

READsquared Meet Up Fall/Winter Themed Programs Notes

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Welcome: I am Laura Kelly, Children & Youth Services Coordinator for the SDSL for two years now. I would like to welcome you to the READsquared Meet Up Fall/Winter Theme Program!

Opening:

Trying New Things: Why new experiences are so important to have.

Alex Lickerman M.D. Psychology Today, April 01, 2010

<https://www.psychologytoday.com/intl/blog/happiness-in-world/201004/trying-new-things>

Studies suggest we **fear an unknown outcome** more than we do a **known bad one**.

Here's a list of things remind yourself whenever faced with trying something new:

1. **Trying something new often requires courage.** And needing to summon courage is itself a benefit. Once it's released it will, like its second cousin once removed, [anger](#), indiscriminately engulf everything in its path. How wonderful to open a flood of courage and be carried on its waves to destinations of unexpected benefit.
2. **Trying something new opens up the possibility for you to *enjoy* something new.** Entire careers, entire life paths, are carved out by people dipping their baby toes into small ponds and suddenly discovering a love for something they had no idea would capture their imaginations.
3. **Trying something new keeps you from becoming bored.** Even I, the most routine-loving person I know, become bored if I'm not continually challenged in some way. And it's not the new challenges I'm *eager* to take on that represent my greatest opportunities for growth—it's the ones I'm not.
4. **Trying something new forces you to grow.** We don't ever grow from taking action we've always taken (the growth that enabled us to be able to take it has already occurred). Growth seems to require we take new action *first*, whether it's adopting a new attitude or a new way of thinking, or literally taking new action. Thrusting yourself into new situations and leaving yourself there alone, so to speak, often forces beneficial change. A spirit of constant self-challenge keeps you humble and open to new ideas that very well may be better than the ones you currently hold dear.

**LET TODAY
BE THE
START OF
SOMETHING
NEW**

Introduction to READsquared: <https://library.sd.gov/LIB/CYS/readsquared/index.aspx>

I hope you had the opportunity to attend a webinar training and or view a recording to learn about READsquared. The recordings are on the webpage (add link to chat) along with marketing materials and the registration link. I have invited a few librarians who have experience with READsquared to share ideas and suggestions for using the software for fall/winter programming and 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program.

Watertown Regional Library: 20 minutes

Sarah Overvaag, Children's Programming

- Summer Reading thoughts on READsquared :
 - Prize Store was a struggle not keeping accurate inventory
 - Getting patrons involved in programming that last all year is powerful and will keep them thinking about the library!
 - Adults paly Bingo in the winter and teens too
 - Create parent account to manage all of your children at once
 - Young adult program is split 5-8 log minutes, 9-12 log books
 - Secret mission would like this feature added
 - Only one Bingo board active at a time
- 1000 Books Before Kindergarten:
 - Use READsquared online registration and paper copies reading logs and registration form
 - Send out information in newsletters, brochures, welcome letter and social media
 - Share pictures of participants in library, social media, newspaper
 - Baby packets to new parents
 - Color pages for kids
 - Reuse the logo for 1000 Books
 - Reminder all types of reading formats are acceptable
 - Your child can start at any age!
 - 1000 Books T-shirts: <https://1000booksbeforekindergarten.org/>
 - Rebranded READsquared program, badges and completion certificate
 - Decide if you want the tile of the book required
 - Free board book every 100 books, 1000 get T-shirt
 - Ask local business and community organizations to donate specially, [Stephanie Miller-Davis Grant](#)
 - Register your library with 1000 Books Before Kindergarten
 - Logging Tips: Storytime books X 3, Online storytime book, parents read to child, don't have to all be library books, can reread books
- Explore America:
 - Start working on states in 2 or 3 grades, do something that they are already doing in school, contact a school librarian or teacher
 - Read about state or what is happening the state
 - Suggest reading titles in your collection
 - Use "See the Website" function at the top right side of the webpage

- Grand Prize Drawing: [Complete 50 Uncirculated State 99-08 Quarter Collection Set + 6 Territory Quarters](#)
- United States Mint: <https://www.usmint.gov/learn/kids/library>
- Teachers love the collaboration
- Add link to the catalog
- Every state has a mission: trivia question, South Dakota State Library Website: World Book (You have to authenticate when logging initially)
- State Seal is the badge for each state
- Activity: title of the book you read and trivia with work code answer
- Every five states you get a prize: car board games, bookmark, free books, enter the grand prize raffle entry
- When register you receive a state map to color in
- READSquared is able to upload the program and share it so look for it in your programs list!

Custer County Library: 20 minutes

Doris Ann Mertz Library Director, Thea Teasley Programming Assistant

- Summer Reading thoughts on READSquared:
 - Mission is favorite part
 - Asked for pictures
 - Would like to see video option
 - Logging points simple but teens struggled logging books not time
 - Liked prize store but did encounter a problem with inventory
 - Raffle went well for teens
 - Younger kids used all their points in the raffle
 - Everyone liked the app.
 - Initial registration was confusing for some, more adult's setup accounts
 - Phone contact would be nice
 - Pictures are small and pixelated
 - More than one prize store at a time option
- 1000 Books Before Kindergarten:
 - [Demco](#) stickers and promotional items
 - Supply folders with all details
 - Don't have to read every word a book
 - Read book several time just write the number on paper log
 - Interview the patrons who complete the program, ask about their favorite book
 - Wrote grants for funding
 - Take picture of patrons when they reach each milestone
 - Wall on website that move patrons along in the program, also wall in the library
 - [American Academy of Pediatrics](#)
 - [Canva](#)
 - Send pictures of your children if you would rather not come into the library.
 - Enter participants as a batch in READSquared if they all ready started the program.

- Setup Test Accounts to try programs out (Ghost Account)
- Use the clone function when setting up badges
- Adult Programming:
 - Start adult program
 - Use the prize raffle for adult programming

Laura Kelly Other Themed Programs: Contact me @ laura.kelly@state.sd.us

- Million Page Challenge
- Women's History Month
- Black History Month
- Read Across America

Closing Remarks:

We have been notified that on the weekend of September 26th/27th your libraries may experience 5 minutes of downtime. We will update you if more information is provided as we get closer.

Sincerely,

Barry Young
President
Systems Technology Group, Inc.
Provider of READsquared Solutions

READsquared End of Summer Feedback/Webinar

You have been invited to a join.me meeting

Fall Post Program Webinar

- Highlighting fall/winter and 1,000 books before Kindergarten programs
- Recommending how to transition from summer to future programs
- Reviewing available reports and some tips on setting up ad hoc reports

Join the meeting: join.me/READsquaredTraining

Wednesday, September 9, 2020 2:30 PM

Eastern Time (US & Canada)

[In my time zone?](#) **1:30 CST; 12:30 MST**

Thursday, September 10, 2020 11:00 AM

Eastern Time (US & Canada)

[In my time zone?](#) **10 am CST/ 9 am MST**

To dial in by phone:

United States - Los Angeles, CA

+1.213.226.1066

Conference ID:

518-509-521 #

Please complete this two-question survey for DOE. Thank you for your time!

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdcuDv5GXjH-HoX2TnW4D-w-BZRs6s7Mb6qPgJXjgh-QXeW4Q/viewform?usp=sf link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdcuDv5GXjH-HoX2TnW4D-w-BZRs6s7Mb6qPgJXjgh-QXeW4Q/viewform?usp=sf_link)

We at READsquared want to thank you and your organization for being a part of the READsquared Community! We genuinely appreciate your business and support and wanted to let you know how much we value you as a partner in improving literacy and promoting the library and all its resources.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/X5P2H67>