Librarianship 101 - 2021
MLC's Special Collections

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Agenda

• Introduction
• Programming
• MLC's Special Collections
Introduction

- Elementary Teacher
- Librarian
  - Reference
  - Circulation
  - Branch Manager
- Current Digital Consultant for MLC
- Married with a fur baby
Why Offer Programming?

• Introduce resources and materials
• Provide learning and entertainment
• Support emerging community interests
• Support life-long learning in a “third-place”
Programs for Who?
Types of Programming

- **Active Programming**
  Everyone is involved.

- **Passive Programming**
  “Self-Guided”
MLC's Special Collections
What Kind of Kits are available?
• Book Club in a Box Kits
• Nontraditional Kits

How much do they cost to use?
• Free (for the most part)

How do I reserve these awesome kits!? 
• Contact me at csimpkins@mlc.lib.ms.us or 601-432-4498
Book Club in a Box Kits

What's Included?
- 10 copies of the book for 3 months checkout
- A discussion guide
  - Most are book specific
  - Some are general discussion guides

What kind of books are available?
- Bestsellers
- Nonfiction
- YA
- Middle Grades
- Graphic Novels
Bestsellers

The Help
by Kathryn Stockeet

Little Flies Everywhere
by Celeste Ng

Where'd You Go, Bernadette
by Marie Semple
Nonfiction

Dispatches from Pluto by Richard Grant

I'll Be Gone in the Dark by Michelle McNamara

Race Against Time by Jerry Mitchell
Code Name Verity by Elizabeth Wein
The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas
Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children by Ransom Riggs
Mockingbird
by Kathryn Erskine

The Tale of Despereaux
by Kate DiCamillo

Yard War
by Taylor Kitchings

Middle Grades
Nathan Hale's Hazardous Tales: One Dead Spy by Nathan Hale

Nothing Can Possibly Go Wrong by Prudence Shen and Faith Erin Hicks

Persepolis: The Story of a Childhood by Marjane Satrapi
Nontraditional Kits

What kind of kits are included?
- 3d Printers
- Board Games
- Coding Kits
- Legos
- littleBits
- Etc!!!

Notes to consider
- Kits have various checkout periods
- Some cannot be mailed
- Some need tracking when mailed
3d Printers

Two types of checkouts!

• Demonstration for 4 weeks
• Programming for 8 weeks.
  ◦ Includes programming outline
  ◦ Resources
• Needs to be picked up and returned in person to MLC.
• 1-hour training when picking up.
3d Printers
Board Games

4-week checkout!
We are making additions to this collections, so keep a look out for announcements!
Coding Kits

Botley the Coding Robot Set

Code and Go Robot Mouse Set

4-week checkout! Needs to be mailed with tracking.
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Code and Go Robot Mouse Set
Legos and Duplos

3-month checkout!
Approximately 15,000 regular Lego blocks and approximately 450 Duplo blocks available separately.
Legos Mindstorms and WeDo 2.0!

4-week checkout!
- Multiple sets available.
- Needs to be mailed with tracking.
- Requires some technology.
Legos WeDo 2.0!
Legos Mindstorms!
littleBits

4-week checkout!

• Multiple sets available.
• Needs to be mailed with tracking.
littleBits
Puppets

6-week checkout!
• Multiple sets available.
• Needs to be mailed with tracking.
Robot Reading Rally Kit

6-week checkout!
Includes 9 Books with an activity for each book:
• Some supplies are provided
• Some supplies will need to be purchased
STEM Story Time Kit

6-week checkout!
Includes Plans for 3 Activities for preschoolers:
• Color Science
• Weather
• Body Science
StoryWalks

8-week checkout!
4 current titles:

- The Gruffalo
- How to Fold a Taco
- The Kitten and the Night Watchman
- Not Norman: A Goldfish Story
Where can I get a complete list of kits?
Visit mlc.lib.ms.us.
Hover over For Libraries, then click Programming Hub.
Questions?

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