2019 Fall Youth Services Workshops
Why summer?

Summer slide research is now mixed.

Is Summer Learning Loss Real? by Paul T. von Hippel, June 5, 2019, Education Next
Another Modern Test Shows Slower Growth in Test-Score Gaps, and Not During Summer (Figure 3)

Measures of Academic Progress, 2008-2016

SOURCE: von Hippel and Hamrock (2019)

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Rethinking summer slide: The more you gain, the more you lose by Megan Kuhfeld, June 6, 2019, Phi Delta Kappan
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You are ALREADY doing this work!
Very often people writing about the summer slide seem to assume that the only learning that is important is learning that occurs in school and is measured on school tests....For school children, summer is a time for immersion in real life....Real life prepares children for real life.

--Dr. Peter Gray, Facts and and Fiction about the So-Called “Summer Slide”
Summer program trends

- Summer reading ➔ summer learning
- Tracking: time, patrons set own goals, Bingo, activities, projects
- Incentives: books only, simpler/fewer, experiential, beads, none
- Simplify!
- Outside the box!
Outreach:
Providing library services to community members outside of the library with no expectation that they come into the library.

Reach kids that don’t use the library
Where to start?

Start with a close look at your community:

• Review current demographics, and look ahead too

• Who isn’t coming to your library? Why aren’t they coming?

• Select a target audience

• Get out of your comfort zone
Imagine Your Story
• Committee & board opportunities
• Idea submissions
• E-newsletter
One artist for all age groups
Social media toolkit
New store
New and improved rules of use!
2020 CSLP manual

- Shorter, simpler
- New, simpler format
- Kids, teens, adults together in each chapter
- Easier to search online manual
- Separate intro section
Into the future

• 2021: Tails & Tales
• 2022: All Together Now
• 2023:
Artist: LeUyen Pham
How many ways can we interpret
A Universe of Stories?
Why this topic?

Benefits to fairy tales:
• Clear lessons
• Demonstrate cause & effect
• Communicate archetypes simply
• Encourage imagination
• Give form to fears & dreams
• Help with social/emotional development
• Demonstrate narrative skills
...and it’s a cautionary tale, too

Disadvantages of fairy tales:

• Exhibit sexism
• Lack diversity
• Demonstrate unrealistic body images
• Are violent
• Are overly simplistic
• Are scary
• Are too far removed from reality
Young Children

- StoryBlocks
- Rebuild Humpty’s wall
- Stone Soup activities
- Storytelling apps like Draw and Tell
- Alternative fairy tales
- Multicultural fairy tales
- STEAM programs
- Rainbow process art
Elementary-aged kids

- Request a visit from Wilder
- Have a “campout” with s’mores and CO ghost stories/tall tales
- Readers’ Theater with fairy tales
- Storytelling through apps like Storybird
- Tooth fairy → tooth health
- Fractured fairy tales
- Lego/sand castles
- DIY catapults
• Write your own fairy tale, an alternative for an existing tale, or from a different perspective
• Make, walk, and/or trace a labyrinth (or use a robot!)
• Create your own coat of arms
• Fairy tale STEAM activities
• D&D club
• Tell your story through photos
• Discuss sexism using fairy tales
• Rewrite fairy tales for 21st century
• Cosplay event
• Fandom events
• Record stories of disenfranchised populations
• All things Harry Potter! & Doctor Who!
• Media literacy
• Dangers of appearing to live in perfect world
Adults

• StoryCorps-type oral history program
• Moth-type live storytelling program
• Genealogy—tell your family’s story
• For parents: sexism & lack of diversity in children’s lit discussion
• DIY fairy gardens
• Mythical road trips
• Forest bathing
Multigenerational

• Oral history program—check out a kit!
• Celtic/Medieval Faire
• Fairy tale festival
• Traditional tales from around the world
• Create your family tree
• Record family stories
• Medieval mini golf
Vermont Fairy Tale Festival
Hosted by the Sherburne Memorial Library, 2998 River Road, Killington VT
September 21, 2019, 10am-4pm
Come dressed as your favorite Fairy Tale character!
Admission: A non-perishable item for the food bank or the humane society.

Participating Libraries: Brandon, Dorset Village, Fairfax Community, Hartland, Highgate, Kimball, Maclure, Poultney, Sherburne, Swanton, Rockingham, and Wells Village.
Local Artisans & Crafters
Storytellers, Costumed Characters
Knights & Vikings/Bring your camera!

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Medieval Day 2019

Featuring real knights from Wardens of the Red Tower!

Vestrum Vikings
All Saints Medieval Fellowship
Magic Shows
Bouncy Castle
Photo studio with the Cochrane Camera Club
 Axe throwing with Chuck Steel
And much, much more! Check our website for more details!
Admission is free and costumes are encouraged!

July 27, 10:30 A.M.- 4:30 P.M.

Cochrane Public Library | 405 Railway Street West,
Cochrane, AB | 403-932-4353 | www.cochranepubliclibrary.ca
Self-led programs

• Circulate fairy tale/mythology/fantasy experience bags
• Write a new ending for a fairy tale
• Fairy tale StoryWalks
• Fairy tale scavenger hunt
• Photo booths with props/costumes
Potential Partners
Crowdsourcing!

Work together on one of the challenges at your table, or create your own!
Overarching goal:

The library will work with the community to co-design a summer program where community members engage in participatory, active learning and strengthen social connections.
Connection & conversation

- Surveys—written, online, one-on-one
- Stakeholder focus groups
- Topical focus groups
- Happy hour brainstorming
- Interactive workshops
Wish trees

Great for seeking open-ended input
Dot boards

Great for narrowing specific options, and adaptable for all ages!

Highland Township Public Library
No ideas? Try:
• Interactive workshops
• Dot boards
• Focus groups

Pie in the sky ideas? Try:
• Instead of dismissing, parse out core of idea & turn into something do-able
Pie in the sky!

1. Let’s have J.K. Rowling do a week-long writing workshop for teens at our library!

2. We kids want a week-long overnight camp at the library! For free!
Putting it all together

• Gather input from library users AND nonusers
• Group ideas; include them all to start
• Find the commonalities
• Break out pie in the sky ideas into core wishes that are do-able
• Prioritize—you can’t do it all!!!
• Communicate plans, highlighting community input