Getting Teens More Than “In the Door” at Your Library
Taking Stock
Build A Foundation

• Survey
• Start Asking
• Get them involved in the Friends Group
  – Talk to everyone about your vision
• Get a some parents on board
  – Be careful how involved you get the parents
• Partner with Teachers
Pouring the Foundation
• Establish a relationship with your local Game Stop/gaming store
  – Used is okay to start but get a warranty
    • Trade in games that are donated for credit
• Start a book discussion, if you don’t read YA start
• Join YA listservs such as:
  – Booklist, BookRiot, NetGalley, Baker and Taylor LibraryReads, anything else that give your YA book reviews
Building Brick by Brick
• Get the Teens Involved
  - What do they want?
  - Age Groups
  - Plan a Big Event

• You had me at LOCK-IN
  - Find good chaperones
  - Plan well, food, activities, timed events
  - Start with relationships
  - Build
If You Build It... will they come?

• 2\textsuperscript{nd} Lock-in
  – Way too much for the old ones
  – Other activities
    • Gaming Tournaments
    • Battle of the Bands
    • Book Club
    • Teen Reading Challenge
    • Art Activities
Andrews Public Library

One Thought, Many Teens!

Why do you want to be involved?
- Great Hang Out Spot
- Community Service Hours for Honors and other Classes
- Book Discussions
- Tutoring
- Yoga
- Gaming
- Computers and WiFi
- Influence what Programs and Activities the Library Provides

Check the bulletin board in the entrance way for our next meeting date or activity
Teen Advisory Board

• How to get started:
  – Dates and Times
    • Be Flexible
  – Read Together
    • Like a book club but better
  – Elect Officers
  – Make Each Meeting Unique
    • Plan something special for each meeting, build a blog, social media, food, food, food.
Fundraisers

• Teens Need to Take Ownership
  – Start with a small budget
    – Can your friends group help?
  – Plan fundraisers that the teens will attend:
    • Car wash, babysitting night, battle of the bands, events within events
Communication

• Teens respond to
  – Emails
  – Texts
  – Instagram
  – FaceBook

Advertise
Still a work in Progress
A Lot more to Learn

• What I’ve learned so far
  – Keep the parents at arms length
  – Be flexible
  – Make this about the teens
  – Don’t get discouraged
  – Growth is a slooooollllllly process
  – Have fun!
Questions?
Thank you!

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