



Montana  
Children and  
Youth Services  
Meet-Up

May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022



# Agenda for Today

- ◇ CYS Announcements and Updates
- ◇ Teen Adulting 101 Program Update
- ◇ Summer Reading 101
- ◇ Next Meet-up and Future Topics

# CYS Announcements and Updates

- ◇ Ready 2 Read Rendezvous: October 21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> in Lewistown, MT!
- ◇ MLA Sessions:
  - ◇ Youth Development for Teen Services
  - ◇ Reimagining School Readiness
  - ◇ Teananigans!

# Teen Adulting 101 Programs

- ◇ Creating 5 presentation templates for libraries to use to find local experts to present
  - ◇ Basic Finance/Budgeting
  - ◇ Car/Bike Maintenance
  - ◇ Taxes
  - ◇ Resume/Job Searching Basics
  - ◇ Cooking

# Summer Reading 101



# Summer Reading Fundamentals

- ◇ There are NO RULES for summer reading!
- ◇ Think about what works for YOUR community
- ◇ Don't be afraid to switch things up!
- ◇ Make sure that YOU are having fun too!
- ◇ What does success look like to you?

# Summer Reading Program Structure

- ◇ Registration of participants
  - ◇ Electronic: READSquared, Beanstack, Google Forms/Sheets
  - ◇ Paper: Hard copy registration sheet, separate file for each participant
- ◇ Reading/Participation Tracking
  - ◇ Minutes or hours read, # of pages or books read
  - ◇ # of events attended
  - ◇ # of missions completed

# Summer Reading Program Structure Cont.

- ◆ Events/Programs
  - ◆ Kick-off or wrap-up event?
  - ◆ Performers/presenters?
  - ◆ Additional missions/supplemental activities?
- ◆ Prizes or no prizes?
- ◆ Partnerships/Community Involvement?



# Improving Each Year

- ◆ Summer Reading = unique opportunity for experimentation and improvement!
- ◆ If something doesn't work well, you can always try something new next year. Or maybe try it again in a few years!
- ◆ Reflect on your "what does success look like" answers – did you accomplish those?

# Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP)

- ◆ Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP)
  - ◆ Montana is a member of the CSLP consortium
  - ◆ Theme, slogan, professional artwork, planning manual, social media toolkit, PSAs, and MORE!
  - ◆ Free for any Montana public library to use
- ◆ Manual and access code is available starting in October each year, emailed directly to library directors
- ◆ Highly recommend exploring the website, to see what other resources are available



# Summer Reading Trunk

- ◆ Partnership with MSL, MOR, and other related organizations, depending on the theme!
- ◆ Three or four activities with required materials, plus an activity guide
- ◆ Unboxing Webinar, usually in April or May, describing all trunk contents, and how to facilitate/adapt each activity
- ◆ Libraries can borrow the trunk to use for Summer Reading!

# Town Pump "Keep Kids Reading" Grant

- ◆ Grant program for public libraries to help support summer reading programs
- ◆ \$1000 available
- ◆ Started in 2021, will hopefully continue in the future
- ◆ Other grants around the state may also be available!



# Monthly MSL Webinars

- ◇ Summer Reading Brainstorm webinars once a month, starting in January
- ◇ Good opportunity to connect with peers, and ask questions
- ◇ You can also reach out to me individually at any point in time!

# Future CYS Meet-Up

- ◇ Next Meet-Up on June 29th, 2022
- ◇ Potential Topics:
  - ◇ Storytime sharing
  - ◇ YA Collection Development
  - ◇ Non-SRP reading challenges
  - ◇ 1000 Books Before Kindergarten
  - ◇ Program Evaluation and Reflection
  - ◇ Facilitating Training in your Community
  - ◇ Or any other ideas you might have!