LARP at your Library
Teaching Life Skills Through Play
What is LARP?

- LARP stands for Live Action Role Play
- It is a type of Role Play in which participants play as a character of their choice in a real-life action adventure.
- Live Action Role Play uses many of the typical techniques you might learn while taking an improv class.
Improv Skills

- "Everything is an Offer"
- "Yes, And" Attitude
- Prepare for anything
- When in doubt, Act it out
- Don't overthink it
Silvershear
A Mythology Based Adventure
Prepping for Silvershears

Our Goals:
- To offer a unique library program for the teens in Prescott Valley
- Offer an informal learning environment
- Create a memorable social and emotional learning experience

What we needed:
- A storyline
- Space to run the game
- Staff time
- Volunteers to help run the game
- Supplies
Community Partnerships

Claire - Story Master and LARP Extraordinaire

Community colleges

Local Theater

Other youth organizations
Volunteers

- Volunteer Role
- Recruiting
- Time Commitment
Space Concerns
- LARPing requires space!

Where will you host your program?
- On library grounds
- In the Library
- Local Park
Supplies

- Supplies List
- Thrift stores
- Staff shared items
- LARP Resource Packet
Game Day

- Breakout sessions
  - Reacting to magic - Spell Sheet - Casting Magic
  - Sword play
  - Improv
  - Capture the flag
  - Backstory and Character Development
Playing the Game

- How we played
  - Reality Check
- Some fun LARP Stories
  - Bob the Zombie
  - The Serving Girl
How to adapt LARP to your library

Add LARP elements to tabletop games - Dungeons & Dragons, End of the World

Harry Potter Charms Class - Reacting to Magic

Mystery Dinner Parties

Teen story time read-alouds
Outcomes

- What did the teens get out of it?
  - Critical Thinking
  - Storytelling and Collaboration
  - "Yes, and" attitude and "Everything's an Offer"
  - Following Instructions
Additional Outcomes

- The teens had fun!
- Made new friends
- New community Partnerships
- Collaboration between teens and adults
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