

**Out-of-the-Box Outreach  
YALSA Symposium 2019  
Saturday, November 2nd**

**Questions to Ask Your Partnership**

What are your vision and mission with the teens? How can the library support this? Do you have ideas envisioning what the outreach will offer?

What requirements do you have of volunteers? Background checks, bloodwork?

How many teens do you host on a weekly basis? Monthly?

What are the gender and age demographics?

What organizations do you currently work with? What sort of programs do they offer?

What kind of facilities do you have? Access to outside? A space for physical activity? A kitchen?

How would I access the wifi, are there any restrictions? Do you have computers available for the youth to use?

What materials am I not allowed to bring? What about food?

What expectations do you have for me?

How do I enter the facility? What if I have carts of materials or large items? Do I sign in?

Can I rely on any staff to help me facilitate the program?



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## Questions to Ask Yourself

Does this partnership match the needs and goals of my library? Does it meet my own goals?

What are my limitations? How many visits can I reasonably offer a month? Do I have enough staff to help me? Are there other community members I can partner with to help me?

What is my role vs. other departments in the library? How can I get buy-in from others?

What is my budget?

What programs can I reuse? What is transportable? What will work with the demographics of the partnership?

Can I justify staff time when there may only be 1 or 2 teens?

## Out-of-the-Box Outreach Partnership Ideas

- Juvenile Justice centers
- Youth shelters
- Retirement homes
- Alternative high schools
- Food banks
- Boys & Girls Club
- Parks Department
- Community social services

## Sites To Locate Organizations in your area

- Asset Mapping and Your City's Name
- Youth.org

## Remember:

- Making connections takes time!
- Always have a plan, and a backup plan!
- Get involved with local events, network!
- Get to know the local organizations, collaborate!



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