





**TEEN CIVIC
ENGAGEMENT &
LIBRARIES**

Introductions!



- Los Angeles Public Library team
- San Jose Public Library team
- YALSA's 22x20 Task Force

Today's Agenda



- Introductions, Overview, Activity
- Teens Leading Change Overview
 - Research, Implement, Share Out Discussion/Activity
- SJ Engage Overview
 - Discussion/Activity
- YALSA's 22x20 National Campaign Taskforce
- Q & A, Wrap-up

Time Machine Activity Part 1



Think back to when you were in 6th Grade.

- What was going on at school? At home? In your community?
- What were some major relationships with peers, family, mentors, and/or adults?
- What was important to you? What issues were you passionate about?
- What was a favorite activity during this time?

Time Machine Activity Part 2



Think back to when you were in 8th Grade.

- What was going on at school? At home? In your community?
- What were some major relationships with peers, family, mentors, and/or adults?
- What was important to you? What issues were you were passionate about?
- What was a favorite activity during this time?

Time Machine Activity Part 3



Think back to when you were in 11th Grade.

- What was going on at school? At home? In your community?
- What were some major relationships with peers, family, mentors, and/or adults?
- What was important to you? What issues were you passionate about?
- What was a favorite activity during this time?

Time Machine Activity Part 4



- 1) 15 seconds: Find a partner.
- 2) 1 minute: One partner share out about their 6th grade selves.
- 3) 1 minute: The other partner share out about their 6th grade selves.
- 4) 1 minute: Are there any commonalities?
- 5) 15 seconds: Find a new partner.
- 6) Repeat for your 8th grade selves.
- 7) 15 seconds: Find a new partner.
- 8) Repeat for your 11th grade selves.






WHAT IS TEENS LEADING CHANGE (TLC)?



With funding from the Library Foundation of Los Angeles, mini grants of \$100-\$5,000 are given to Teen Council projects related to:

- Library Advocacy/Information Literacy
- Cultural / Community Conversations & Archives
- Know Your Rights, Immigration & Citizenship
- Net Neutrality / Privacy
- Voting Rights & Voter Registration

TLC Pilot Project: Be CRAAP Savvy



TLC Pilot Project: Northridge Trashbusters



TLC Pilot Project: Positive Zone



TLC Pilot Project: Readers to Leaders



TLC Pilot Project: Community by Design



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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WaMUFdHABSQ>

TEENS LEADING CHANGE CYCLE 2: June-December 2018



SIX PROJECTS CHOSEN – SPANNING 8 BRANCHES!

- [Media Lit Now!](#) – Camille Campos @ Benjamin Franklin Branch Library
- Oceanic Awareness Project – Kris Peers @ Granada Hills Branch Library & Jessica Levy @ Palisades Branch Library
- Art & Immigration – Chandra Jackson @ Junipero Serra Branch Library
- Natural Disaster Preparedness – Jennifer Watson @ Platt Branch Library
- Eightfold Path – Teresa Mons @ Westchester-Loyola Branch Library & Shannon Salmon @ Playa Vista Branch Library
- Tech for Seniors – Elisabeth Calla @ Westwood Branch Library

TEENS LEADING CHANGE CYCLE 2 Project: Tech for Seniors



TEENS LEADING CHANGE CYCLE 3: February-August 2019



EIGHT PROJECTS CHOSEN – SPANNING 11 BRANCHES!

- Community Safety – Corinda Humphrey @ Vernon Branch Library & Coleen Stretten @ Vermont Square Branch Library
- Helping Hands for the Homeless – Isabella Ramirez @ Washington Irving Branch Library
- North of Eden – Emily Appleton @ North Hollywood Branch Library
- The Past is Our FUTURE – Yoko Hata @ Little Tokyo Branch Library
- Reality Check: Navigating the Distorted World of Social Media – Tara Smith @ Studio City Branch Library
- Support and Advocate for Youth in Need – Emily Meehan @ Palms Rancho Branch Library, Dan Nishimoto @ Robertson Branch Library & Bennett Rankin @ Mar Vista Branch Library
- Teens TRUST Teens – Amanda Charles @ Central Library – Teen'Scape
- We're Here: Tenants Rights in Cypress Park – Lorena Villegas @ Cypress Park Branch Library

TEENS LEADING CHANGE CYCLE 3: February-August 2019



TEENS LEADING CHANGE PROCESS



TLC Committee Members:

- Developed expectations sheet to support YA librarians leading the projects
- Developed field trip protocol
- Had regular check-ins with YA librarian leads, either face-to-face or via phone/email
- Worked with YA librarian leads to develop project timelines and deadlines
- Developed marketing materials for recruitment
- Coordinated a Project Showcase for every cycle so that teens could share their projects

TLC: Research - Implement - Share Out



Imagine you are a teen with the opportunity to research - implement - share out a TLC project in your community:

- 1) **RESEARCH:** Look at the post-its about what you were passionate about from the ice breaker exercise. Discuss with tablemates - is there a topic that stands out that would work with your community?
- 2) **IMPLEMENT/SHARE OUT:** What programs and/or speakers would you host to implement positive change related to your topic?
- 3) **SHARE OUT:** How would you/your teens share what you've learned with the community?

TLC Tips & Warnings



TIPS:

- Attend lots of community meetings and follow through
- Widely celebrate your successes
- Be patient
- Be flexible
- Say yes
- Gather some teens
- Help them make connections
- Find some funding

WARNINGS:

- Check with your administration
- Check teens' work (especially online)
- Remember the goal
- Follow through
- Don't let another organization "use" your teens
- Don't burn out!

TLC Resources



- Create an [asset map](#) including local colleges, universities, teaching schools, city/county departments, associations, non-profits, businesses - anyone you can tap to donate supplies or services such as guest speakers
- Teach the teens how to research community/library demographics and statistics so that they can include that information in the [donation request letter](#) you will teach them to write
- Connect with your local legislators, neighborhood council, press, more - let them know about what your teens are trying to do and see how they can support you

THANK YOU!!!



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