WHO ARE WE?

• KYLA HUNT IS THE LIBRARY MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT AT THE TEXAS STATE LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES COMMISSION, AND IS THE AUTHOR OF THE 2018 BOOK, LIBRARY PROGRAMS AND SERVICES FOR NEW ADULTS.

WHO ARE WE?

• JANE DANCE WAS HIRED TO A FULL-TIME POSITION AT THE ROUND ROCK PUBLIC LIBRARY. SHE HAS GROWN THE TEEN PROGRAM (AGES 12-18) IN THE PAST 10 YEARS, AND ADULTING 101 FOR TEENS HAS BEEN HER MOST SUCCESSFUL AND WELL-ATTENDED SERIES WITH ATTENDANCE AS HIGH AS 56 FOR ONE PROGRAM ON STRESS MANAGEMENT.
WHO ARE WE?

Aletha Stone is new to librarianship. She finished her MLS from Texas Woman's University in December of 2017 and became the Reference Librarian for the Tyler Public Library in May of 2018. When she started her position she had two specific goals towards programming: partnerships and community engagement. Her work on Adulting 101 was an effort to combine those two goals and create a program that is useful to the community.

WHY ADULTING?

Not kids, not 'true' adults

"I've talked with friends from college, and very few of us feel like 'true' adults. Some of us still live at home. Few of us are completely financially independent. All of us are still going through that weird transition time with our parents. None of us have begun careers in our chosen fields. College, grad school, part-time jobs, and full-time jobs elsewhere. For the sake of a PhD. None of us are still very much in the picture. We're not kids. We're not happy-go-lucky teens. But we're not adults either. The law might call us grown up but we don't feel grown up and that's what new adult addresses."

- BookShelf: UnAnonynous

NOT KIDS, NOT 'TRUE' ADULTS
(NEAR) UNIVERSAL ISSUES FOR 18-29 YEAR OLDS

ARE TODAY'S NEW ADULTS DIFFERENT?

WHAT IS ADULTING?
Series to help teens (ages 12-18) develop life skills and knowledge to transition to adulthood.

Jane Dance, Round Rock Public Library

Round Rock is growing...
- Location – just north of Austin
- Round Rock has a population of 114,071 and the city is planning for 45,000 more residents by 2030
- Round Rock Public Library houses 230,000+ items, and has 61,500+ cardholders
- We are moving to a new 60,000 square-foot library in 2022

Teen Programming
- Dedicated Teen Librarian since 2006
- Attendance at programs has been steadily growing
- Highest program attendance has been at Adulting 101 for Teens

**Adulting 101 For Teens**
- Started in 2017
- Attendance in 2017 = 187 at 10 programs
- Attendance in 2018 = 244 at 8 programs
- When? – 1st Tuesday of the month, 6:30 pm- 7:30 pm
  - January-April and September-December
Topics 2017
Programs in bold had an attendance of 20+
- Spotlight on Careers – meet an archeologist
- Emergency Situations and Personal Safety
- Resumes and Job Applications
- Water Conservation at Home and Reading Your Water Bill
- Pet Ownership and Adopting
- Yoga for a Healthy Lifestyle

Topics 2017
Programs in bold had an attendance of 20+
- Healthy Eating on a Budget
- Basic Car Maintenance
- Finances – Good Money Management Habits
- Finances – Building a Spending Plan

Topics 2018
Programs in bold had an attendance of 20+
- Stress Management and Mental Health
- Interview Skills
- Check Out a Tech Career – mini career fair for TeenTech week

- Take 10 CPR and Basic First Aid
Topics 2018

Programs in bold had attendance of 20+

• College Admissions 101
• Yoga for Stress Relief and Relaxation
• Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation
• Basic Dance Steps and Etiquette

Basic Dance Steps with
Arthur Murray Dance Studio

Topics 2019

• Premier Martial Arts Self-Defense Class
• Time Management
• Meet Local Entrepreneurs – panel of local business owners, Q & A, TONIGHT!
• Writing a Winning College Essay (April)

How To Choose Topics - Getting Started

City workers who could present – then chose the topic
• Emergency Situations and Personal Safety – police dept.
• Resumes and applications – HR dept.
• Water Conservation + Reading Your Water Bill – water dept.

Teen Advisory Board – very helpful, insightful and surprising
Some of the topics they came up with:
• Healthy eating on a budget
• Finances
• Car maintenance
• Applying to college
How To Choose Topics

What have other libraries done? – used Teen Librarian Facebook groups
  • Teen Services Underground
  • Teen Librarians
  • Teen Think Tank

Feedback forms – asked what topics teens would like

Talked to coworkers with teens

How To Choose Presenters

News article on our library web page – a local family counselor saw the article and asked to present on Stress Management and Mental Health. This was our most popular program with 58 attendees!

Picture shows a closing activity for stress management. Teens are about to be given post it notes to write down their stresses, then are instructed to scrunch them up and throw away!

How To Choose Presenters

Already mentioned look local - City of Round Rock departments

Talked to coworkers:
  • Adult Services Librarian - lots of contacts! She gave me the idea of contacting a local mechanic who was posting useful Facebook videos on a local group
  • Bizability workshops - free workshops for entrepreneurs and small business owners. This is a great network of presenters, many willing to talk to teens

Round Rock Chamber - Vice President of Community Enhancement

HINT: make sure you meet and plan with your presenter!
Network, Network
For Success!

Promoting Adulting 101 for Teens

Target parents: Most effective way to get the word out has been making library Facebook events.

Do parents make their teens go? Maybe, but teens enjoy the programs. I received this feedback from a parent after the Time Management class:

"My two boys Chase & Caden attended your class last night & enjoyed it. I posted it on our school’s family page. I mentioned that my two didn’t want to go but really enjoyed it. Another parent was inquiring if you were offering the class another time soon? Thank you! Thanks for teaching this valuable information to our kiddos! They really need it."

Round Rock Texas

Promoting Adulting 101 for Teens

- School district – contacted High School librarians
- Posters/flyers/calendars
- News item on library webpage
- Spinner feature on library webpage
- Teen Instagram – roundrockteens

Round Rock Texas
Local News

Contacted by local KVUE news

YouTube - Adulting 101 for Teens, Round Rock Public Library

Feedback from Teens

Emergency Situations and Personal Safety

“I feel like we were too distracted to give Mr. Quick the proper thanks, and if you do call him with others’ questions, please tell him I said thank you again. It was generous of him to not only have come on so little to sleep, but also stay longer to listen to our silly and not so silly questions. We don’t get to ask these sorts of questions normally, and it really helped me to feel more confident in different situations.”

“I found it very helpful, and I didn’t notice that we were running late until after it was mentioned. I definitely want to go to the next meeting.”

ADULTING IS HARD!
Adulting 101
Alya Stone

About Tyler

Goals

- Build partnerships
- Engage the community
- Education
Original Plan

**ADULTING 101**
*August 18*
*2-4 p.m.*
*Taylor Auditorium*

**ADULTING 101**
*September 15*
*2-4 p.m.*
*Taylor Auditorium*

Topic: Credit
Presented by: Capital One

Topic: Voting
Presented by: The League of Women Voters

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The Beginning

Tyler Public Library to host "Adulting 101" classes

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Numbers & Topics

- August: Credit
- September: Voting
- October: Checking Accounts
- November: Resumes
- December: Basic Auto Care
- January: Renting
- February: Budgeting
Meeting Goals & Making More

- Developed relationships and partnerships
- Strengthened relationships
- Plans to make new connections
- Plans for more classes

QUESTIONS?