Connecting with Teens Using Discord

Who We Are

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- ★ she/her/hers
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- ★ she/her/hers
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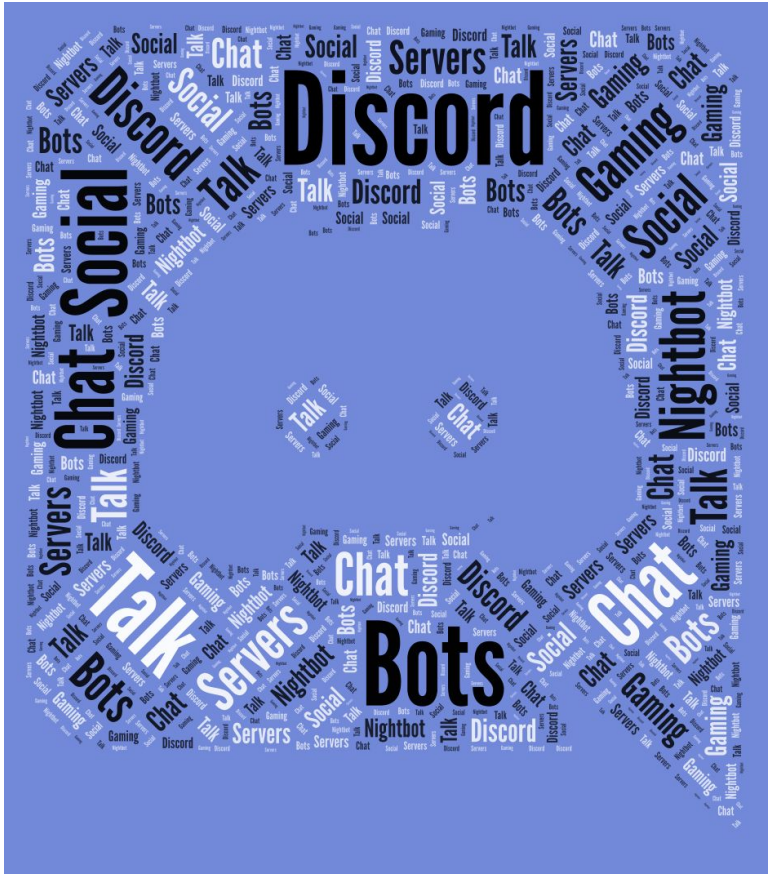
What We Are Going to Talk About

- ★ Quick Intro to Discord
- ★ Stuff We've Tried
- ★ Making it Happen
- ★ Q & A

What Even *is* Discord?

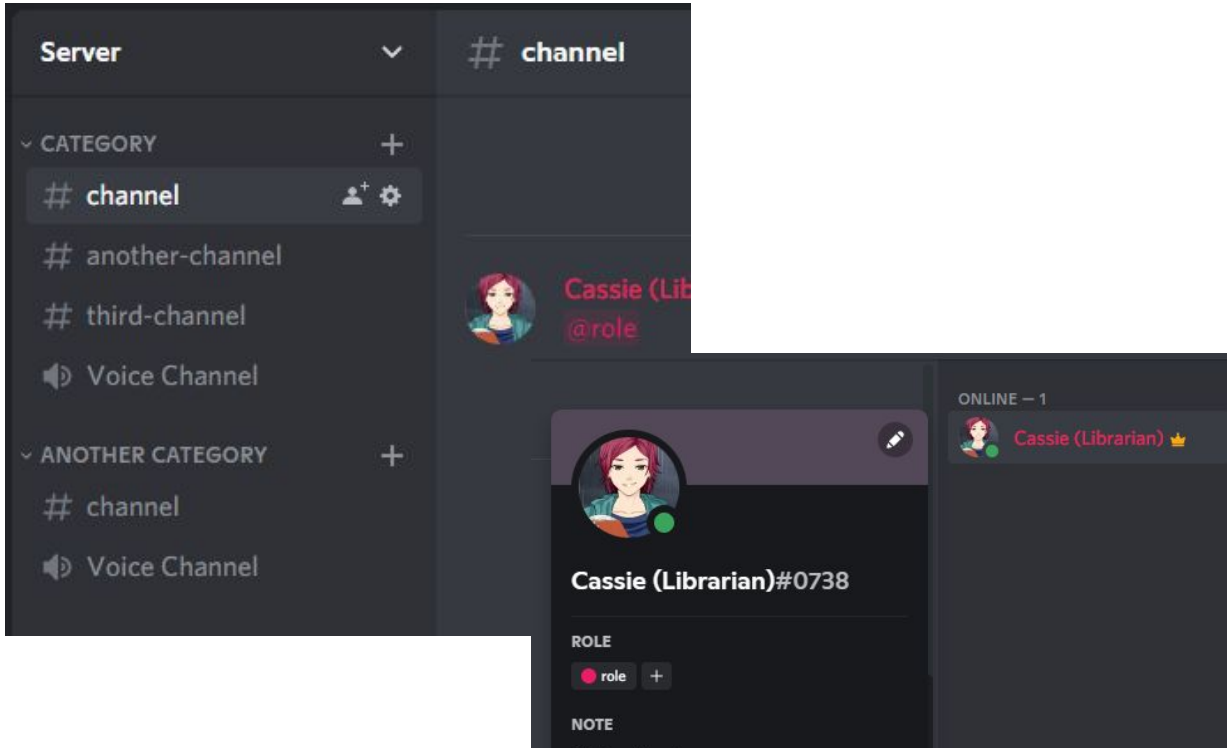
Discord is a versatile platform that can be used for all sorts of programs and connections.



