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STEAL THESE DISPLAYS

**Book Awards** — Create displays to encourage Teens to vote in the Teen Top Ten or Buckeye Book Awards.

**Black History Month** — Highlight fantastic books by Black authors and about Black figures in history.

**Color Themed Displays** — Too frazzled for your next Great Display Idea™? Color theme your display and watch materials fly off the shelves.

**Nothing But Net** — Boomshakalaka! Basketball fans will rejoice when they see that you have highlighted their interest.

**Read through the Eras** — Calling all Swifties! Highlight the titles in your collection that will connect with Taylor Swift fans.

**The Blank Slate** — Leave a display empty with some simple instructions for it to be filled by the teen readers at your library.

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STEAL THESE PROGRAMS

**Summer Edition!**

**Water Games**: Use reusable water balloons and water squirters to play fun games outside in the summer sun.

**Relay Games**: There’s no shortage of great games to get you moving outside. Host a relay event for your teens!

**Outdoor Sketching**: Grab a sketchbook and some pencils and challenge your teens to sketch from life in the great outdoors!

**Sharpie Tie Dye**: Love the idea of tie dye but don’t love the mess? Try Sharpie Tie Dye! Draw on your item with sharpies, spray with rubbing alcohol, and watch the colors blur and blend. This activity is best done outside.

**More Resources**: You thought we were done? Heck no! Check out these resources too! There’s some great STEM/STEAM programs on this page. You’ll never think “OH CRAP I FORGOT TO PLAN A PROGRAM!” again!
STEAL THESE PROGRAMS

For Recipes, Further Instructions, and More, follow the QR Code to the Teen Services Division’s Steal These Ideas Google Drive Folder, where you can steal and share your ideas for Programs, Passives, and Posters!

STEAM Kits: Need an easy, STEAM-themed Take & Make? Look no further! Use our templates to teach coding, learn about coding, play games, and practice math.

Maker Monday: Use items from your Maker Space (or craft closet!) to combine technology, graphic design, and custom item creation.

Crafternoon: Clean out your craft supplies and let teens make what they’re gonna make—a house, a costume, a mess... The possibilities are endless!

Felt Plushies: Learn to sew easy, fun, and geeky toys using our templates and guides.

Día de los Muertos: Learn about a family holiday rich in tradition with games and crafts. Get your local Hispanic community involved for more fun!

Dungeons & Dragons: Take it from a D&D noob— anybody can run D&D. Check out a compiled list of resources, easy character guides, and other useful tips to help you get started.

Dungeon Escape: You have found yourself in the lair of a dragon! Escape if you can in this adventure-themed escape room.

STEAL THESE BOOKS

Some of our favorite titles of the last couple years! Don’t actually steal them!

FICTION
I Am Not Alone by Francisco X. Stork
Rhythm & Muse by India Hill Brown
Chaos Theory by Nic Stone
Throwback by Maurene Goo
Warrior Girl Unearthed by Angeline Boulley
Cardboard City by Katarina Jovanovic
Promise Boys by Nick Brooks
Star Splitter by Matthew J. Kirby
The King is Dead by Benjamin Dean
Sing Me to Sleep by Gabi Burton
Those Pink Mountain Nights by Jen Ferguson
Holly Horror by Michelle Jabès
A Song of Salvation by Alechia Dow
The Spirit Bares Its Teeth by Joseph Andrew White
The Black Queen by Jumata Emill
Invisible Son by Kim Johnson

NONFICTION
A Long Time Coming: A Lyrical Biography of Race in America from Ona Judge to Barack Obama by Ray Anthony Shepard
100 African Americans Who Shaped American History by Chrisanne Beckner
I’m Still Here (Adapted for Young Readers): Loving Myself in a World Not Made for Me by Austin Channing Brown
Cash is Queen: A Girl’s Guide to Securing, Spending and Stashing Cash by Davinia Tomlinson and Andrea Oerter

GRAPHICS (F & NF)
The Witch’s Throne Volume 2 by Cedric Caballes
Henshin! Blazing Phoenix by Bon Idle
Danger and Other Unknown Risks by Ryan North & Erica Henderson
Messenger: The Legend of Muhammad Ali by Marc Bernardin
In Limbo by Deb JJ Lee
Insomniacs After School (manga series) by Makoto Ojiro
Mexikid: A Graphic Memoir by Pedro Marin
Goodbye, Eri by Tatsuki Fujimoto
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Libraries across Ohio are partnering with organizations in their area to provide much needed diverse and inclusive programs and services.

- Free Period Products from Aunt Flow. Some libraries have partnered with local non-profit organizations to provide free one-month supplies of period products to menstruators — no questions asked!
- Partnerships with the Rape Crisis Center to provide sexual health programming and information about consent
- Partnerships with LGBTQ+ organizations to provide programming for LGBTQ+ teens, their families, and friends and solidify the library as a safe place for all
- Financial Literacy programming for tweens and teens through a local bank. Third Federal Bank specifically seeks opportunities to offer this service in the community.
- Creative writing workshops with local writing collectives. This could be done with formal or informal writing groups.
- Opportunities to help teens communicate and find their voice with local theatre education groups such as Columbus Children’s Theatre
- Help youth under 18 get immediate help and safety by helping your library become a Safe Place location

**STEAL THESE PARTNERSHIPS**

**STEAL THESE CARDS**

Reader’s Advisory cards can easily be created in Canva, and printed on both sides to include eight sections (four on each side).

(Note: examples are not necessarily current titles)

Laminate them, put them on a ring and hang them on hooks for patrons to look at. Swap them out through the year or keep them all out together!