Decorating Together
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Today we hope you will:

★ Be inspired to create inclusive, engaging spaces,
★ Learn new ways to include your community in summer programming,
★ Come away with decoration ideas that are interactive, collaborative, and thematic,
★ Find joy in networking and communicating with colleagues across the CSLP Membership!
ICEBREAKER:

In three words: How does decorating the library for summer make you feel?

https://www.menti.com/alikq28ibnkn
Concrete vs. Abstract Themes
Library as a Place: Why do we Decorate?
2023 Art & Decor
2023 Artwork by Frank Morrison
Frank Morrison Artwork: Decoration Ideas!

★ Decorate your library with a photo montage of polaroids/printed pictures of patrons holding up a favorite book!
Frank Morrison Artwork: Tangrams!

Different color shapes (felt or magnetic board) that youth can create “ABC’s” out of, creating an interactive display.
Have patrons work together to build a robot out of recycled materials to display in the library.
Frank Morrison Artwork: Decoration Ideas!

Wonder Media, Kalamazoo Valley Museum, MI

Traverse Area District Library, MI
Frank Morrison Artwork: Decoration Ideas!

Have window or case displays? Create a collaborative Lego Display!

Instructables: Collaborative Lego Display
Frank Morrison Artwork: Decoration Ideas!

Create a giant themed street drawing!
Frank Morrison Artwork: Decoration Ideas!

★ Black craft paper w/Mandala Stencils for SRP kick-off

Image courtesy of Tennessee State Library
Adult Poster

🌟 Bring in a park bench and set up a fun reading space or photo opportunity in your library!
Frank Morrison Artwork: Decoration Ideas!

“Where do you read?”
2023 Extra Artwork by Aude Shattuck
Decorating with Aude Shattuck Artwork

Print handprints or people cutouts and have kids place them around a tree or a heart as they visit the library.
Decorating with Aude Shattuck Artwork

Create a giant watering can, have patrons add flowers and plants they draw or paint to a garden beneath it.
Decorating with Aude Shattuck Artwork

- Marching Feet: Die-cuts of shoes - design your own sneaker to add to bulletin board OR laminate and stick to the floor
- Reflection/Photo-Op: create a crosswalk with a full-length mirror laying horizontally to reflect their feet crossing.
Decorating with Aude Shattuck Artwork

★ Displays for:
  ○ Playlists
  ○ Audio Books
  ○ Video Streaming
Engaging Your Community
Example:
Tiny Art Gallery

Hand out tiny canvases around the community and have people bring them in for a tiny art exhibit!
Example: Origami Garlands
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Host a station in the library or origami workshops at outreach events, string together creations into garlands to decorate the library!

Image courtesy of Tennessee State Library
Example: Post-It Wall

Put up a prompt in the library and allow patrons to respond!

Olympia Timberland Library, Olympia, WA
Example:
Post-It Wall

I would not time-travel, because as turbulent as this time is, I want to experience it and be a part of history. No year in time would show a world at peace. - 17 year old gay kid

Olympia Timberland Library, Olympia, WA
Example: Self Portrait Gallery

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8th Graders, Lake Fenton Schools, MI
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Example:
Draw Together!
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Kids and adults create a collaborative work of art together!

KC and Tobe White collaborative artwork
Interactive Decor & Photo Ops
Example: Bulletin Board Photo Opp

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Amy Lewis Young, Clinton-Macomb Public Library
Example: Neurographic Art

★ “Redraw the world!”

Give over a whole wall to this art process or ask teens to draw their own on large pieces of paper that you then hang around the teen area.

Kearsley High School, MI
Example:
All Together Now Photo Frame

Photo Frame using artwork for 2023, or have teens create a design to use.

Photo courtesy of Cathy Lancaster, Library of Michigan
Example: Friendship Benches

Also known as "Kindness" or "Buddy" benches, decorate and place one outside or in your library.
Example: Puzzle Piece Display

★ Buy a giant blank puzzle and leave out the pieces for people to decorate. When it’s done, put the puzzle together and display it!

WebJunction Collaborative Puzzle Art Project
Example: Photo Opportunities

★ There are many animals that live in groups. Pick one to feature in cardboard cut-outs!
Example: Interactive Book Displays

Create a book display with an interactive component, like one of these!

(These displays were mostly created by Freddy Vineberg at the Olympia Timberland Library, an interactive display genius!)
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![Image of interactive book displays at a library]

- May Music Madness
- New Year's resolution display
- Interactive book display with stickers and games
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Think Big & Beyond!
Example: Community Quilt

The South Sound Modern Quilt Guild worked together to create this beautiful piece of art for the library!

Olympia Timberland Library, Olympia, WA
“What we mean by interactive is that ... we’re looking at possibilities and ways that we can offer visual cues from the design of the mural itself so that people will be enticed to roll, walk, jump or play on the ground mural itself,” Azzaro said. “We also want it to be an inviting space ... (that is) approachable and accessible for everyone.”

Mindful Murals

Superior Township Library Article
Example: Bookend Decorating

Have your patrons paint bookends at home or at a program and use them throughout your library beyond the summer!
Example: Peace Poles

Decorated garden posts at each branch location, or use as a fundraiser or prizes.

St. Charles Public Library, MO
Example: Kindness Rocks

Outdoor decor: Kindness Rock Inspiration Garden!

https://www.thekindnessrocksproject.com/
Example: Donation Boxes

Do a donation drive for a local organization and be sure to use donations as a display in your windows!

Traverse Area District Library, MI
Example: Public Library Cards

Ask libraries in your region, state, or even nationally to send you their library cards for a display board.

(Images of cards may be easier to collect)

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What’s Next?
Google Sharing Form!

Add your decorating ideas to the Google form at this link! You’ll have access to all of the idea submissions: https://bit.ly/CSLPdecor23

Social Media Sharing

Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram: @CSLPreads

Facebook Groups:

- CSLP - Feeding the Whole Child: Libraries and Food
- CSLP’s Official Summer Library Programming Group!
CSLP produces a newsletter with ideas on a regular basis, make sure you are subscribed!
Now let’s hear from you!
Thank You!

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