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

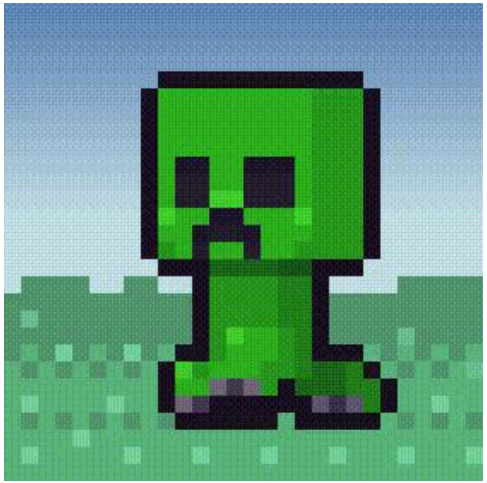
Why Discord?

- ★ 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



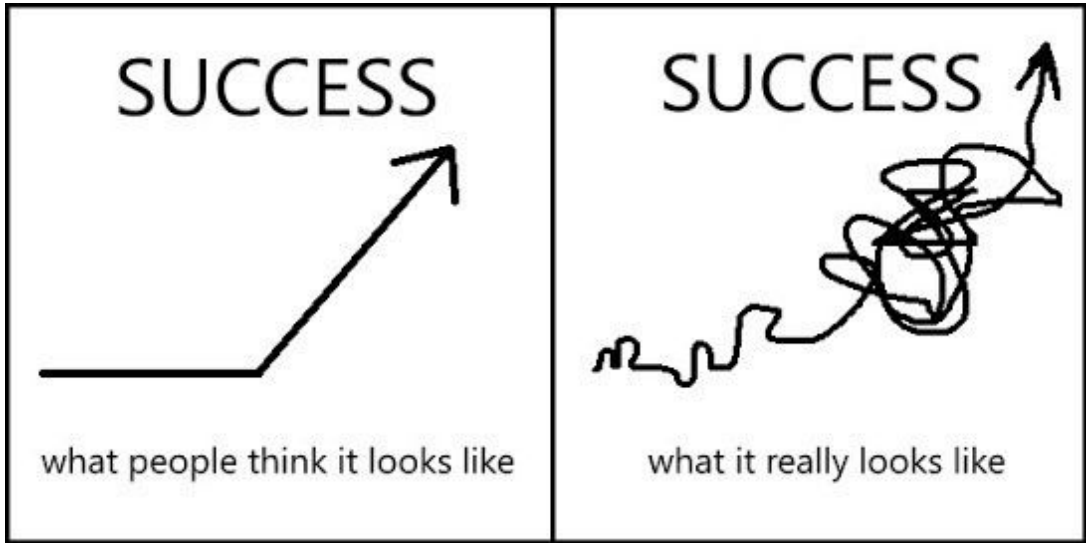
- ★ Registration as a barrier to creepers
- ★ Open during library hours so there are always moderators when the server is active

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?



