

# **CONNECT, CREATE, CELEBRATE : A COLLABORATIVE STRATEGY FOR SUMMER READING**

## **Port Jefferson Free Library DECORATIONS**

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# CONNECT



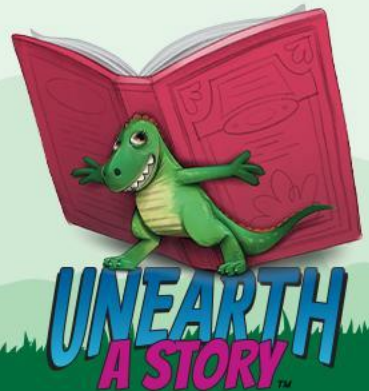
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# ***SHARING IS CARING***

***Getting the ENTIRE Library on the same page and THEME!***

***Use Document Collaboration Software such as:***

- ***Google Workspace (Docs, Slides, Sheets, Calendar)***
- ***Dropbox***
- ***Canva***
- ***Pinterest Boards***



# ***WHEN TO START DECORATING***

***Can you ever really start TOO Early?***

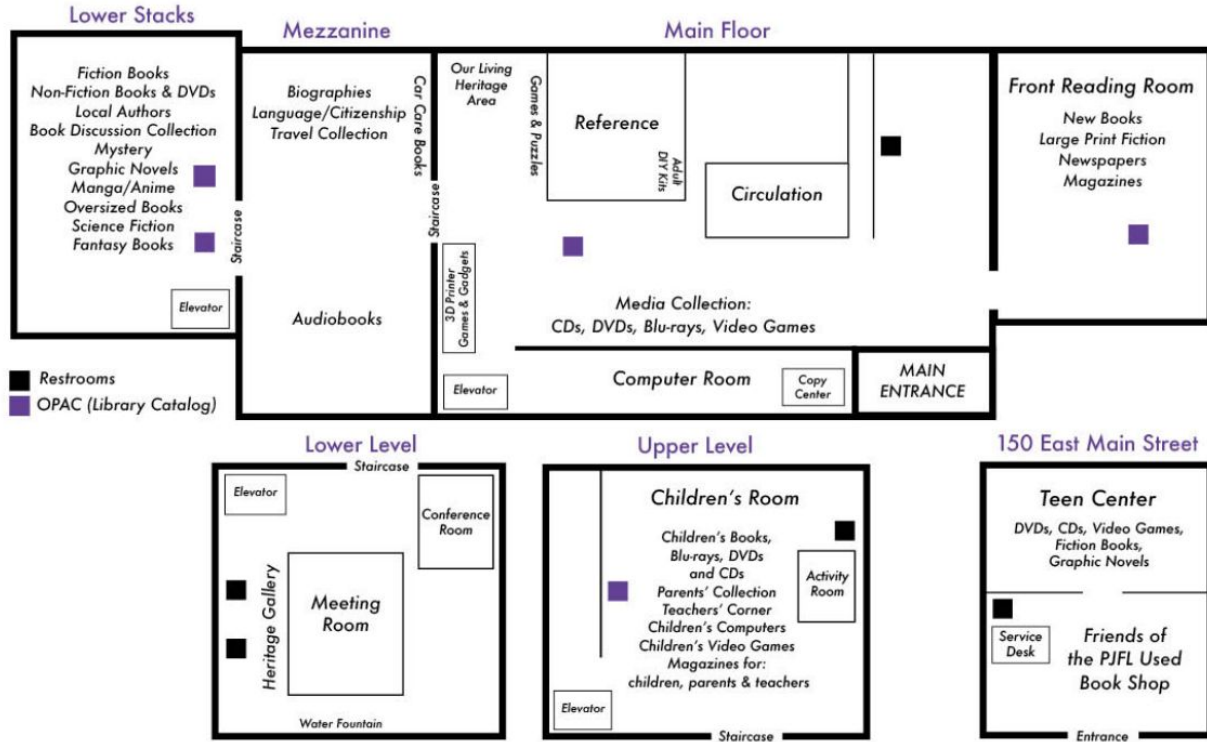


- ***Ultimately pick the timeline that works for your space and staffing***
- ***Work Backwards – Plan to finish 2-3 days before your program begins***



# WHERE TO START DECORATING

## PORT JEFFERSON FREE LIBRARY FLOOR MAP



- *Examine your space*
- *Look past the obvious spots*
- *Think of your audience and who enters the space*
- *Make sure space remains Accessible*



# ***WHO WILL START DECORATING***

***Creativity is more important than artistic ability***

## ***STAFF***

- *Collaborate with colleagues in ALL departments*
- *Utilize a variety of skill sets from ALL departments*
- *Spread the work - don't burn anyone out!*

## ***PATRONS/VOLUNTEERS:***

- *Set up programs for creating decorations*
- *Give out supplies to take home and return with the decorations*



# CREATE



# ***MORE SHARING IS MORE CARING***

***Making the most of  
shared vantage points***









# ***AND THEN THERE'S THE TEEN CENTER***

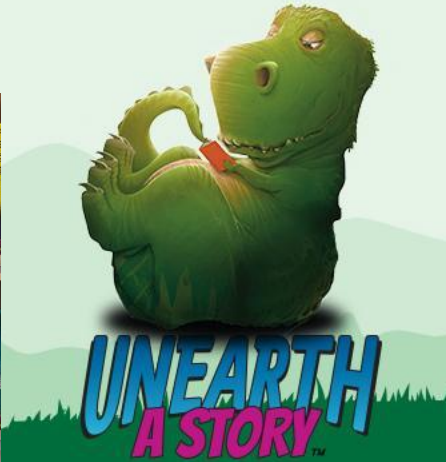




# TEEN SPACE?



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# ***SMALL ITEMS IN BIG NUMBERS***

