



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 Silvershear

▶ 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

Location

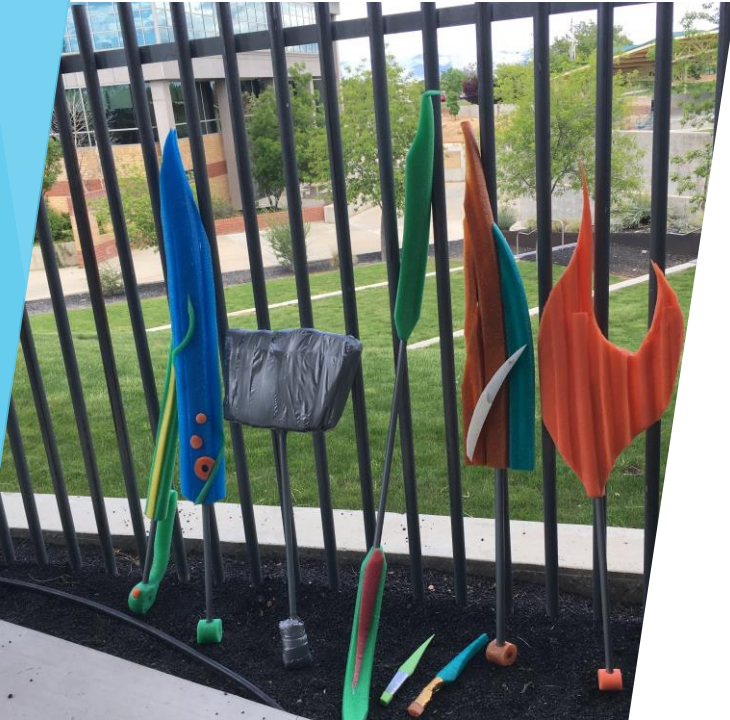


- ▶ Space Concerns
 - ▶ LARPing requires space!
- ▶ Where will you host your program?
 - ▶ On library grounds
 - ▶ In the Library
 - ▶ Local Park



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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