

Teen Tech Week™ 2014 Display Ideas

Here are some low-tech ways to celebrate Teen Tech Week in your library.

Fact or Fiction Display or Bulletin Board

Create a bulletin board with quick science experiments or tech-related tricks with a place for polling of success or failure of the experiment. Example could include putting a phone in a bowl to act as an amplifier for the speaker (Fact), putting ear buds in your nose to make your mouth a speaker (Fiction).

Science Fact or Science Fiction Quiz Slideshow

Pull questions from this or other science fiction related quizzes that kids can try to guess the right answers to: <http://www.discovery.com/tv-shows/curiosity/topics/science-fact-fiction.htm>

Create a slideshow of the quiz to run on an endless loop on a laptop in the teen section. Or try this Prezi, compiled specifically for Teen Tech Week: <http://goo.gl/yk1krZ>

Tech Reads for Teens Book Display

Pull from your own knowledge of the genre or use lists available online to create a fun fiction book display using titles that have a strong element of technology.

- Example lists include:
 - Bullitt County Public Library's 2012 list for Teen Tech Week: <http://bcplreviews.blogspot.com/2012/03/celebrate-teen-tech-week.html>
 - Mooresville Public Library's four part series of Teen Tech Week Books from 2013: <http://mpl-yaz.blogspot.com/2013/01/teen-tech-week-book-lists-part-1.html>

Tech Museum Display

Either borrow or ask for donations of old tech items (i.e. typewriters, original cell phones, old computers or TVs, floppy disks) to set up a "museum" of old tech so teens can see how technology has evolved over time. A fun nod to this year's DIY theme would be to include things like spinning wheels, sewing machines, looms, etc.

Easy Interactive Display & Giveaway

Get old keyboard keys from your IT department, or use Lego bricks, put them in a jar or container with a sign in the Teen area. Throughout Teen Tech Week encourage teens and tweens in your library to guess the number of items in the jar. Prizes could include small, donated items, freebies like waiving fines or extra-computer time, tech-related books, or small gift cards to popular tech websites or stores.

Pixel Art Display

Use post-its to create an eye-catching pixel art display. Or print out patterns from a site like <http://www.pixelarttemplates.com/> or a Google Images search for Pixel Art Templates, put out post-its near a blank display area, and encourage teens to create their own pixel art.

Hi-Tech in the Library Display

Instead of a traditional book display, showcase some of the library's more "high tech" offerings. Use anything from audiobooks, CDs, DVDs, or showcase some of the library's digital offerings, i.e. Overdrive, Freegal, OneClickDigital, academic databases, etc.

DIY @ your library Book Display

Embrace the 2014 theme by creating a display of the library's DIY offerings. Your display could include things like crafting books, cookbooks, how-to art books, or guides for learning various types of code language.



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