

The Art of Drop-In Programming

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An Annotated Resource List

Whether you're just curious about drop-in programs or you're ready to plan your own, here are a few resources to get you started on your journey:

Individual Programs: Anything but Passive

(<http://cslinsession.cvlites.org/past/individual-programs-anything-but-passive/>)

The webinar by Tori Sparrow, Melissa Mitchell, and Becca Philipsen is posted, along with the supplemental presentation materials, on the Colorado State Library in Session site. The presenters outline the benefits and drawbacks of "individual programs" and share tips on how to create successful passive programs in a library setting.

Librarian's Guide to Passive Programming by Emily T. Wichman (ISBN: 978-1598848953)

This book is an in-depth guide to passive programming. Wichman provides drop-in programming ideas for several kinds of libraries (public, private, colleges, etc.). Plus, the book contains promotional ideas and sample marketing materials. This is a comprehensive resource for any library staff member.

Pinterest (<https://www.pinterest.com/>)

Pinterest's tagline is *the world's catalog of ideas*. If you're interested in getting thousands of ideas for drop-in programs, this is the place to go. Not only can you see what other librarians have done, you can also get ideas for new drop-in programs by searching for specific keywords (ex.--passive programs, drop-in programs, library craft programs, etc.). Happy pinning!

Programming Librarian (<http://www.programminglibrarian.org/ideas>)

The website, maintained by the American Library Association's Public Programs Office, offers suggestions for different types of programs, including drop-in programs. This site is a good starting place when planning a drop-in.

The Show Me Librarian (<http://showmelibrarian.blogspot.com/>)

Amy Koester, a public youth librarian, keeps this blog current and has some interesting articles on executing drop-in programs.