Teen Lounge

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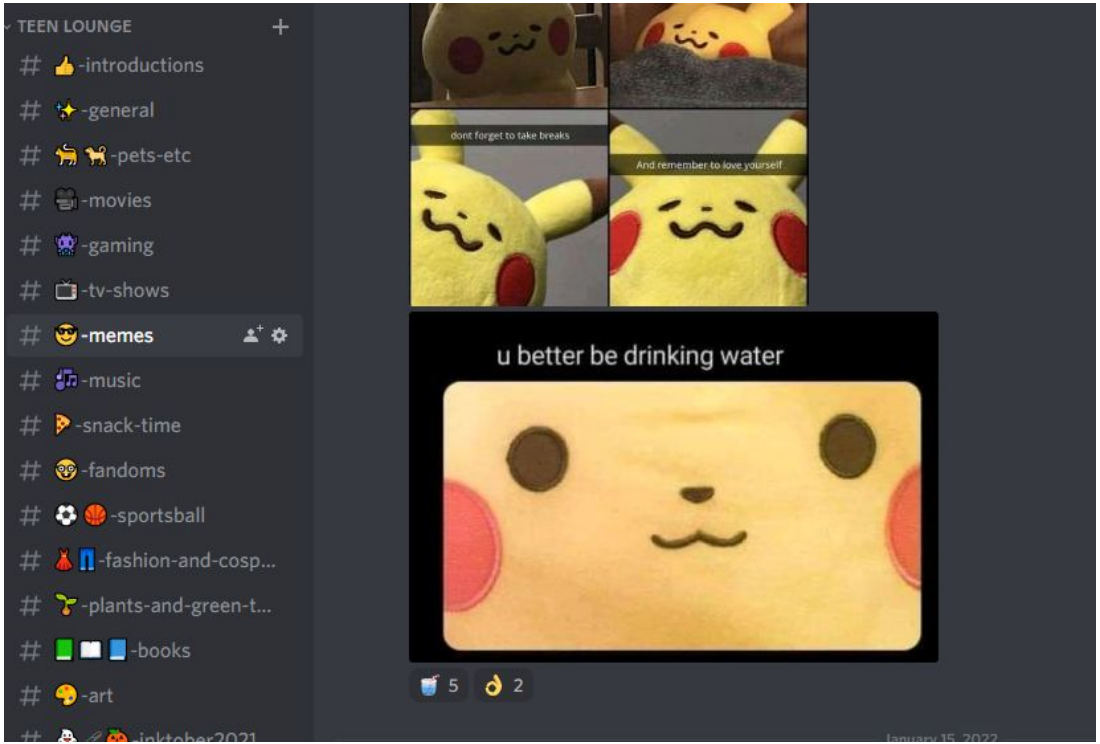

