Connecting with Teens Using Discord
Who We Are

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★ Meme Queen

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★ Game Master
What We Are Going to Talk About

★ Quick Intro to Discord
★ Stuff We’ve Tried
★ Making it Happen
★ Q & A
What Even *is* Discord?
Discord is a versatile platform that can be used for all sorts of programs and connections.
What Does it All Mean?
Glossary of Terms

★ Server
★ Categories
★ Text Channel
★ Voice Channel
★ Roles
Don’t Panic...

SALT LAKE COUNTY TO CLOSE SENIOR CENTERS, RECREATION CENTERS, LIBRARIES, ARTS AND CULTURAL FACILITIES, THE EQUESTRIAN CENTER, THE CLARK PLANETARIUM, AND DISCOVERY GATEWAY, EFFECTIVE TOMORROW, FRIDAY MARCH 13 TO PREVENT CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK
Why Discord?

★ Versatile
★ Customizable
★ Teens are already there
★ Multiple levels of safety & privacy
Let’s talk about privacy

★ All you need is an email
★ User names are anonymous
Let’s talk about safety

★ Registration as a barrier to creepers
★ Open during library hours so there are always moderators when the server is active
The best way to keep teens safe, online or IRL, is to build positive relationships with them.
Stuff We’ve Tried
Programming for Teens

★ Be Brave
★ Be Flexible
★ Let them lead
★ What is success?

what people think it looks like

what it really looks like
Teen Lounge

Quick overview of the evolution of Discord programs. Fewer details or slides.
Teen Lounge
Interactive Games

Among Us

Jackbox Games
Webcomic “Book” Clubs
Inktober

Marinda (Librarian) 08/23/2021
We got approved as a non-profit inktober partner today!

Mieke (Librarian, she/her) 08/23/2021
YAYYYYYY!!!!!

Marinda (Librarian) 08/23/2021
Thanks @Mieke (Librarian, she/her)
The goals of inktober are:
Help artists get better at drawing
Help artists find other cool artists
Help artists grow an audience for their work
We will start the official art show on October 1st.
But feel free to share any art you have created for prior inktober events until then.
Inktober
Dungeons and Dragons

- D&D Theros
  - dnd-theros
  - D&D Theros
- Eberron Campaign (Meke)
  - eberron
  - Eberron
- Character Creation
  - create-your-character
  - create your character
- Lost Mines of Phandelver (D...
  - lost-mines-of-phandelver
  - Lost Mines of Phandelver
- Hoard of the Dragon Queen
  - dnd-notes-and-text-chat
  - rules-reminders
  - links

Monks are more like religious barbarians that slowly become one-punch man.

True, true
Evanora was sacrificed to the gods

SACRIFICE!
Other Ideas

★ Book clubs
★ Other clubs (Hobbies/crafts)
★ TAG/TAB
★ Writers group
★ Game tournaments
Quick Brain Break

Breathe in
So You Want to Start Using Discord
Getting Approval/Buy-in

- Articulate your why
- Tie it to your mission, values, and goals
- Know your administrators and culture
- Learn enough to answer questions
- Be willing to compromise
- Law of conservation
Discord Specific Considerations

★ Explain what it is
★ Have a clear plan
★ Share examples
Setting Up Your Server
Practice Space
Roles

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Welcome to #🌈-pronoun-roles!

This is the start of the #🌈-pronoun-roles channel. Set your pronouns as a role so people will know how to address you.

Edit Channel

Cassie (Librarian) 12/03/2020

React to this message to share your pronouns. You can add multiple pronouns by reacting to many emojis, or change this at any time:

1. for she/her
2. for he/him
3. for they/them
4. for other (custom)

Emojis: 🌈 = 1, 👑 = 2, 👑 = 3, 👑 = 4, 👑 = 5, 👑 = 6, 👑 = 7, 👑 = 8, 👑 = 9, 👑 = 10, 👑 = 11, 👑 = 12
Server Settings/Permissions

★ Server Level
★ Category Level
★ Channel Level
★ By Role
Server Moderation

a discord mod flexing his powers be like:

I’ll allow it.
Set Clear Expectations

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**2022 Teen Discord Behavior Code of Conduct**

- Be smart, be safe, be respectful
- Be kind and courteous to everyone
- Use appropriate language, content, and links
- THINK - is it True, Helpful, Inspiring, Necessary, Kind?

The County Library has zero bullying tolerance. Bullying is defined as: “unwanted, aggressive behavior that involves a real or perceived power imbalance.” (Definition source: stopbullying.gov) Verbal bullying includes teasing, name-calling or taunting. Social bullying includes leaving someone out.

Not following these guidelines will result in warnings, suspension, or banning from the server (edited).
To Bot Or Not To Bot?

Let’s Talk A-Bot It...
Yay! We Have a Server! Now What?
Marketing to Teens

- Schools
- Organizations
- Social Media
- Word of Mouth
Sending Out Invitations

★ Safety
★ Accessibility
Cumulative Audience

★ High interest programs bring teens to the server

★ Teens are already on the server for next program
Cosplay Club

Cassie (Librarian) 11/30/2021
Y'all have inspired me. I'm going to start a Cosplay Club at my library in January (hopefully, assuming The Bosses don't tell us we can't do in person programming still)

*:Best Boi Gorou:* 12/01/2021
I WILL SO SIGN UP FOR THAT!

Cassie (Librarian) 12/01/2021
You don't have to sign up, just show up. I'll share the details when I have them

*:Best Boi Gorou:* 12/01/2021
WOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOO

Lorio 12/01/2021
If you don't mind me asking. Which library would it be at? bc if it's close enough then imma hop in me car
Questions?

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Teen Librarians Using Discord