GOING BACK IN TIME WITH TEENS TO DIGITIZE FOR THE FUTURE

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Your Delorean Drivers for Today

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Why did we pull up in our Delorean?

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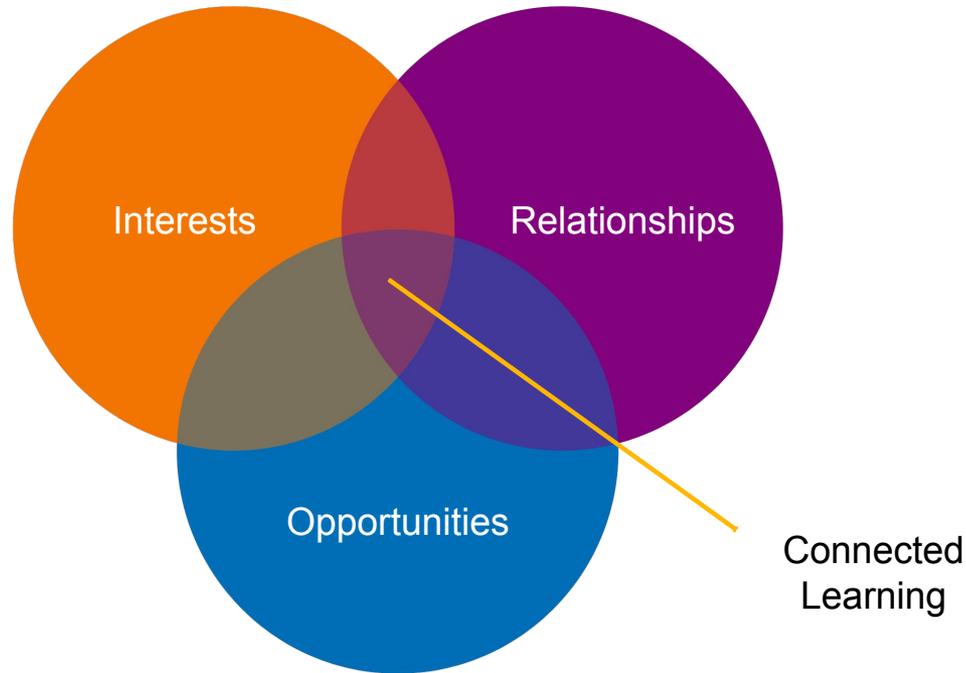
Connected Learning

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Discussion on Connected Learning

- What are the free extracurricular activities available in your community?

- How does your library and the programming you offer help to level the playing field?

- What do you wish you could do to serve youth in your community better?

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Elements of Connected Learning

The research is clear: Learning is irresistible and life-changing when it connects personal interests to meaningful relationships and real-world opportunity.

Interests

Relationships

Opportunities

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Six Principles of Connected Learning

- Interest-Powered
- Production Centered
- Peer Supported
- Shared Purpose
- Academically Oriented
- Openly-Networked

So why should CL matter to you?

- Your job is to bring teens into your library and engage them.
- You want to inspire teens in your community and see them succeed.
- You wish to connect with teens.
- You're tired.
- You feel too "old" to interact with teens.
- You are questioning your "Why."

So to address all of this, let's go back… to the future!

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Engaging Teens with Digitization

What is Digitization?

Digitization is both a process…

…and a tool

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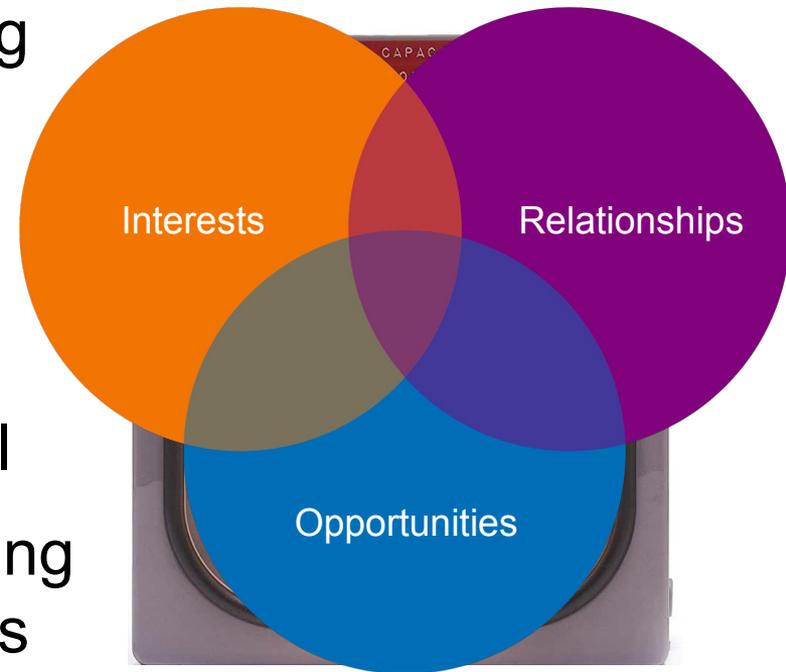
Connecting with Teens

In-library

- Library experiences

- Work to fill NHS Hours (volunteering)

- Community Scanning Day

Outreach

- Train teens to use equipment & form a local history club at HS

- Introduction to local history at Boys & Girls Clubs

Connecting the Pieces

- Connect with who is already doing this work, either officially or unofficially, in library and the community

- Bring together youth librarians, teens, and local history personnel

- Offer training on connected learning and teen behavior to these groups

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Chicago's YOUmedia

"Space is powerful − open space more so for teens. We don't want them to feel constrained. We want them to be empowered to try any activity or be comfortable enough to hang around," explains Jeremy Dunn, Director of Teen Services.