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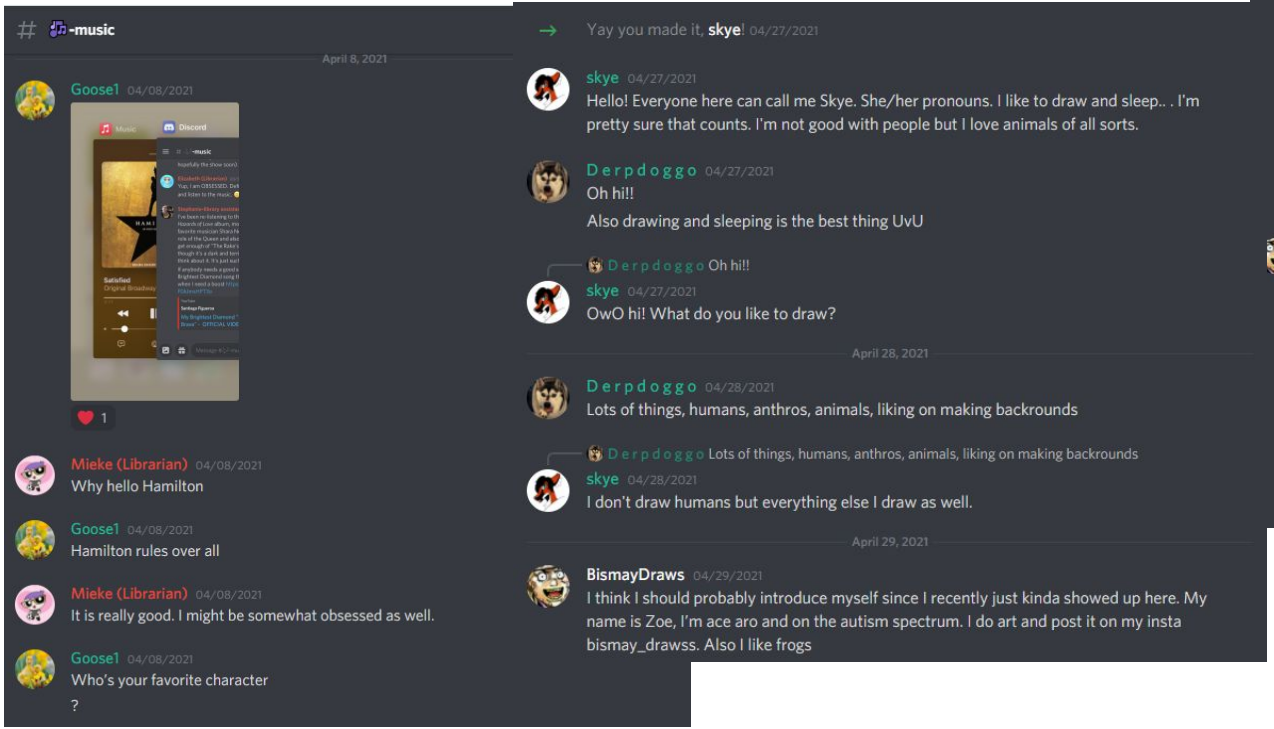
-music
April 8, 2021
Goose1 04/08/2021
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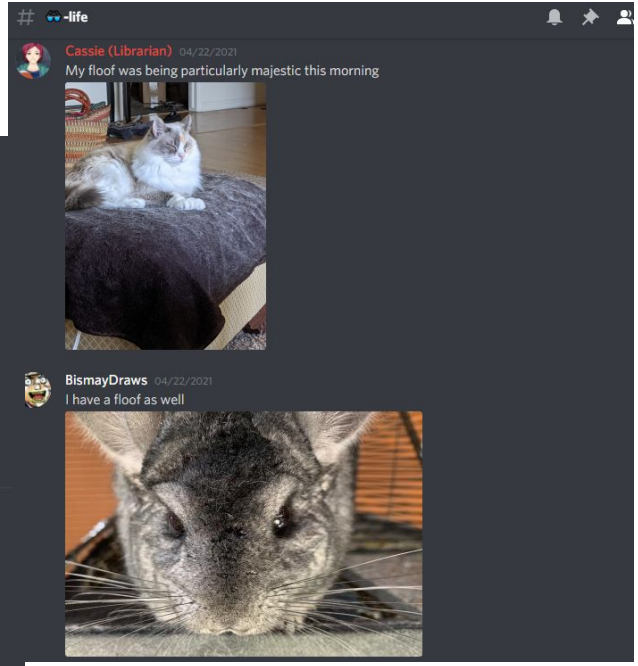
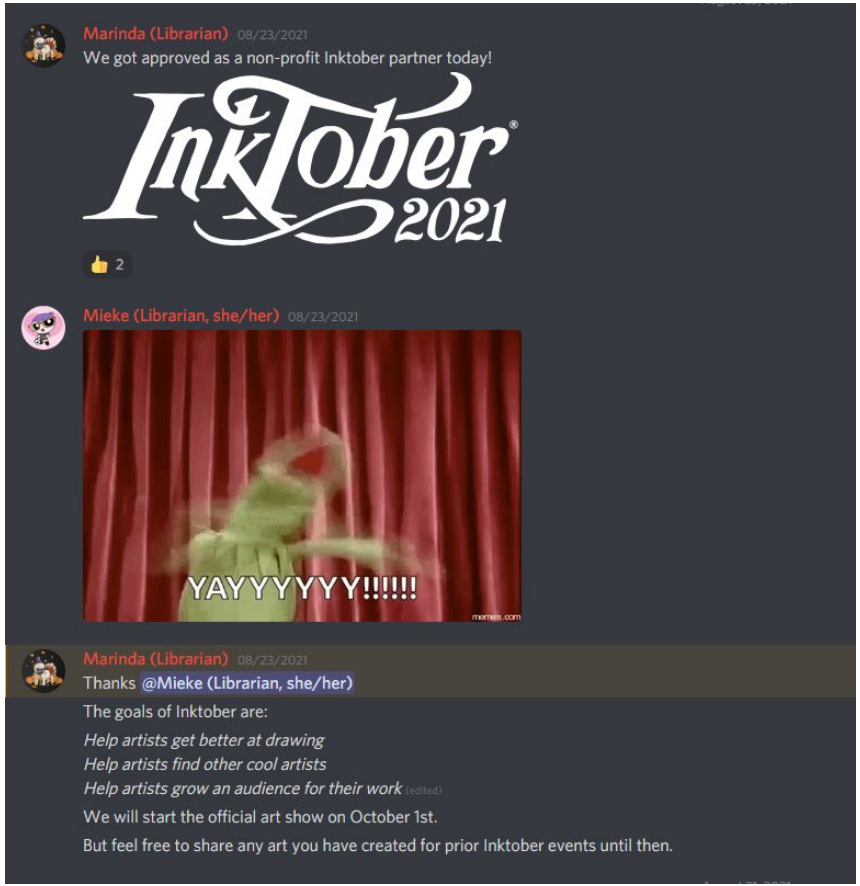
Mieke (Librarian) 04/08/2021
Why hello Hamilton
Goose1 04/08/2021
Hamilton rules over all
Mieke (Librarian) 04/08/2021
It is really good. I might be somewhat obsessed as well.
Goose1 04/08/2021
Who's your favorite character
?
Yay you made it, skye! 04/27/2021
skye 04/27/2021
Hello! Everyone here can call me Skye. She/her pronouns. I like to draw and sleep.. . I'm pretty sure that counts. I'm not good with people but I love animals of all sorts.
Derpdoggo 04/27/2021
Oh hi!!
Also drawing and sleeping is the best thing UvU
Derpdoggo Oh hi!!
skye 04/27/2021
OwO hi! What do you like to draw?
April 28, 2021
Derpdoggo 04/28/2021
Lots of things, humans, anthros, animals, liking on making backrounds
Derpdoggo Lots of things, humans, anthros, animals, liking on making backrounds
skye 04/28/2021
I don't draw humans but everything else I draw as well.
April 29, 2021
BismayDraws 04/29/2021
I think I should probably introduce myself since I recently just kinda showed up here. My name is Zoe, I'm ace aro and on the autism spectrum. I do art and post it on my insta bismay_drawss. Also I like frogs


