

Adult Programming Ideas

Chapter 8 Resources

Books

Arnett, William and others. ***The Quilts of Gee's Bend: Masterpieces from a Lost Place.*** Tinwood Books, 2002. 192 p. (978-0965376648).

Since the 19th century, the women of Gee's Bend in southern Alabama have created stunning, vibrant quilts. Beautifully illustrated with 110 color illustrations, The Quilts of Gee's Bend includes a historical overview of the 200 years of extraordinary quilt making in this African-American community, introducing readers to its people and their art-making tradition.

Bryson, Bill. ***A Walk in the Woods.*** Broadway, 1999. 304 p. (978-0767902526, pap.).
Acclaimed writer Bill Bryson recounts the 800-plus miles of the 2,100-mile Appalachian Trail he took on with an unlikely but entertaining companion.

Ericsson, Jennifer. ***A Piece of Chalk.*** Roaring Brook Press, 2007. 32 p. (978-1596430570).

A little girl creates a colored chalk drawing on her driveway.

Gilchrist, Paige. ***At Home with Pictures: Arranging & Displaying Photos, Artwork & Collections.*** Lark Books, 2004. 144 p. (978-1579905958).

A variety of creative solutions for how to decorate and display artwork.

Gleser, Virginia. ***Tie Dye! The How-To Book.*** Book Publishing Company, 1999. 96 p. (978-1570670718).

This user-friendly book will show you how to create seven unique and beautiful designs. Clear, simple instructions, including photos of each stage of the tying and dying, will guide you through the process.

Hubbard, Clare, ed. ***Making Rag Rugs: 15 Step-by-Step Projects.*** Storey Books, 2002. 80 p. (978-1580174558).

Transform recycled materials into unique handcrafted rugs with these 15 step-by-step projects for hooking, braiding, and weaving. Illustrated with full-color photographs.

Lear, Brett. ***Adult Programs in the Library.*** ALA Editions, 2001. 134 p. (978-0838908105).

Packed with more than 30 sample talking points, surveys, newsletters, press releases, scheduling tools, and checklists, you can hit the ground running and bring your adult programming services to life.

Prisant, Carol. ***Antiques Roadshow 20th Century Collectibles: The Complete Guide to Collecting 20th Century Glassware, Costume Jewelry, Memorabilia, Toys and More From the Most-Watched Show on PBS.*** Workman Publishing, 2003. 416 p. (978-0761128229).

Focuses on 12 major areas that inspire both the thrill of the chase and the thrill of discovery: furniture, photographs, posters and illustration art, costume jewelry and wrist-watches, dolls, toys, advertising memorabilia, sports, glass and pottery, and more.

Ranier, Raymond. ***Programming for Adults: A Guide for Small- and Medium-sized Libraries***. Scarecrow Press, 2005. 261 p. (9780810851559).
Practical suggestions for creating popular programming for adults.

Roberts, Elise Schebler. ***The Quilt: A History and Celebration of an American Art Form***. Voyageur Books, 2007. 348 p. (978-0760326886).
Traces the path of the quilt's history, from colonial whole cloth to pioneer bed coverings, Civil War quilts to Victorian Craziess, and Depression-era patchwork to quilts of the present day, relating the stories behind these treasures and the people who stitched them together. Illustrated with over 200 full-color photographs.

Sacks, Oliver. ***Musicophilia***. Knopf, 2007. 400 p. (978-1400040810).
Sacks examines the powers of music through the individual experiences of patients, musicians, and everyday people.

Schultz, Patricia. ***1,000 Places to See Before You Die: A Traveler's Life List***. Workman Publishing, 2003. 972 p. (978-0761104841, pap.).
One thousand places guaranteed to give travelers the shivers: sacred ruins, grand hotels, wildlife preserves, hilltop villages, snack shacks, castles, festivals, reefs, restaurants, cathedrals, hidden islands, opera houses, museums, and more.

Simpson, Joe. ***Touching the Void***. HarperCollins. 224 p. (978-0060730550, pap.).
This is a gripping survival story told by climber Joe Simpson who fell and disappeared into a crevasse where he broke his leg on an ice-climbing trek in the Peruvian Siula Grande Mountains.

Steinbeck, John. ***Travels with Charley***. Penguin, 2002. 224 p. (978-0142000700, pap.).
The story of Nobel prize winner Steinbeck and his poodle, Charley, who set off on a three-month trip across America in a camper.

Torres, Laura. ***Friendship Bracelets***. Klutz, 1996. 57 p. (978-1570540530).
Provides step-by-step instructions for creating bracelets in a variety of patterns.

Web sites

Bi-Folkal Productions, Inc. www.bifolkal.org.
This is a commercial producer of multi-sensory kits popular with those who work with older adults. Remembering Music is one of the titles that should work well with this summer's theme.

Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP).
www.csllpreads.org/adult.htm.
Resources and tips for working on adult summer library programs.

Project for Public Spaces. www.pps.org/info/newsletter/april2007/libraries_that_matter.
The Project for Public Spaces is a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping people create and sustain public spaces that build communities. The April 2007 newsletter features the role of libraries as community centers for the 21st century.