Public Libraries and the Challenge of “Adulting”
Supporting Youth with Information Literacy and Life Skills

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I DON'T WANT TO ADULT

YOU CAN'T MAKE ME!
Agenda

#adultingishard Overview

Activity

TPL Younger Adult Initiatives

Activity

Things we’ve Learned

Moving Forward
‘Adulting’

“The practice of behaving in a way characteristic of a responsible adult, especially the accomplishment of mundane but necessary tasks.” (Dictionary.com/Oxford University Press)
What does the Research Say?

New life stage: ‘emerging adulthood’

- Opportunity
- Uncertainty
- Lack of self-sufficiency
- Panic/Crises
Because being an adult doesn’t come with instructions.
Activity
‘Transition Time’
‘Adulting’: Public Libraries

Google search for "adulting library" showing about 2,700,000 results in 0.54 seconds.
‘Adulting’: High School Outreach

Presentations popular with senior classes (17-18 year olds):

Post-Secondary Prep
Research Strategies – Searching Beyond Google
Fake News
Digital Privacy
3 workshops across TPL at BF, MAS, & RI

At BF we had the stories of Conroy (Stoo-ie) Stewart (DJ & Photographer), Joshua Findlay (Kamakacci Clothing) and Ryan Hinkson (Food Blogger @EatFamous) in part 1 and Shawn Ramadhin (Business Development Executive), Jordon Sook (Creative Artist) and Rochelle Miller (Yoga Instructor) in part 2.

At Richview we had the stories of Conroy (Stoo-ie) Stewart (DJ & Photographer), Kyle Williams (Graduate in law) and Ryan Hinkson (Food Blogger @EatFamous).

At MAS we had the stories of Ryan Hinkson (Food Blogger @EatFamous), Kareem Perez (Director Digital Marketing) and Rochelle Miller (Yoga Instructor).
Self-made on Social Media
“Adulting” Program Example

3 workshops across TPL at RN, NYCL & RI

“Self Made on Social Media” with @goodfoodtoronto
Hubert Leung at Runnymede Branch

“Self Made on Social Media” with @withwendy Wendy Liu at North York Central Branch

“Self Made on Social Media” with @eatfamous Ryan Hinkson at Richview Branch
GeneONE taught young adults how to produce music, make beats, make your own demo and launch your career in the music industry. Two hour workshop, ran once a week for 4 weeks.
Identifying Service Gaps & Environmental Scans

- Academic Focused
- Close to Schools/Youth Population
- Recommendation/Request from Youth Group
- Service Gap Identified Through Environmental Scans
POST SECONDARY PREPARATION SERIES 2019

JULY

2 QUICK, EASY, AND HEALTHY RECIPES FOR YOUR FIRST YEAR AWAY FROM HOME
   Toronto Public Health
   This session will include food

9 UNIVERSITY TIPS & TRICKS: NAVIGATING A COURSE CALENDAR TO GETTING FREE FOOD

16 ASTRONOMY LECTURE WITH PROFESSOR M. KING
   MISSION TO PLUTO, FROM NAPKIN TO NEW HORIZONS
   University of Toronto

23 HOW TO WRITE NOTES EFFECTIVELY

30 OSAP INFORMATION SESSION
   Seneca College

AUG

6 CREATE PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS USING CANVA

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT THE BRANCH
Greater Toronto Area

Post Secondary Preparation: University of Toronto
Astronomy Lecture
Wed Jul 14, 2018 1:30 pm - 5:00 pm

Marketing & Response

1. Newmarket
2. Aurora
3. Richmond Hill

Lake Ontario
Reflection and Learnings

- Time Management, Pre-Planning
- Audience – Not Just Youth
- Assessment and Resources
- Copyright
- Marketing
Activity

‘What did we do right? or What could you do?’
Things Learned

Consistency
Engagement
Atmosphere
Desire to ‘learn’

‘Adulting’: Public Libraries
Moving Forward

Service Gaps

• Is there a need for system wide programming?

• Specific populations we aren’t reaching yet
Thank You!!

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Questions?
Works Cited


