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The Weymouth Public Libraries has a successful Teen Art Show every year as the finale to the Summer Reading Program. We get a good turnout of teens who participate and the public who come to see the amazing art created by the teens. Our beautiful Young Adult Area is transformed into an amazing display at the end of August every year.

Jackie Mushinsky
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Come hear about a few of the exciting outreach events facilitated by Gordon Library, Worcester Polytechnic Institute. WPI is very pro-active, not only within the campus community, but within the wider Worcester community and the library has many opportunities for outreach. This presentation will highlight collaborative events with NASA, Worcester County 4-H and the inauguration of WP1’s new president. Information on the planning and implementation of the events will be shared including networking and promotional aspects.

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The Newton Free Library hosted it’s second STEAM Expo this past July which brought in over 1,000 people to the Library that day. Learn how we got the community excited about science, technology, engineering, art and math!

Kristi Bryant
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We work with a Master Gardener from our local Cooperative Extension office to offer a series of year-round gardening programs. It has been very successful. Each month we offer at least one program, sometimes more. Some of the ideas that we have used are building raised beds, creating container gardens, selecting and ordering seeds, identifying wildflowers, forcing bulbs.

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Thinking of trying programs with the popular sandbox game Minecraft, but not sure how to get started? Springfield City Library started a Minecraft Club for teens and tweens without a dedicated server, and with minimal commitment from IT staff. Teachers, librarians, parents, and other educators share tips and lesson plans on using Minecraft to teach STEM concepts, incorporating cooperative learning and social skills in a Minecraft club, and other ideas! Just like Minecraft, the possibilities for hosting successful programs with the game are limited only by your imagination.

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Samantha Cote
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I organized a technology fair for kids, getting the local YMCA/Boys’ and Girls’ Club as well as five area libraries together to show off different kinds of technology that each library offered or had access to. Tools shown off included robots, 3D printers, Makey Makey, Scratch, and Raspberry Pi. We had over 200 people attend, many of whom had not realized that libraries offered such programs. We repeated the event in late August, which was also successful.
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TFLPresents! The Turner Free Library has taken on the task of creating an audio archive for the Town of Randolph. This is being accomplished by way of a podcast, featuring interviews with Randolph employees and residents! It is an excellent way to preserve our wonderful town's history, using present day technologies. The podcast has been a great learning experience and has resulted in many town residents being able to learn more about the people that work for/with their community. The podcast can be viewed on iTunes or via our blog at http://tflpresents.blogspot.com/.

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Curriculum and learning resource centers are a unique type of library service facing the same challenges as public libraries: how to re-define themselves in this age of rapid change. With the evolving development of maker spaces and other collaborative environments the resource center concept is perfect for developing a space and services for community across multiple audiences. When you combine the concept of "the third space" --a place that is not necessarily classroom, dorm room or home with maker space you get an environment that welcomes, encourages and makes relevant the tools and opportunities of a resource center. This talk will share the development of one such center and showcase the tools and techniques used to grow such a space.

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How-To Festivals on a small scale. Join 1 librarian as she tested 7 skill-based learning events at her library from chicken keeping to home brewing with the Learn It! Series

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Do I dare? Bringing Cormier out of the archive for a symposium on censorship and our community’s history.

How do you use your archive or local history materials to engage students, community members, and beyond? This session delves into the process of unearthing archival material in order to create meaning for patrons.

We will walk you through our process that began in our archive and ended in a day-long symposium. Our displays include both traditional and digital materials, including basic open-source mapping tools that libraries can use to highlight historical importance in their own backyard.