12 DIY ADULT PROGRAMS

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PROGRAM BREAKDOWN

Type and Format

- **WHAT type of program:**
  - presentation; film; hands on workshop; demo; etc.
  - art, culture, language, general

- **WHAT format offered:**
  - series; monthly; two-day; single shot

- **WHO:** Solo or Collaborative

- **WHERE**
  - large meeting room; conference room; iLab

Timeframe

- **WHEN**
  - Sept 2017 - July 2018
  - afternoon & evening
  - weekday & weekend
  - length of time: 1-3 hours

- **HOW**
  - Among a variety of other programming and other duties…
POV Fall Film Series

#1

Seven Songs for a Long Life

Art and Craft

Of Men and War

Tea Time
Nationwide Collaboration with PBS’ POV (Point of View)

Program Description

Join us for this documentary film directed by Amy Hardie that tells the powerful story of a remarkable Scottish hospice center where music helps patients face pain, uncertainty and the possibility of life’s end. Sun, Sept. 10, 1:30–3:30 pm

PROS

- moderators; small group size; deep discussion; variety of film choices

CONS

- marketing; new type of program; POV deeper topics; choice of day/time

TO DO / SUPPLIES

Register with POV
Get DVD & Evals
Review Step-by-Step Guide & Partner Toolkit
Reading List
Discussion Guide
Find Moderator
Host Viewing and Discussion
Binder of Info
DIY THROW PILLOW #2
Library iLab Collaboration using Sewing Machines and Fabric Cutter
Volunteer Co-Instructor Priyanka

Program Description
- Learn how to machine sew an easy throw pillow in the first session, and cut flowers using the iLAB fabric cutter and applique them onto your pillow during the second session. Supply list available at the Wescott Library. Basic sewing skills are helpful. Participants must attend both Tues. and Thurs. sessions. Registration required. 4/10 & 12/18 2-4pm

PROS
- small class size; using iLab equipment; Priyanka

CONS
- classroom snafu; two sessions; sewing experience

SUPPLIES

From Patron
- Square pillow form 18X18
- Fabric
- Thread
- Fusible Web
- Pins & Pincushion

From Library
- Sewing Machines
- Fabric Cutter Fabric, Dies & Mats
- Scissors
- Tape Measures
- Seam Rippers
- Bobbins
- Fabric Marking Pencils
- Iron and ironing board
- Rotary Cutter & Rotary Mat
DIY TOTE BAG

#3
Library iLab Collaboration using Sewing Machines
Volunteer Co-Instructor Anita

Program Description
- Learn how to machine sew an easy tote bag. Supply list available at the Wescott Library. Basic sewing skills helpful. Registration required. Geared for adults.
- Mon. 6/11/18 2-4pm

PROS
- Instructor experience; variety of bag choices; excitement of patrons; room

CONS
- # of sewing machines; supplies to organize

SUPPLIES
- From Patron
  - Fabric
  - Thread
  - Pins, & Pincushion
- From Library
  - Sewing Machines
  - Scissors
  - Tape Measures
  - Seam Rippers
  - Safety Pins
  - Bobbins
  - Fabric Marking Pencils
  - Iron and ironing board
  - Rotary Cutter & Mat
3D PRINTING MEETS VIKING TECHNOLOGY (cont.)
Library iLab Collaboration using 3D Printers

Librarian Co-instructors Laura and Mary

Program Description

Visit a library iLAB prior to class to print a free 3D Viking lucet. Bring your new lucet to class to learn a method of cord making or square braiding believed to have originated more than a thousand years ago. Registration required. Wed. 3/21/18 6-8pm

PROS

- innovative; using iLab equipment; mixing mediums; setting atmosphere/mood

CONS

- learning curve to braid with lucet; # of attendees & experience level; not much lucet info out there

SUPPLIES

Lucet
3 D Printed Plastic
Wood
Metal
Other: Bone; Clay; Ivory; Horn (antler)

Cording Material
Yarn (wool or acrylic blend)
Craft Cord
String
Embroidery Thread
Other: Leather; Flax; Hemp; Silk; Linen

Scissors
LEARN TOGETHER: SPANISH #5
Library Software Collaboration using Mango Languages

Librarian Co-instructor Heather

Program Description

Meet weekly to study beginning Latin American Spanish lessons as a group using Mango Languages online. Practice and increase your fluency by speaking and interacting with other learners. Lessons are cumulative--participants must attend all six sessions. Registration required. No class on Feb. 19. Mon. 1/29/18 - 3/12/18 6:30-7:30pm

PROS

- only one hour; enthusiasm; variety of extra activities; attendance diversity; desire for continuation

CONS

- weather; prep work for lesson handouts; six-week momentum; repetition

SUPPLIES

Mango Languages: Software

Handouts

Games

Collection Display

Freebies
ORIGAMI
Solo Program

Program Description

- Learn the basics of folding while making two origami boxes which can be used as gifts or receptacles. Registration required. Tues. 7/11/18 2-4pm

PROS

- easy program to lead; minimal supplies; beautiful craft; can add more to program like ornament ball

CONS

- patience for experience and skill levels; paper directions versus in person
STRING ART
Solo Program

U of M ReUse Center & Home Depot

Program Description

Create fish string art by winding string around nails pounded into wood. Registration required. Mon. 4/30/18 2-4pm

