

**FUTURE READY
WITH THE
LIBRARY!**

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WHAT IS FUTURE READY WITH THE LIBRARY?

- NOT about FAFSA or the SAT!
- IS about building community partnerships
- IS about building relationships
- ALL with the focus of helping middle school youth and families connect passions and interests to potential college and/or career pathways



INGREDIENTS FOR SUCCESS!

Connected Learning

Social Emotional
Learning

Community
Engagement



PRINCIPLES OF CONNECTED LEARNING

There are 6 principles of connected learning, 3 learning principles and 3 design principles:

Design:

Openly networked

Production-centered

Shared purpose

Learning:

Interest-powered

Peer-supported

Academically oriented

<https://player.vimeo.com/video/72000377>

*Courtesy of Crystle Martin, El Camino College



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SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING

The 5 Core Competencies of Social Emotional Learning are:

Self-Awareness

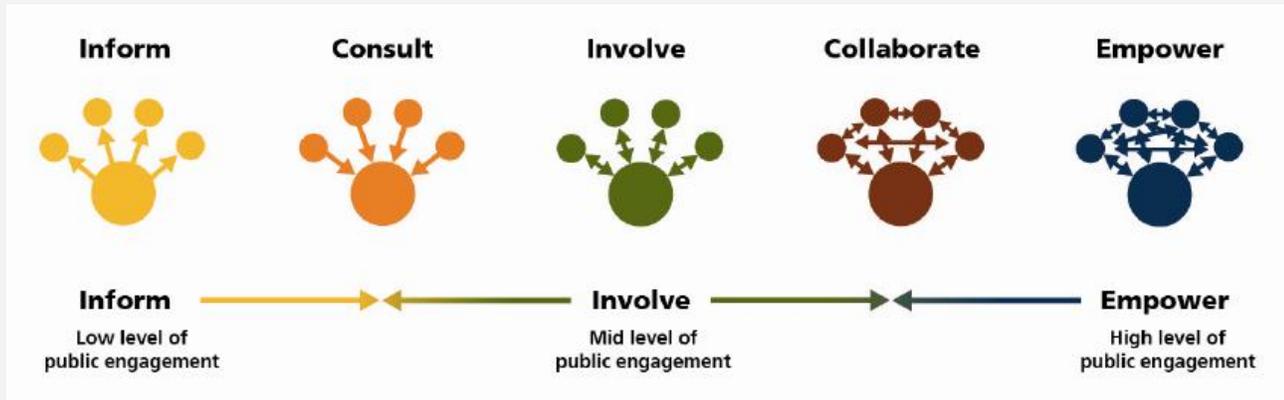
Self-Management

Social Awareness

Relationship Skills

Responsible Decision-Making

<https://youtu.be/EYBSV75YH5c>



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Community engagement: what is it?

Most of our relationships within the community fall on the Inform/Consult side of the spectrum.

Want to move toward the Collaborate/Empower side of the spectrum.

The left side is more in line with Community Outreach (which is great!); the right side is Community Engagement!

The Dessert Spectrum of Public Participation Developed by Hennepin County Library staff *with apologies to IAP2				
Inform	Consult	Involve	Collaborate	Empower
We are having cherry pie for dessert.	I am thinking of bringing chocolate chip cookies for dessert. Is that ok? What do you think?	Do you want a healthy or decadent dessert? Decadent Do you want it to be sweet or savory? Sweet Should it be a hot, room temp, or cold dessert? Room temp Do you prefer a pastry, baked good, or custardy-type dessert? Custardy Ok, how about flan?	Let's discuss and decide together what to have for dessert. Maybe even shop or bake together.	Whatever you decide you want for dessert, we will have. Maybe I'll even give you the money to get or make it. Or maybe you just have the responsibility to bring the dessert.

*Courtesy of Linda Braun, Project Manager, YALSA



FIRST STEP: DATA COLLECTION

Go into your community and ask questions!

Talk to a variety of people within the community (i.e. clergy, waitstaff, business owners, etc.)

Find prospective partners.

Community meetings!

Surveys!

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD!!!



NEXT STEP: MAKE A PLAN!

After collecting data, you have a better idea of what the community wants/needs regarding college/career readiness

Nail down your partner(s)!

This process should be collaborative!

Remember to **BE FLEXIBLE!**

Keep the data in mind all through the planning process!



NOW: IMPLEMENT YOUR PLAN!

Programming! YAY!

Some examples:

Empathy Workshop

Life Hacks 4 Teens

Star Valley Library (Wyoming)

Project Outcome!

Surveys after programs: what worked? What did not work so well?

THE IMPORTANCE OF EMPATHY



MY PROGRAM!

