

Teen Civic Engagement: Action to Inspire Change

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Action to Inspire Change

- ★ Voting Initiatives and Partnerships
- ★ Activism on social media
- ★ Restructured Teen Advisory Boards & volunteering
- ★ Adapting programs to benefit communities outside the library walls
- ★ Including middle school students in civic engagement programs
- ★ Creating community connections around issues that matter

Outcomes

- ★ Identify three new strategies to create programs centered around Community and Civic Engagement
- ★ Identify potential partnerships for youth engagement
- ★ Identify strategies to incorporate leadership opportunities into existing programs

What does Civic Engagement mean to you?

Civic engagement is not just a sense of community, but actively taking part in the community with an aim to make a difference.

Civic Engagement for Teens is:

- Helping them look outside of themselves (turning from "Me" to "We")
- Plugging them into community groups or activities that inspire them
- Showing students ways they can make a difference
- Listening to their concerns, and finding a way to channel those concerns into action

Civic Engagement at Sno-Isle Libraries

- ★ Programming around issues that matter
- ★ Voters
- ★ Volunteers/ Teen Advisory Board revamp
- ★ Adapting programs to include community engagement



Trudy Sundberg Lecture series on climate change at the Coupeville High School and Performing Arts Center.

Voting Initiatives


Voting Initiative Goals

- > Increase voter registration in Island and Snohomish Counties for the 2018 election
- > Increase voter turnout in Island and Snohomish Counties for the 2018 election


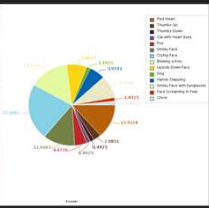


Methods Used

- ★ Voter registration drives
- ★ National Voter Registration Day
- ★ Voter registration link on all public computers
- ★ Candidate Forums
- ★ Voting resources at community libraries and On our [website](#)




Voting Counts






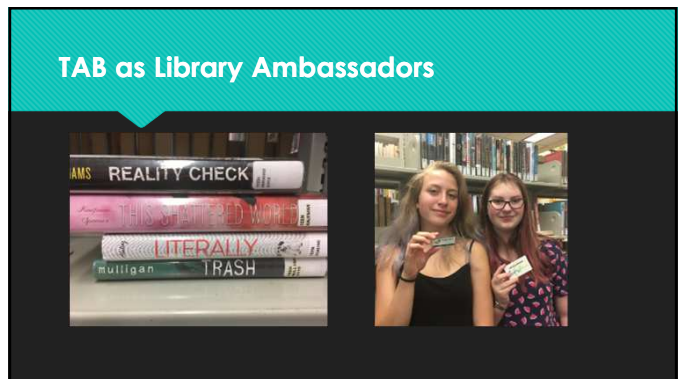
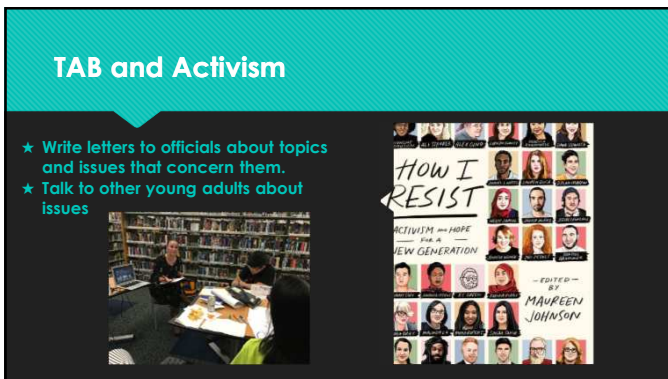
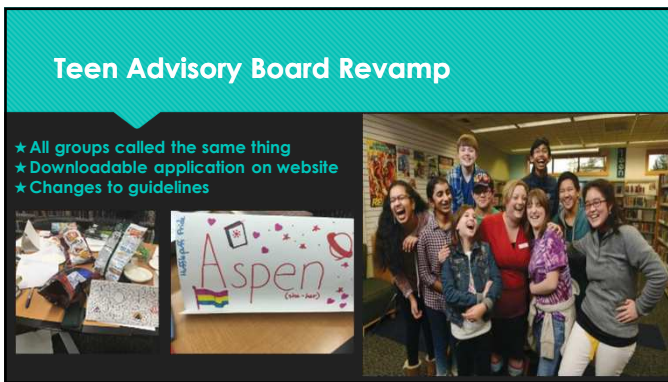
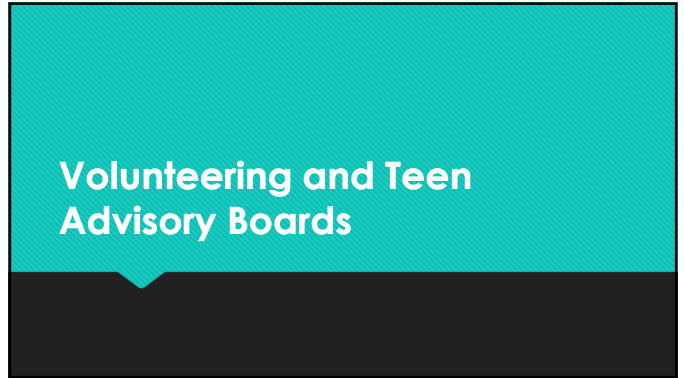
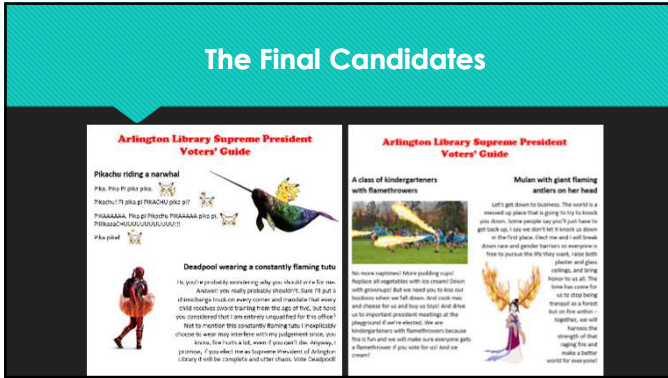
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For younger students: "Voting matters... even if right now it's just voting on something ridiculous."




