Ask For a Bin of Soapy Water! Wash LEGO!



History Hunts

- Team up with your local history librarian or a local history organization.
- Be creative in tying in local “stops” for the hunt & sharing history. Use images like historic postcards from your collection as clues!
- Use Geocaching type model or create a simple checklist.
- Create a hashtag for families to share on social media & build engagement.
- Partner/include local businesses to help boost the hunt.
- Provide QR codes or signs that expand the story at each “stop.”



Get ready to put your puzzle solving skills to the test as you go back in time to solve a history mystery in downtown Grand Haven!

This challenge combines a virtual puzzle with a real world scavenger hunt. Use historic photos, maps, and other clues to find your way around your favorite modern downtown locations.




Tweens/Teens



Game Time!

- [Online Board Gaming](#) from Webjunction
- [Build Your Own Board Game](#)
 - Add take-home kits
 - Video instructions
 - “Show & Tell”
- Additional gaming ideas:
 - [Jeopardy Labs](#)
 - [Jackbox Games](#)
 - Trivia Breaks
 - Tap into staff interests
 - [Kahoot](#)
- Virtual Role Playing
 - [Roll 20](#)
 - [Fantasy Grounds](#)

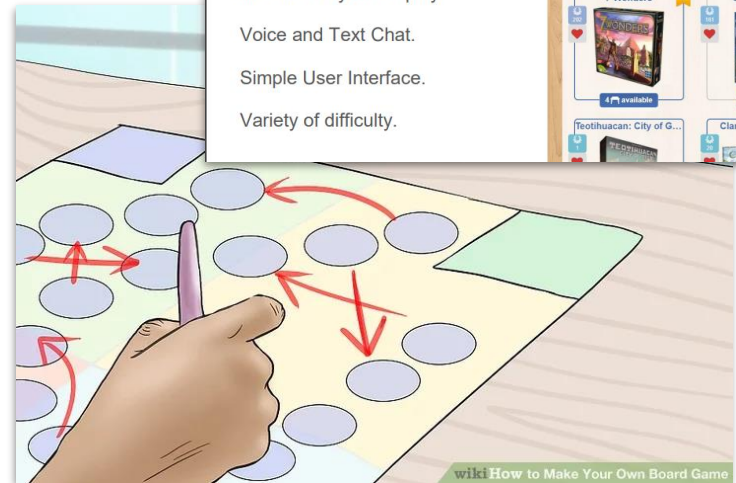


Board Game Arena

175+ Games (new games once every two weeks or so)
Small Annual Fee for Premium.

Only one person needs to have this for everyone to play.

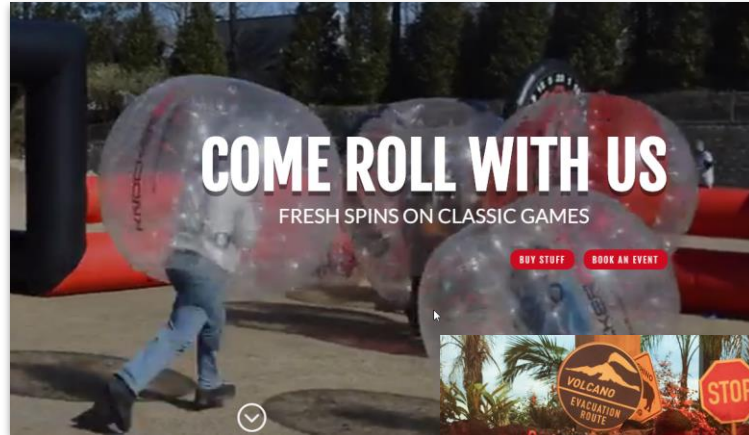
Voice and Text Chat.
Simple User Interface.
Variety of difficulty.



wild How to Make Your Own Board Game

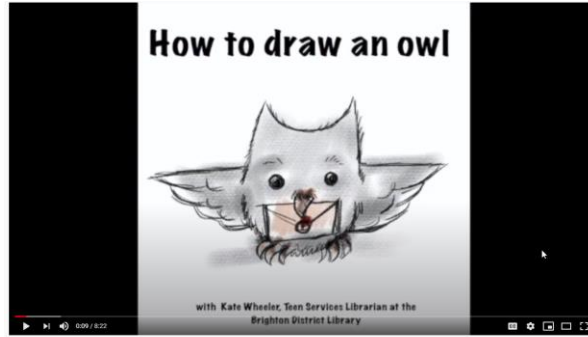
Physical Challenges

- Knockerball
- Obstacle courses
- Silly Walks
- [The Floor is Lava](#)
- Guinness Book of World Records Challenges - post fun prompts from world records!
- Action Challenges (fitness)

