

Who are Tweens?

We define Tweens as grades 5 – 8, not quite a child and not quite a teen. Social belonging is incredibly important at their developmental stage. It's a transitional time when the world around them is changing faster than ever – they have increased responsibilities, more complicated friendships, and stronger emotions. They are looking for a place to belong.

Tween Club Goals

1. To provide a safe and fun place for tweens to belong
2. Ensure that the library does not lose library users as they transition from child to teen
3. Change tween's perception of the library
4. Teach and promote valuable skills such as food prep, cooperation, critical thinking skills

Sample Events:

Food-Based Events

- Iron Chef
- Tiny Food
- Pizza Mania
- Blind Taste Test
- Smell Test
- Mug Cakes
- Candy Blingo

Maker Events

- Slime
- Stencil Art
- Bad Art Night
- Nail Art
- Zombie Barbies
- Lip Balm
- Bath Bombs

Other

- Movie Nights
- Fort "Night"
- Stranger Things
- Glow in the Dark Dance Party
- Karaoke
- Escape Room

Note: Every month we run one food-based event, one maker activity, one "other" party style event, and one movie night.

How to bring Tween Club to the next level:

- "Official Tween Club Member" buttons
- Collectable buttons or "badges" each week
- Let the tweens choose the events
- Do it every single week, at the same time, with the same staff
- Think like a tween, and don't be afraid to be ridiculous. Having a tie-dye event? Dress in tie-dye from head to toe. If you are genuinely into the event, they will follow.
- Have very good snacks.



How to Build Community at Your Library with Tween Club

Questions? I'd love to help you out! Contact me:

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