- Printmaking
- Podcasting
- Video Editing

- Graphic Design
- Music
- HOMAGO!

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Chicago's YOUmedia

"I don't want to sound cheesy, but it's not what you do at YOUmedia, it's the people you spend time with. I mean, performing at the different branches is cool and all, but I enjoy practicing together, recording songs together, and getting to know each other the most," Dennis recalls.

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Connected Learning in Action

Flint Public Library's "Flint Teen Researchers"

- Digitizing fragile materials

- Preserving & organizing

- Indexing

Transcribing WPA Cards and sorting materials

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Flint Teen Researchers - Outcomes

- Introduced to collections and services of which they were not aware!

- Enriched their knowledge of their community and their own family history.

- Gained research and library skills.

Indexing and copying obituaries.

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How do we get there?

Equipment

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Digitization Kits

Why borrow a kit?

Small, contained projects

Special event

Special formats

Getting your feet wet

Try equipment before purchase

What's in the kit?

Scanner (and adapters)

Laptop

Color guide & grayscale

Mouse & surge protector

OCR Software

Photo Editing Software

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Digitization Kits | Two Models

Epson V600 Perfection

- 6400 ppi optical resolution
- Captures 48-bit color
- 8.5" x 11.7" scan surface
- Good for scanning:
  - Loose documents
  - Photographic prints
  - Photographic slides & negatives

Plustek A300 Plus

- 600 ppi optical resolution
- Captures 48-bit color
- 12" x 17" (A3) scan surface
- Good for scanning:
  - Large documents
  - Bound material

Digitization Kits | FAQ

How long can I keep it? ➡ Two (2) months

How do I get the kit? ➡ Kits ship via UPS

Can it be used for community scanning days? ➡ Yes!

How much does it cost? ➡ Free!

Additional Grants & Resources

Resources - Funding

Improving Access to Information Grant

- Ideal for projects that engage local communities in the collection, documentation, and preservation of their local histories, experiences, and identities

- Can be used for in-house or vendored digitization

- Eligible public and academic libraries

- Must share metadata with DPLA

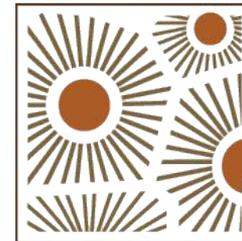- Call for applications is open NOW

- Award range $5,000-25,000

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Resources - Infrastructure

LM Digital Hosting

- Free, flexible digital collections hosting
- Any amount, (almost) any format
- From or about Michigan or Great Lakes region
- Transcription required for ADA compliance
- Minimum metadata requirements
- Must share metadata with DPLA

Resources - Professional Development

Training

- Digitization Basics Webinar series
- Digitization Basics Pathway in NICHE Academy

Community

- Consulting with Library of Michigan Staff
- Monthly Office Hours
- MMDP interest group & Directory of Experts

Questions?

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Resources - Connected Learning

Transforming Teen Services Niche Academy Course
https://my.nicheacademy.com/staffskills

C.L. 6 Principles Worksheet
https://bit.ly/CL-6-Principles

Connected Learning Alliance
https://clalliance.org/resources/

Transforming Teen Services Michigan Cohort Workshops!

YALSA
Young Adult Library Services Association
CONNECT · DEVELOP · GROW

How the principles apply to a program:	Teen Advisory Board	Gaming Club	Poetry Slam
Interests			
Production Centered			
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Resources - Digitization Training

Library of Michigan Digitization Page

https://www.michigan.gov/libraryofmichigan/libraries/digitization

Digitization Basics Webinar Series

https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLQNv-MrTjyhJ3PJnty7YVNbGSUr
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Digitization Basics Pathway in NICHE

https://my.nicheacademy.com/staffskills/course/48532

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Resources - Project Planning

Digitization Project Planning Guide
https://bit.ly/DigProjectPlan

Digitization Kits
https://bit.ly/LMdigkits

Digitization Equipment Selection Matrix
https://bit.ly/digmatrix

Monthly Office Hours
https://bit.ly/MIdigitalofficehours

Resources - Programs & Funding

LM Digital Collections Hosting
https://lmdigital.libraryofmichigan.org/lmdigital-community

Improving Access to Information Grant
https://www.michigan.gov/libraryofmichigan/libraries/lsta/medium-grants

Michigan Digital Newspaper Grant Program
https://www.cmich.edu/research/clarke-historical-library/services/digmich-newspaper-preservation/digmich-news-grant

Resources - Statewide Community

Digital Public Library of America

https://dp.la/

Michigan Memories

https://michmemories.org/

Michigan Digital Preservation Network

https://mipres.org

Mid-Michigan Digital Practitioners - Directory of Experts

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1W6GY8UrnH5fUFYwHYWTQ9XBjLw3HHmO3/view