Results and Transparency




Engaging Younger Students

Listen to Your Community



- ★ Talk to your teens
- ★ Subscribe to school email lists
- ★ Like Facebook pages for schools to see daily bulletins
- ★ Read local news
- ★ Create interactive displays to ask for input


“What can you make for someone else?”



Thirteen Reasons Why I Care

“What can you make for someone you don’t know personally?”

- ★ Card making for organization Cards for Hospitalized Kids
- ★ Resulted in great dialog among participants
- ★ Next weekend = Veterans Day Card Making for Operation Gratitude



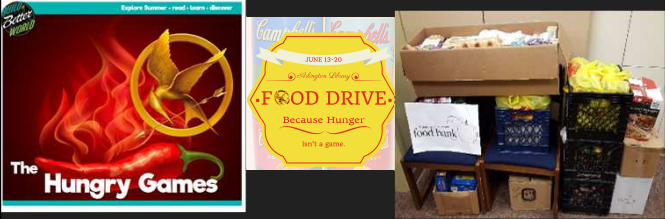
“Do you know about this organization/opportunity?”

National Animal Shelter Appreciation Week
(first week of November)



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“Here is an easy way to help people in our community.”



“Here are some community leaders, and something for you all to do together.”



Tying in Civic Engagement to Book Talks and School Visits



- ★ Voter registration
- ★ [Activism](#) [booklist](#)
- ★ Volunteer opportunities
- ★ Ask students about what issues are important to them
- ★ You Count series on [Teen blog](#)
- ★ Show off resources
 - [iCivics](#)
 - [TVW](#)
 - [Quick polls](#)

Future Civic Engagement Programs

- ★ Letter writing program to elected officials
- ★ Issues that Matter programs for teen issues
- ★ Activism under 18
- ★ Get to know your elected official
- ★ What it's like to run for office
- ★ Passive Programs



Brainstorm time!

- ★ What Civic Engagement programs could you offer?
- ★ What issues do you see teens facing in your community?
- ★ How could you reframe your current programs to reflect those issues?



Questions?

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