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By signing up for a [CSLP website](#) account, youth services staff have access to more resources not included in the CSLP manuals.

2012 FLYP Program

Why wait?

Do you have the CSLP activity pages available on your website today? Did you know you may begin using the CSLP materials as soon as you receive them and continue using them online and in print for 18 months (October 1 through March 31 of the following year)?

Did you know...

...that FLYP is about more than just the few weeks of summer? Libraries and the Florida Library Youth Program are for year-round learning and enjoyment -- please help promote this youth-services mission by incorporating the national CSLP theme now and beyond the summer months.

Programming Ideas for Children and Families

California Shares Their Training

You may view [California's summer reading training workshop](#) along with videos and PowerPoints on the topics of:

- * Children's, tween, teen and adult programming
- * Decorating the library
- * Altruistic summer reading
- * Online summer reading programs
- * Outcomes-based evaluation
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TERC: Free Math and Science Activities

Once again, [TERC](#), a not-for-profit education research and development organization dedicated to improving mathematics, science and technology teaching and learning, has created some activities that support the NIGHT theme for 2012.

T&T: Dynamic Teen and Tween Programming

Teen Clothing Swap

by Jennifer Ulmer, Orange County Library System

During the recent clothing swap, teens brought in gently-used clothing and accessories and swapped them for new-to-them items.

The idea for the swap originated after several staff members attended community swaps aimed at adults. Just within the past year staff who attended adult swaps noticed attendance growing from a handful of people to over a hundred per event. The thought: Why not a swap for teens? Swaps are environmentally-friendly programs...plus what teen isn't interested in getting clothes for free?



Jennifer at the swap.

The library [promoted the swap on Facebook](#), published it in the monthly newsletter and sent out flyers to all branch locations and to local high schools. Teens left comments on the Facebook event wall, including one volunteer wanting to know if she could help set up and then shop the event. Several parents who saw flyers at branch locations called to find out more information. Between Facebook and the branch promotion there was a lot of buzz for the event. [Photos of the swap](#) are posted on the library's Facebook page.

Two staff members, Brittany Nethers and me, planned the event and hosted the program. Library staff brought in items prior to the swap so that enough clothing would be available at the start of the program. Volunteers helped fold and set out the clothing on the tables.



Notice the teen's shopping bag.

The event was held in the teen area. A banner was hung at the entrance and a small welcome table was set up. Prior to the beginning of the program, four long tables were set up along with some smaller tables from the teen area. Labels were printed for each of the six different clothing categories: tops, jeans, other bottoms, shoes & accessories, dresses and outerwear. As teens came in, they sorted their items onto the tables prior to shopping for themselves. Teens were able to browse at their leisure and leave when they were finished shopping. All of the teens enjoyed the swap, took home some great clothes, and were excited to come back for another swap. After the program, staff bagged up and donated the remaining items.

The event was held at 6:00 p.m. on a Thursday night. There

were 18 attendees. The program was an opportunity to market other teen library programs. As the teens shopped, staff handed out event calendars and highlighted some upcoming programs.

Staff is excited by the success of this event and plan to host another in August to coincide with teens heading back to school.

Interested in planning an event? Just email ulmer.jennifer@ocls.info and I'll send you the templates for a banner, table cards and a flyer plus five tips for success that we learned during our first event.

Snippets



Linda Golf, **Lake County Library System** and 2012 FLYP workshop host, had a unique door prize. She gave one lucky attendee at the February 16 FLYP workshop a five-minute back massage session using her personal "super-awesome massaging machine."

March was the **Tampa-Hillsborough County Public Library System's** annual Lit Wit Humorous Poetry Contest, which celebrated April as both National Poetry Month and Jazz Appreciation Month. The Lit Wit Humorous Poetry Contest invited adults age 18 and older to create a humorous poem or a parody of a well-known poem and then enter it for a chance to win cash and passes to the Tampa Improv Comedy Club and Dinner Theater.

While cleaning out the **Jefferson County Library's** storage unit last year, Kitty Brooks found the library's unused Christmas tree. She decided to repurpose the tree by placing it permanently in an empty corner and using it as a three-dimensional bulletin board for promoting monthly themes. Jefferson County is a member of the Wilderness Coast Public Libraries.

It only takes a snippet of your time to forward your news and happenings to the FLYP Forward editor.

Innovate and Inspire

JetBlue and PBS Co-Sponsor "Soar with Reading" Free Library Programming

by Vera Gubnitskaia, Youth Services Coordinator, Orange County Library System

The **Orlando Public Library** had a kick off [Soar with Reading](#) event last summer. We were one of the locations to kick off the initiative, which was organized by PBS and JetBlue. Presenters were PBS' Mr. Steve and JetBlue's Hooper; both were a big hit. Diane Kredensor, author of the children's book *Ollie and Moon*, did a book reading. Each child who registered for the program received a free copy of the book.

JetBlue provided water, snacks, activity kits and JetBlue drawstring backpacks as giveaways. JetBlue crew members also volunteered to help out with giveaways at the event.



Hooper attended the Orange County Library program.

The event was a huge success with over 600 people attending. Here are links to the [photos](#) and a [video](#) from the event.

JetBlue is again hosting programs for libraries. For more information about their *Soar with Reading* program, email Chelsea Smith at ChelseaSmith@company20.com.

Editor's Note: Vera has just published her first anthology. [Take a look.](#)

Announcing...

In February, Ask a Librarian launched an [enhanced mobile site](#). Let your teens know they can now chat or text directly with a librarian.

Presenter Jen Robinson posted her presentation "When Teens Attack!: Tips for Serving 12-year-olds and Other Difficult Customers on Chat Reference" [on her website](#).

Florida Library Youth Program

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