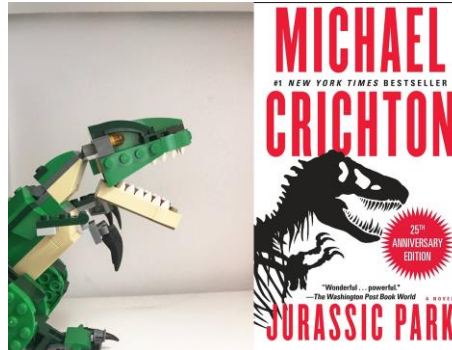


Art Challenges

- Library Card Coloring
- OC - original characters
- How to Draw tutorials
- Recreate book covers!
- Recreate famous paintings or sculptures.
- [#BookCoverDouble Challenge \(NYPL\)](#)
- [#BookFaceFridays](#)



How to Draw an Owl



CREATION CONTEST BASIC ENTRY

Character's Name: _____

Character's Age: _____ Character's Origin Story: _____

Character's Favorite Food: _____

Character's Favorite Color: _____

Outfit Description: _____

Character's Powers: _____

Description of Character: _____

Draw Your Character:



Hot Topics: Social Justice, Climate Crisis, Peer Pressure

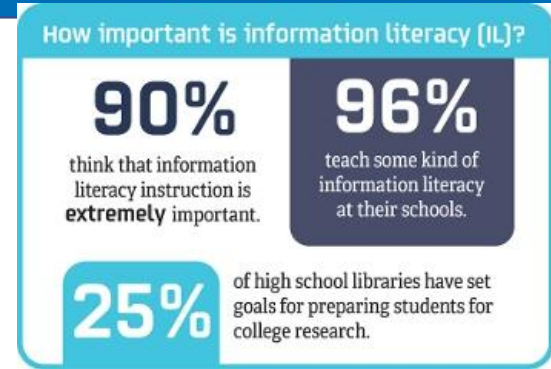
- Social Justice
 - [Support Their Stories](#), a One Book, One Community style program
 - [Racial Justice Challenge](#) Discussion Group
 - Reading group for the [1619 Project](#)
 - Book Bundles
- Climate Action
 - Community Clean-up Days
 - Expert Panel
 - [United Nations Youth for Climate Action](#)
- Provide experts to speak with teens on:
 - Emotions
 - Growth/Development
 - Health & Safety
 - Dating & Sexuality
 - Peer Pressure

#supporttheirstories



Classroom Engagement

- Book talks on curriculum readings (Breaking down *Romeo & Juliet*, etc.)
- Digital Literacy/Information Literacy Presentations
- Hosting virtual author/illustrator “visits” or video discussions.
- Virtual Library Visits/Programs
- Short Video Tutorials of resources
- Digital Cards for all Students



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Author Video: Rainbow Rowell, Maggie Stiefvater, and Richelle Mead at BookCon 2015

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PBS Books, 09/04/15

Video player showing a woman speaking.



College/Trade Prep

- “How to Become a (Re)Search Ninja” (Portage District Library)
- "Don't fear the FAFSA"
- College/Test Prep Hours
- MiWorks partnership
 - Monthly feature of jobs/workers in your community
- Adulthood 101/Life Skills
- Employing Teens
- STEM Challenges & Subject Matter partnerships with local college professors/students.
- 10 Books to Read before College

SAT TEST PREP @ YOUR LIBRARY

Learn more about the SAT and
free on-line study resources

Sunday, February 5th, 4—6 p.m.

Patrons in grades
9-12 only.

Space is limited—call the library to reserve your place.

All participants will be invited to complete a practice
SAT test on Sunday, March 5th from 4-8 p.m.

FRANKENMUTH WICKSON DISTRICT LIBRARY 989.652.8323



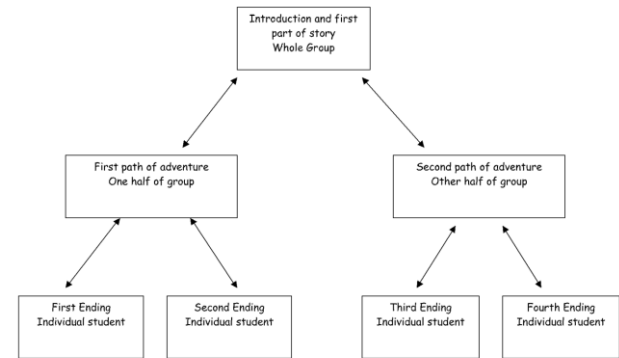
Families/Small Groups



Choose Your Own Adventure!

- The Choose Your Own Adventure should be written in small enough segments to keep the attention of the participants.
- A general storyline can be created, but there can be as many as a dozen endings to the story and two dozen ways to get to that ending!
- Create a family club for submitting/sharing their adventure segments!
- Multi-Library project? To alleviate the burden we could have libraries write different portions of the story. [Sample Chart](#) from Read Write Think
- Format can be tricky, but Google Forms can be [manipulated to create a storyline](#).

CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE®



Nutritional & Personal Needs






- Replace Little Free Libraries with...
 - Personal Needs Pantries
 - Food Pantries
- Partner with community gardens for your seed libraries & programming. Offer “tastes from the garden” for families.
- Pair “cooking” videos with Ingredient Kits
- Invest in a [mobile kitchen](#) or circulate “kitchen kits” with special tools - add ingredients for specific recipes.
- Partner with organizations such as [Helping Women Period](#) to offer personal supplies.
- Contact [WIC](#) for local support & information.







Physical Challenges

- [Challenge families to invent a sport](#) - they do at home, share (maybe even swap?) rules with the library, who shares out all the resulting games for kids to play at home
- Create Motion Cards
- Provide “[Silly Walk](#)” Signs
- Nature walks or scavenger hunts
- Sidewalk chalk paths/mazes... block off part of your parking lot for this use or challenge families to submit videos!
- Create a 5 Senses Walk.
- Offer Yard Games* (rsvp for library lawn use or as a “Library of Things” check-out option) *Cleaning
- Disc Golf! BYOF: Bring Your Own Frisbee & no-touch by not finishing in the basket.



My 5 Senses Field Walk	
I can see 	
I can hear 	
I can feel 	
I can smell 	
I can taste 	

My 5 Senses Field Walk	
I can see 	
I can hear 	
I can feel 	

ink saving 



Family/Group Challenges & Kits

- “Make what you will of it!” craft supplies from your closets w/inspiration prompts. Bonus: your closet of leftovers gets cleaned out/up!
- List of random items in the house for creating art.
- Building on the “make what you will of it,” [check out the UMSI design thinking game cards as potential prompts](#).
- Collaborative/community art projects, such as clean-up or painting projects.
- [Geocaching](#) Starter Kit with local trail maps, toy binoculars, compass, etc.



Teacher/At-Home Educator Engagement



Parent Resource Center

- Create a section to highlight Parenting/Education materials.
- Policies - consider extending any privileges made for public and private school teachers to homeschoolers/families/day cares.
- Information files
 - Create handouts of the state laws and regulations
 - Start a “things to do in our town” file
 - Offer collection bundles
 - “How to use the library catalog” videos
 - Database training

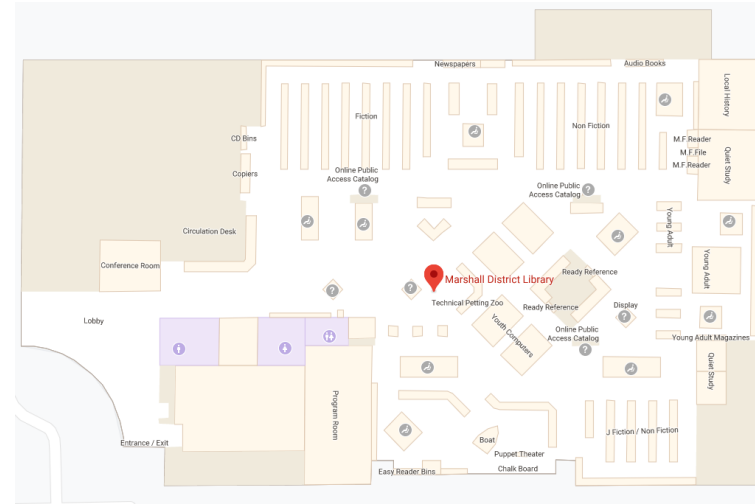


Image: Cleveland Bradley County Public Library



Virtual Library Visits

- Design for small groups or larger ones.
- Video Tours (Children's/Teen Rooms, Circulation/Pick-up process, Book drop “behind the scenes”)
- Library orientation (covering what is different, resources, website, library card info, etc.)
- Share upcoming programs
- Q&A - teacher facilitated (make co-host so they can unmute kids)



Communication

- Weekly digital newsletter highlighting resources to local educators:
 - Providing the “Why”
 - Don’t just send a link -- Curate what you have access to instead of just pointing people to a resource.
- At-Home Educator “Intro” to Library Resources
- Connect directly with school literacy specialists
- Guides to Educational Jargon - know your district’s curriculum!
 - [Resilient Educator](#)
 - [Teacher Vision](#)



Challenges to take with us today:

- Who are we not reaching?
- What needs do we need to work harder at reaching?
- Are our ideas inclusive of gender, sexuality, race, socio-economic status?
- Are we considering transportation and bandwidth challenges?
- What other “old ways” of doing things can we shed?



Thanks to the subgroups!

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