4-H Summer/Afterschool Reading Connections

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4-H Summer Reading Connections

Engages youth in extended 4-H learning opportunities through the Collaborative Summer Library Program.

4-H GROWS HERE
Goals

- Provide 4-H youth development opportunities to youth.
- Offer educational resources to librarians.
- Spark an interest in 4-H programs.

*We reach out to youth where they live and interact to engage them in life skill development through the framework of 4-H and positive youth development.*
Our target audience is youth, grades kindergarten through sixth grade.
How the Program Works

- Match 4-H curriculum with the Collaborative Summer Library Program theme

- Series of 4 customizable lessons

- Available to libraries, after school programs, 4-H summer camps
  - Taught by Extension staff
  - Taught by volunteers

- Evaluations—Youth, Facilitator, Host Site
Counties that participated in 2014-2015
Participating Counties in 2016
Impact

- Reaching a new audience was one of our team’s main goals. Over 4,900 youth from 30 counties across the state participated in the program over the past three years.

- 62 libraries across the state of Nebraska

- 46% had never partnered with Nebraska Extension for youth development programming in the past and 100% of the sites plan on participating in future
Impact

- Staff members stated how the program was a great recruitment tool for libraries and families to become more familiar with 4-H which in turn directly increased 4-H enrollment.

- Nebraska 4-H Summer Reading Connections allowed counties to extend the visibility of Nebraska 4-H Youth Development programming.
Fizz, Boom, Read! - 2014

Aerospace
Electricity
Food Science
Robotics
Every Story has a Hero - 2015

Strengths & Super Powers
Servant Leadership
Heritage/Genealogy
Military/Local Hero
On Your Mark, Get Set…Read! - 2016

Ready, Set – Fill Your Plate
Ready, Set - Read a Recipe
Ready, Set - Think My Drink
Ready, Set - Use Your Senses
2017 Plans Coming Soon

Build a Better World

- Building/Construction
- Architecture
- Community Building
- Volunteering
- Random Acts of Kindness
How Can You Get These Lessons?

Contact Your Local Nebraska Extension Office or go to

http://go.unl.edu/whtb
Evaluation

- Evaluation tools available in Box account
- Demographic information will also be requested
ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS

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