

Helpful Websites for Library Staff Working with Teens

Teen blogs, wikis, and listservs for youth services staff

http://www.nmstatelibrary.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=244&Itemid=612

40 Developmental Assets for Adolescents (12-18yrs)

<http://www.search-institute.org/content/40-developmental-assets-adolescents-ages-12-18>

Chambers County Library System's teen blog

<http://www.cclteenzread.typepad.com/>

YALSA – Young adult division of the American Library Association

<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/yalsa/profdev/programmingyoung.cfm>

Best Practices in YA Services in Texas Libraries

<http://www.tsl.state.tx.us/ld/projects/ya/practices.html>

Connecting Young Adults and libraries

<http://www.connectingya.com/>

YALSA Wiki

http://wikis.ala.org/yalsa/index.php/Main_Page

Texas State Library & Archives Commission's teen pages

<http://www.tsl.state.tx.us/ld/projects/ya/sites.html>

Many libraries offer eBooks. You can search for “teen programs” on NetLibrary, the free online collection and get results for a lot of books written by professional librarians who work with teens.

Most important! Check out what other libraries are doing! That's how we all learn. Check out library teen websites/blogs and take a look at their calendar of events. Email the librarians if you have more questions, they're usually eager to brag!

Icebreaker websites:

Icebreaker games can be done before your TAB meetings, as part of any program, or you can do an entire program of different icebreaker games. Teens love these. The goofier, the better!

About.com guide

<http://christianteens.about.com/od/activities/a/stupidgames.htm>

RoseMary Honnold

<http://www.cplrmh.com/icebreakers.html>

Ultimate Camp Resource

<http://www.ultimatecampresource.com/site/camp-activities/ice-breakers-high-activity.page-1.html>

Let the teens make up their own icebreakers. Sometimes, they have very creative minds!