



Family and All Ages Programs

The Smart Space is ripe for bringing together community members of all ages to engage in active learning—and it doesn't have to cost a lot. These programming ideas could work for teens only or adults only but why not get them in the same activity and see what cross-generational magic happens?

- ◆ [Adult Programs on a 0 budget](#) - A webinar full of great ideas for programming when there is little or not budget for it.
- ◆ Murder mystery night - A fun program that can be as hands-off or hands-on as you wish.
 - ◆ [Murder Mystery Games and Kits](#)
 - ◆ [Program Model: Creating Original Murder Mysteries in the Library](#)
- ◆ Escape “boxes”
 - ◆ When you don't have a whole Escape Room, have Escape Boxes instead! There are lots of (inexpensive!) options for these [Escape Room in a Box](#) kits.
- ◆ Nerf Blaster Battles
 - ◆ Whether it's BYONB (Bring Your Own Nerf Blaster) or provided at the library, this is a fun event for all ages!
 - ◆ [Beyond Books: Minnesota's Rural Libraries find Playful Ways to Remain Relevant](#)
- ◆ [A Beginner's Guide to Hosting a Board Game Night](#)
 - ◆ This basic primer from librarian John Pappas will help you plan and host a successful game night for any target group or age.
- ◆ [Library Kitchens and Cooking Programs](#)
 - ◆ WebJunction compiled ideas and programs from libraries that are exploring “culinary literacy” or just having fun with cooking.
- ◆ [Collection of Programming Ideas](#)
 - ◆ The Peace Library System in Alberta, Canada, has a collection of programming ideas for all ages - including adults and older adults.
- ◆ [Let's Move in Libraries](#)
 - ◆ UNC Greensboro's School of Education put together this resource focusing on movement programs in libraries: chair-based exercise, partnerships with parks, gardening, life-sized board games, etc.
- ◆ [24 Hour Library Blog - Program Ideas](#)
 - ◆ An extensive list of all-ages programs created and collected by Librarian and Blogger Abby Hargreaves