RASS Buzz Session: Skeletons, Seeds, and Sewing Machines!
Unique Non-Book Items to Circulate at Your Library
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https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RAU81Cz4Cwl
February 2020 RASS Buzz Session

Buzz sessions are free web-based conversations offered by the Reference & Adult Services Section of NCLA.

Monthly topic: Skeletons, seeds, and sewing machines! Unique non-book items to circulate at your library

Wednesday, February 19 @ 2pm
Register at tinyurl.com/rassbuzz
Hello!
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1. What Is RASS? (Reference and Adult Services Section)
“We are members of NCLA who have a special interest in reference and in working with adult library customers. We serve in various types of libraries throughout the state of North Carolina (including public, academic, and special libraries). RASS provides opportunities for continuing education and discussion related to reference and adult services.”
Unique Non-Book Items

- Can take a variety of forms!
- Lots of great examples from around the country
RASS Online

Facebook = https://www.facebook.com/groups/nclaRASS/

NCLA = https://nclaonline.wildapricot.org/rass
Seed Libraries

“An institution that lends or shares seed...main purpose is not to store or hold...seeds against possible destruction, but to disseminate them to the public...”
Baking Pans/Cooking Supplies

Ludington Library in Bryn Mawr, PA.

Akron-Summit County Public Library, OH.

Brown County Library in Wisconsin.
Bikes

Mansfield/Richland County Public Library in Ohio

Presentation -
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9qE06Rsl5WI&feature=youtu.be&t=4m58s
(Model) Skeletons
Pat Bone-atar at UNCG

Naming contest for staff

Used for tutoring, etc. related to Biology, Anthropology, and more!

https://libguides.ecu.edu/c.php?g=538538&p=3686213
Passes to Museums & Zoos

Miami-Dade Public Library System in Florida

Alamance
Buncombe
Randolph

Friends of Library partnerships?
Other Stuff!

Ann Arbor District Library in Michigan

Pedometers

Wifi Hot Spots - NYPL
Extra Links

https://www.alamancelibraries.org/services/educational-kits/

https://library.arlingtonva.us/borrow/american-girl/

https://www.nypl.org/blog/2018/08/06/dress-up-nypl-lending-fashion-library
Factors to Consider

- How will you purchase the items?
- What will be the procedures for checking out the items?
- Who will maintain/replace the items?
- Other things
THANKS!

Any questions?
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