-life
Cassie (Librarian) 04/22/2021
My floof was being particularly majestic this morning
BismayDraws 04/22/2021
I have a floof as well

Interactive Games

Webcomic “Book” Clubs

Inktober


Marinda (Librarian) 08/23/2021
We got approved as a non-profit Inktober partner today!
InkTober 2021
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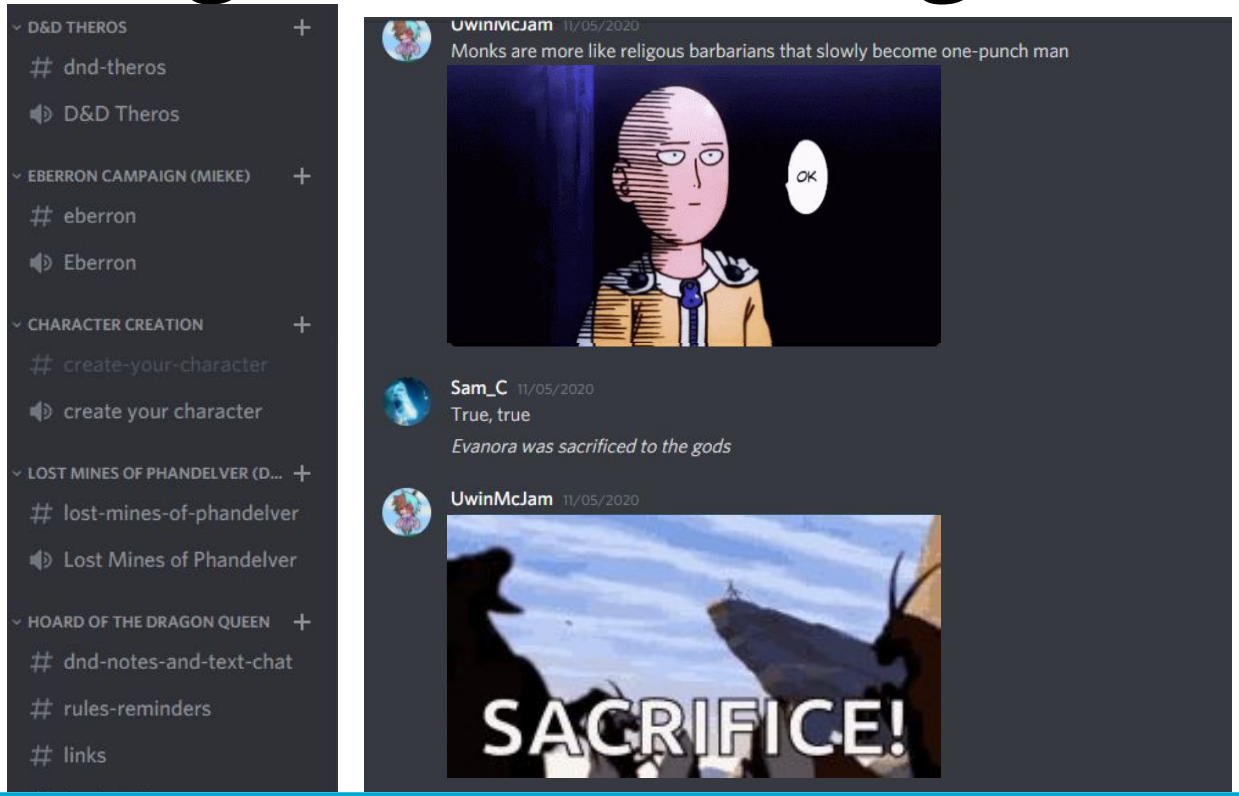
Mieke (Librarian, she/her) 08/23/2021
YAYYYYYY!!!!!!
Marinda (Librarian) 08/23/2021
Thanks @Mieke (Librarian, she/her)
The goals of Inktober are:
Help artists get better at drawing
Help artists find other cool artists
Help artists grow an audience for their work (edited)
We will start the official art show on October 1st.
But feel free to share any art you have created for prior Inktober events until then.