PROS

banging out frustration; different art; simple

CONS

hammering skill; wood quality; limitation of theme; project completion; where to get hammers; indoors versus outdoors

SUPPLIES

Handout of Sample Images
Examples
Wood
Hammers
Nails
Pencils
String/Yarn
Bowls
Scissors
Templates and Paper
COMMUNITY SINGALONG #8
Local Community Collaboration with SloJammers and MN Community Sings

Volunteers Walter and Mary

Program Description

- Invite your neighbors, colleagues, friends and family to choose favorites from the *Rise Up Singing* songbook and join in at this interactive community sing-along. Copies of the songbook will be available for use. Bring your guitar if you have one and join in for an evening of fun. Wed. 2/28/18 6-8pm

PROS

- community involvement; Walter & PPT; songbooks; cathartic

CONS

- marketing; attendance; timing

SUPPLIES

- Songbooks
- Instrumentalists
- Binder/List of Chosen Songs
EVENING OF ART
Local Collaboration for Community Painting

Librarian Co-instructor Holly

Program Description

Discover your inner artist by exploring a variety of art activities and enjoying music by the SloJammers, a local freeform fiddling group focused on old-time music. Geared for ages 3 and older. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. A Minnesota Mosaic program. Thurs. 10/26/17  6-8pm

PROS

different way for patrons to experience and share art; hang it in the library

CONS

paintings monopolized; messy; prep time; does it bother you if lines are crossed?

SUPPLIES

Canvases
Paint
Paintbrushes
Tablecloths
Paper plates
Water Container
Sharpie
Chosen Image
T-SHIRT QUILTING WORKSHOP #10
**Dakota County Collaboration with Dakota County Star Quilters with**

- Volunteers Beth, Trisha, and Librarian Co-instructor Tom

**Program Description**

- Start making a quilt top out of treasured t-shirts in this day-long workshop with Dakota County Star Quilters and leave with instructions to finish the project on your own. Supply list available at the Wescott Library. Basic sewing skills are helpful. Work alone or team up with a family member or friend from another generation; one registration per team. Registration required. Sat. 11/4/17 10:30am-4:30pm

**SUPPLIES**

**From Patron**
- 12 or more T-shirts
- Thread
- Quilting Fabric
- Fusible Interfacing
- Calculator

**From Library/Volunteers**
- Sewing machines
- Bobbins
- Rotary Cutter & Mat
- Rotary Cutting Rulers
- Steam Press Irons
- Irons and Ironing Boards
- Tape Measures
- Scissors
- Seam Rippers

**PROS**

- amazing teachers; demand from the community; intergenerational program

**CONS**

- prep work; mapping outlets; acquiring supplies; time; project completion
Veterans Services provides benefit counseling, advice and assistance for veterans or their family members filing claims for state and/or federal benefits. The County also assists veterans and their families with a variety of other programs and provides referrals to community resources.
Dakota County Collaboration with Veterans Services

Volunteers Lisa and Joel

Program Description

Drop in to chat with Dakota County Veteran Services staff and learn about the many resources available to veterans and their families. Wed. 11/8/17 10:30am-7:30pm

PROS

self-run; win-win situation; another way to reach a different sector of the community; great staff

CONS

time frame; privacy; only offered twice so far

SUPPLIES

Table
Chair
Sign
From Volunteer
Tablecloth
Brochures
Handouts
Freebies
How Can We Help?
- Plant more flowering plants
- Create habitat
- Educate self & others
- Reduce pesticide use
- Speak out to protect pollinators

- Annuals
- Bee friendly plants
- Beekeeping
- Blueberries
- Backyard greenhouses
- Building birdhouse
- Community gardens
- Companion planting
- Composting
- Container gardening
- Daylilies
- Emerald ash borer
- Fall preserves
- Garden challenges
- Garden design
- Gardening for kids
- Gardening in small spaces
- Heirloom plants
- Herbs
- Houseplants
- Invasives
- Iris
- Landscape photography
- Organic gardening
- Orchids
- Ornamental grasses
- Peonies
- Perennials for Northern climates
- Plant life cycle (kids)
- Plant propagation
- Putting your gardens to bed
- Raingardens
- Rejuvenating your landscape
- Month by month gardening
- Seed saving
- Shade gardens
- Spring bulbs
- Square foot gardening
- Sustainable gardening
- Starting a seed library
- Therapeutic gardening
- Tomatoes
- Vegetables
- Vegetable seed starting
- Vermicomposting
- Water gardens
- Wildlife gardens
Dakota County Collaboration with Master Gardeners via U of M Extension: The Secret Life of Bees and Wasps

Volunteers Barb and JoAnne

Program Description

Hear JoAnne Sabin, local beekeeper, insect researcher and Dakota County Master Gardener discuss the behavioral lifestyles and benefits of bees and wasps. Fri. 6/1/18 2:30-4pm

PROS

experienced and knowledgeable presenter; variety of topics

CONS

marketing for a pop up program;

SUPPLIES

Computer & Screen
Handouts
Upcycled Book Art: Simple DIY Trees #13
Create a year of innovative, heartfelt adult programs using these ideas to collaborate, connect, create, and play at your library!
Thank you for attending.

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Q & A

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