*See our tiny canvases- together they create a great impact!*



# ***BIG ITEMS IN SMALL NUMBERS***

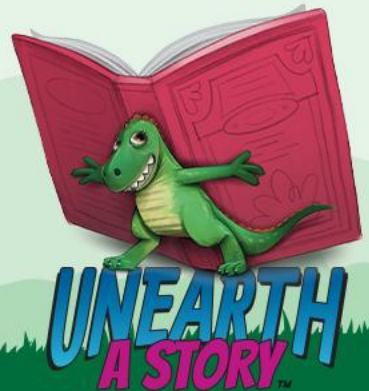
*Reversing that size and scale can be equally impactful!  
Bigger items can also fill up more space with less!!*





# ***GREAT SUPPLY ITEMS AND HOW TO SOURCE THEM***

- ***Cardboard Boxes, Book Box Liners: TECH SERVICES!! Super cheap and versatile. Also ask patrons and community businesses to save and donate.***
- ***Shoe Boxes: Staff and patron donations- make great dioramas.***
- ***Paper Towel Rolls/Wrapping Paper Rolls: Staff and patron donations.***
- ***Art Supplies: Buy quality - It's worth it!!***



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## **PATRONS**

*What could this theme mean to your audience?*

### **Adult Decor Ideas**

### **Children's Decor Ideas**

*Dinosaurs*

*Dinosaur Mascot*

*Fossils*

*Dinosaurs*

*Archaeology*

*Volcano*

*Jurassic Park*

*Bones*

*Volcano*

*Fossil Dig*

***Look for crossovers for collaboration!***



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# ART & DECOR

**DINOSAURS  
DIDN'T READ  
NOW THEY'RE  
EXTINCT**



*This book is  
Dino-mite!*



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# ***CELEBRATE***



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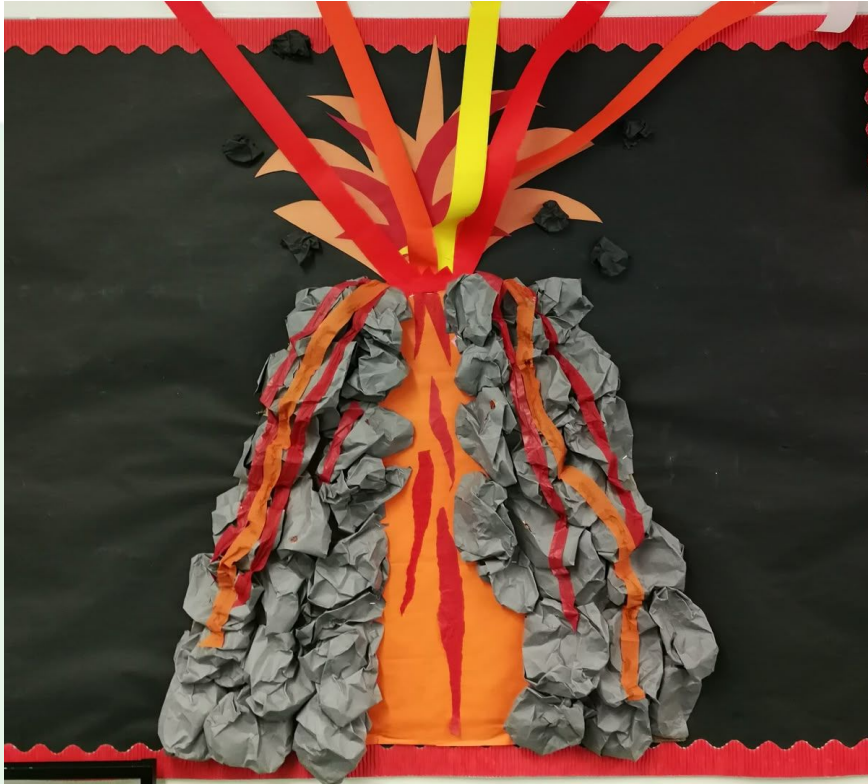
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# ***IN CONCLUSION:***

- *Focus on doing less well*
- *Work with what you have- cooperate and collaborate*
- *You do not have build an immersive experience*
- *Take notes on what worked (and didn't)*

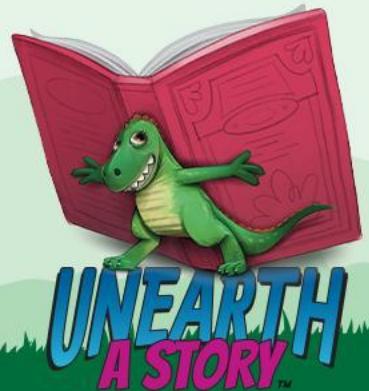


# **HAVE FUN!**



*Remember:  
A volcano is just a triangle  
with the top point cut off!*

# **HAPPY CREATING!**



# ***BE INSPIRED!***

***Librarians can gain valuable insights from each other!***

- *Social Media- Facebook, Instagram, Pinterest, Youtube*
- *Follow other Local Libraries in Your Area*
- *Join Local/State Library Associations*
- *Google Your idea(s)*

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***Examples/Resources  
Used in this Presentation***



***Teen Center  
Instagram***