Inktober

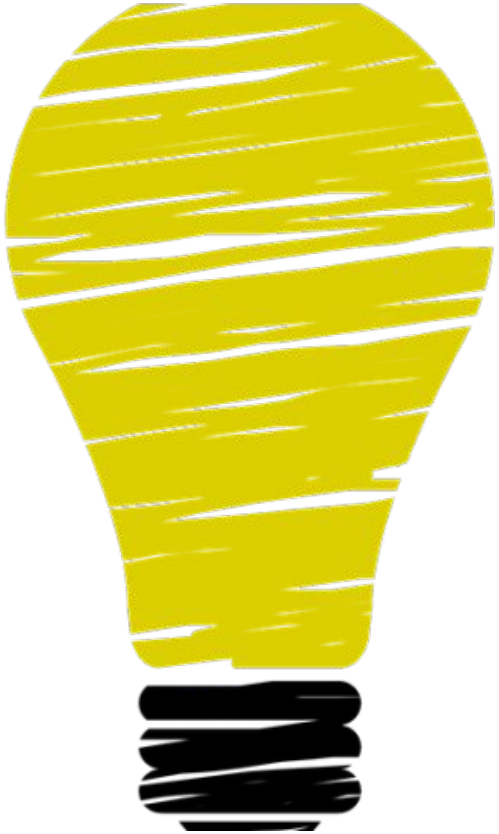
Dungeons and Dragons



Roll20

Other Ideas

- ★ Book clubs
- ★ Other clubs (Hobbies/crafts)
- ★ TAG/TAB
- ★ Writers group
- ★ Game tournaments



Quick Brain Break

So You Want to Start Using Discord

Getting Approval/Buy-in

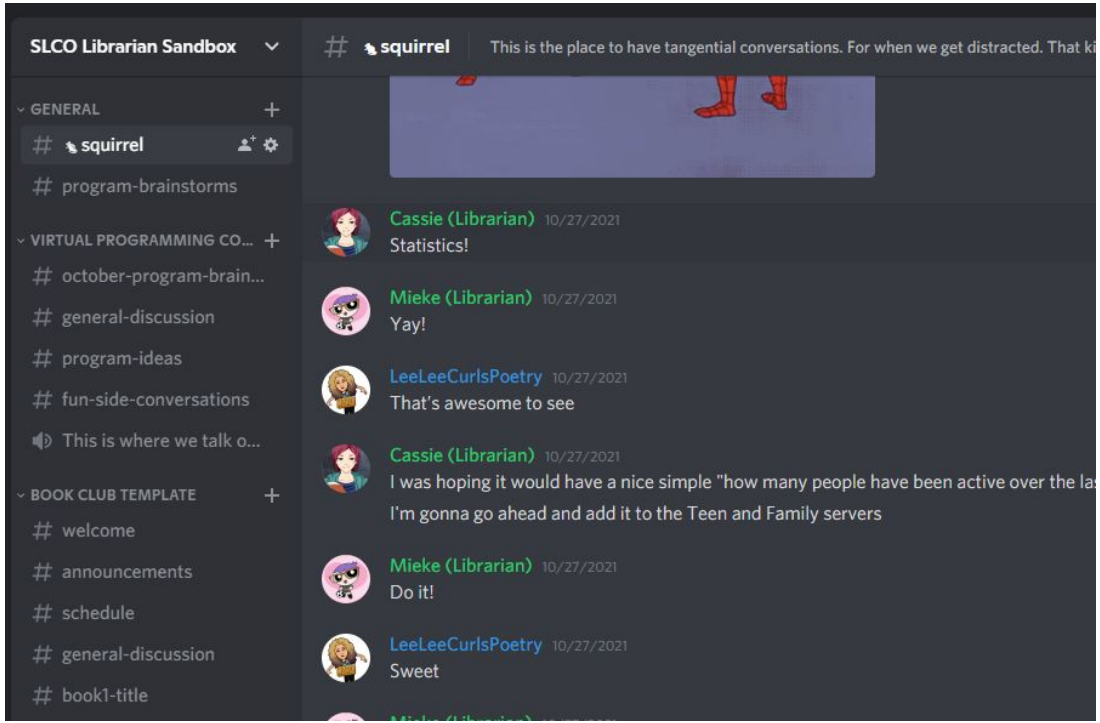
- ★ Articulate your why
- ★ Tie it to your mission, values, and goals
- ★ Know your administrators and culture
- ★ Learn enough to answer questions
- ★ Be willing to compromise
- ★ Law of conservation

Discord Specific Considerations

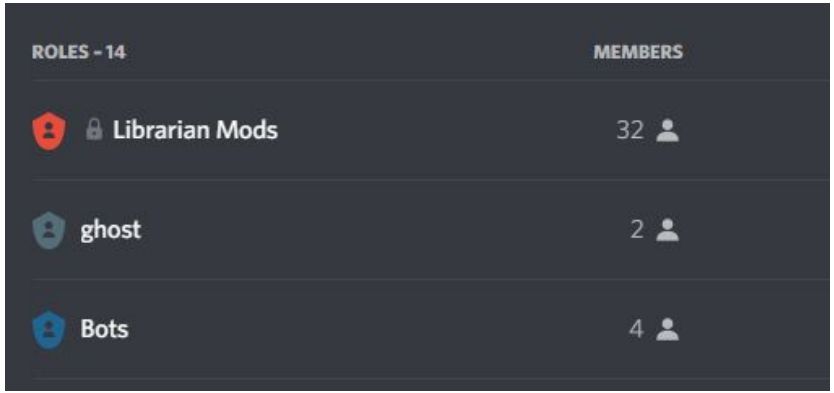
- ★ Explain what it is
- ★ Have a clear plan
- ★ Share examples