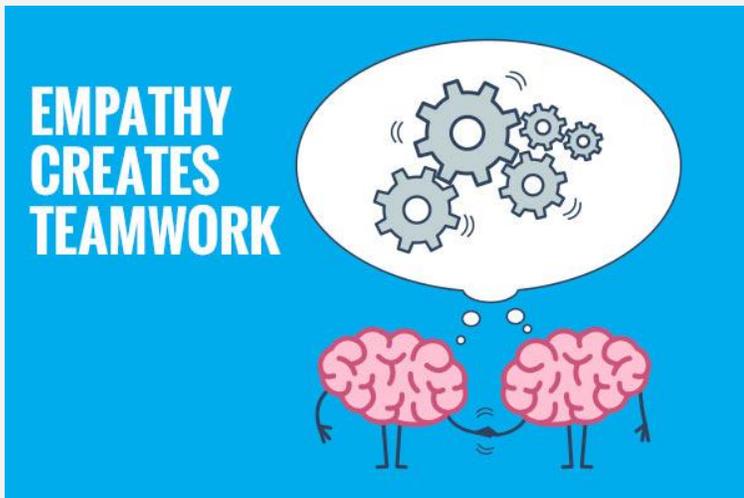
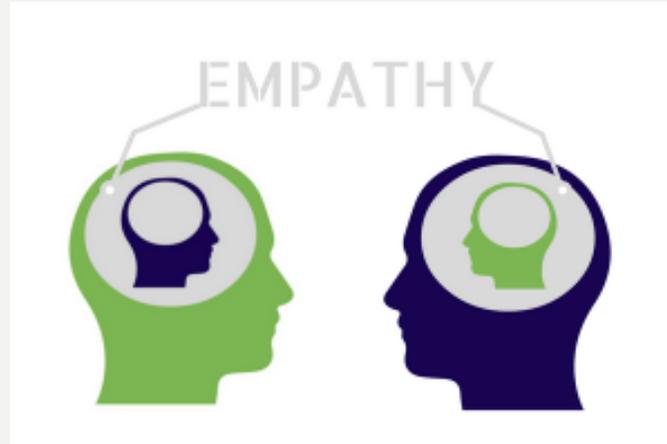
What did I do?

After talking to stakeholders and partners, we opted to have a workshop focusing on empathy building (SEL) AND a series of programs focused on life skills.

“Turning Mirrors Into Windows” was the name of the Empathy workshop.

“Life Hacks 4 Teens” was the name of the program series.

The LH4T series had programs on easy foods, financial literacy, information literacy, and housekeeping.



EMPATHY WORKSHOP

We worked with a social worker and the middle school guidance counselor on what the workshop would cover.

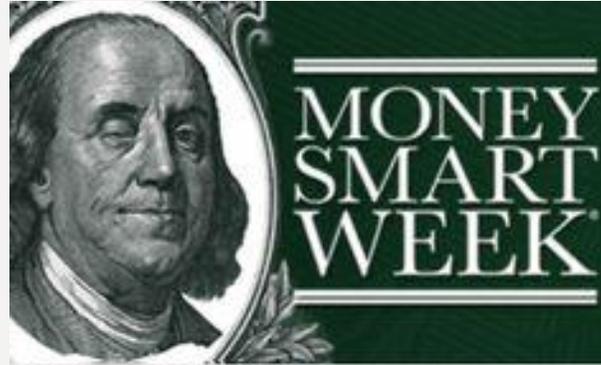
Identifying and Modeling Emotions

Active Listening

Equity Vs. Equality



How to Make Ramen Noodles Using a Coffee Maker



LIFE HACKS 4 TEENS

Began in September 2018

Easy dorm cooking

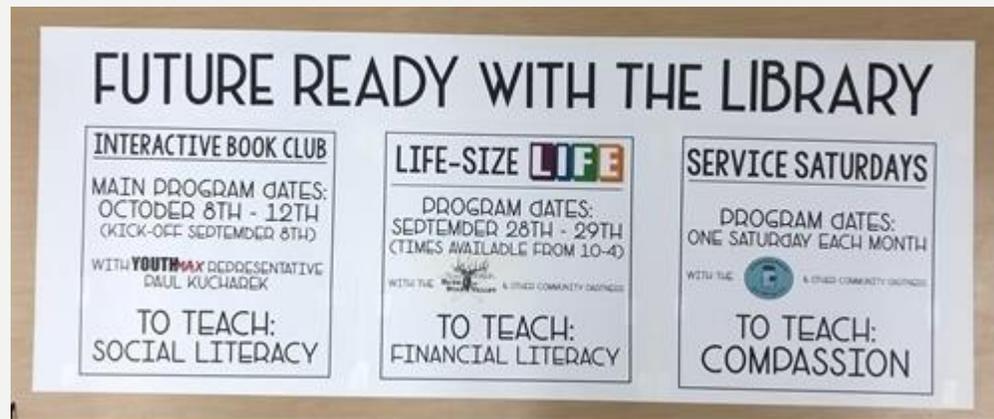
Financial Literacy (FDIC huge help here!)

Job Hunting

Moving Out and Living on your own!

Fake News! and Information Literacy

Housekeeping!



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BRANCH LIBRARY**

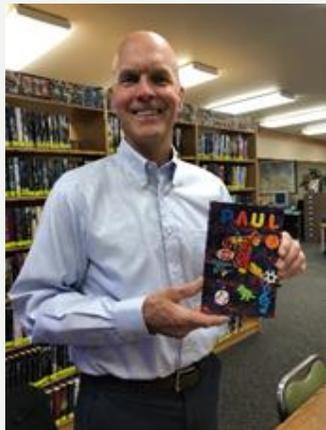
Partners: Bank of Star Valley, Afton Food Pantry, Broulim's Fresh Foods

Fundraiser: Local Hot Air Balloon pilot offered to donate revenue if supplied with support team.

Interactive Book Club: 5 sessions, one book "Sometimes You Win, Sometimes You Learn"

Life-Size Clue: Event Program, different career paths and risks

Teen Service Group: Food pantry work, plus clothing drive.





**NOW IT'S
YOUR TURN!**

HOW TO CREATE YOUR OWN FUTURE READY PROGRAM!

Future Ready with the Library is more about process than any one set program.

It is completely dictated by your community needs!

Some will focus on older teens.

Some will focus on Vocational Education.

Some will focus on _____.

Each FRwtL program will be different because our communities are different!



Future Ready Cohort Two!



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