Setting Up Your Server

Practice Space



Roles


ROLES - 14
MEMBERS
Librarian Mods
32
ghost
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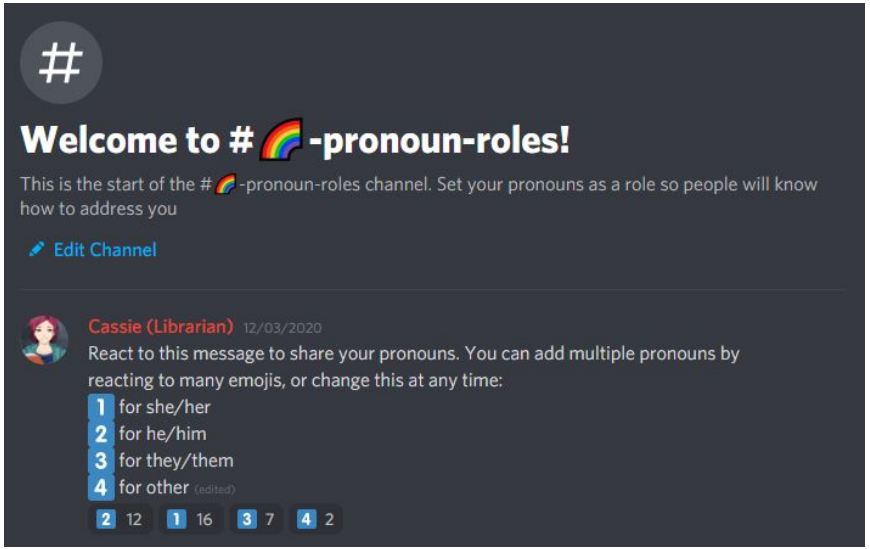
Bots
4

Zira


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 (edited)
2 12
1 16
3 7
4 2

Server Settings/Permissions

- ★ Server Level
- ★ Category Level
- ★ Channel Level
- ★ By Role

Server Moderation

Set Clear Expectations

-rules-and-guidelines

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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...

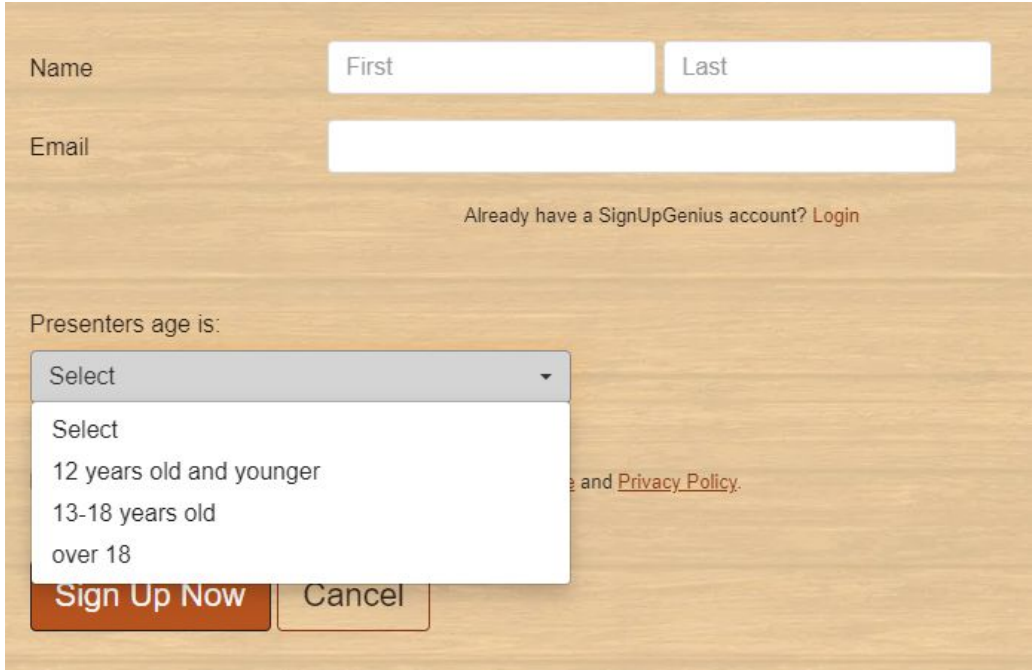
Yay! We Have a Server! Now What?

Marketing to Teens

- ★ Schools
- ★ Organizations
- ★ Social Media
- ★ Word of Mouth

Sending Out Invitations

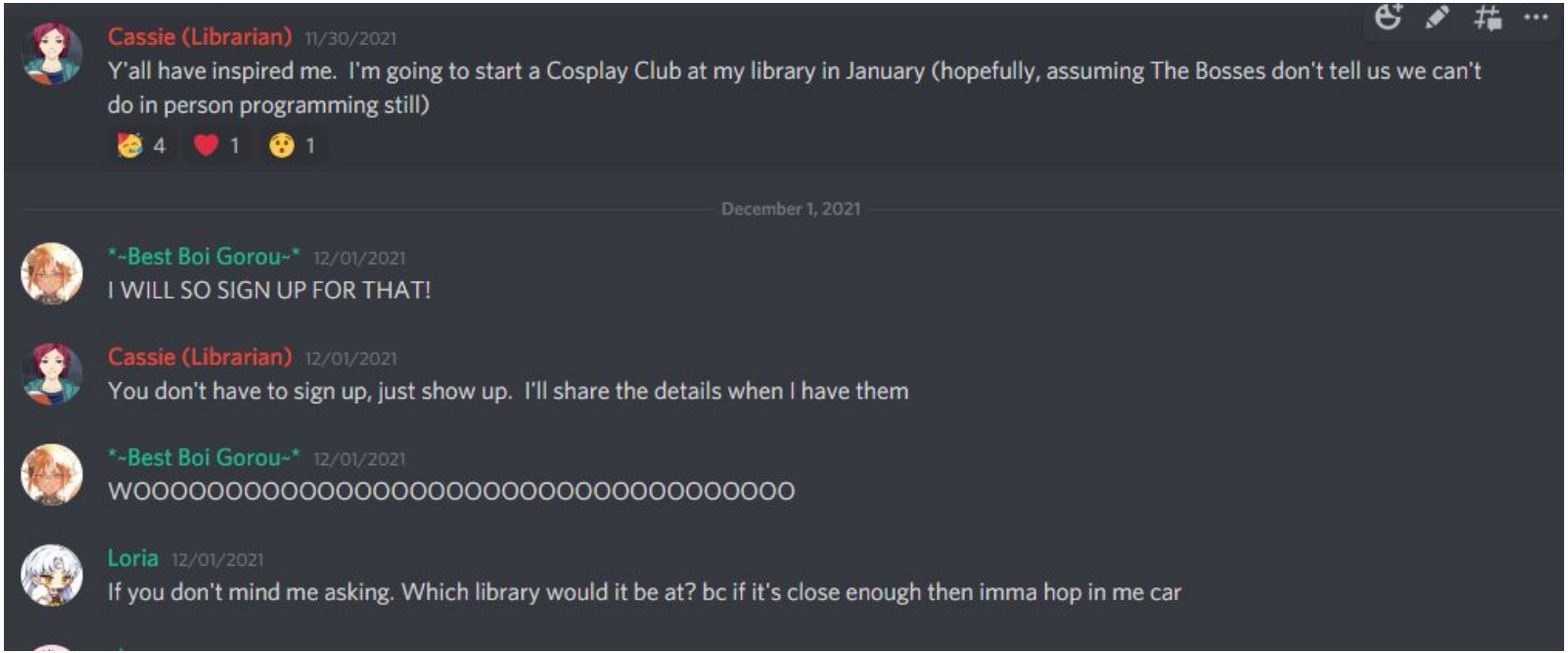
- ★ Safety
- ★ Accessibility



Cumulative Audience

- ★ High interest programs bring teens to the server
- ★ Teens are already on the server for next program

Cosplay Club



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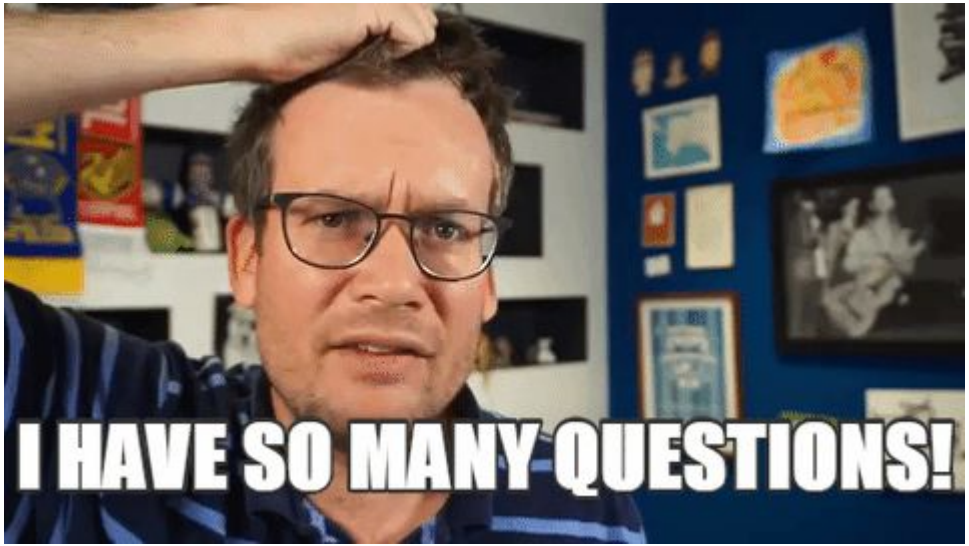

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