Program Ideas for 2011 Summer Reading Theme
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Groups of participants in each of the four workshops brainstormed ideas for programs, speakers/presenters, events, and partnerships for the children’s slogan, “One World, Many Stories,” and the teen slogan, “You Are Here.”

MERIDIAN
October 25, 2010

General:
- Nutrition/Health around the world
  - nutrition – staples, extras, vitamins
  - health – exercise, rest, play, toys, equipment
- National & International Parks
  - wildlife preserves
  - wetland
  - rainforest, etc.
- Simba Dancers
- Ballet Folklores
- Piñata
- Native American – Stories/Dance
- Food from around the world.
  - Cook it
  - Donation of canned goods
  - Building something with it
- Mexican dancing – tinkling
- Dance and music from other countries
- World traveler guest speakers
- Language classes
- Mode of transportation
- Speaker:
  - Travel Agent
  - Foreign speaker
  - Tour guide
- Geo-hunt
- Multi-cultural foods!
- Passports
- Map-making
- Multi-cultural folktales
- Prizes
  - Thunder Mountain Rail
- World Market gift card
- Portuguese dancers
- Culture Stations
- Chinese Calligraphy
- Dances from other countries
- Music/Instruments from different cultures/groups
- Make flags/craft
- Costumes – how they dress
- Toys on display/games from other countries
- Moving from country to country simulation
- Creatures from around the world
- Multicultural tales from other countries/cultures
- Guest storytellers representing different cultures/countries
- “Passport” reading/activity log
- Cultural Appreciation
  - Music, dance, food
- Programs
  - Out of this world
  - Olympics
  - Going on a trip (game show)
  - Stories from grandparents
  - Guest speakers from around the world
  - Food from around the world

Children:
- Crafts
  - map-using playdough, follow the outline
  - beads in Capitals topography
  - “My Heart is Like 200”: heart shapes all different sizes, to make animals from around the world
- Suitcase Scrapbook
  - travel stamps stickers
  - wish book
- Food Craft-edible
  - flat crackers, (or tortillas cut into rectangles)
  - make flags
  - fruit leathers, olive pieces, (food they’ll eat 😊)
- Clown
- Puppet/Marionette poetry
- Culture theme storytime
  - Using foreign language helper DVD
- Book/story competition
- Storyteller (folklore, legends)
• Learn languages
  o Through nursery rhymes and songs
• Skits (school)
  o tourists
• Kid Trekkers different country each month
  o Clothing
  o Speaker from the country
  o Books every week on a different country
  o Food
  o Music
  o Folktales
  o Craft
  o Stamp
  o Passport
  o PowerPoint of traveling to the country
• Carnival to clean out extra stuff

Teens
• Geocaching around the World
  o geography
  o topography
  o climate
• Reality TV
  o Fear factor with multicultural foods – World Market
  o Survivor Competition
  o Amazing Race Relay
• Teens dress up in costumes from around the world
• Sewing Classes
  o Different country sew garment each month
• Japan & China speaker
  o Groups of 25 only not larger
  o Boise Valley
• Cooking Classes
  o Different country’s food each month

Adults:
• What did you read when you were “there”

Partners:
• Outdoor Program
• Discovery Center
• 4-H College of Idaho Extension
• Park & Recreation
- State Parks
- Forest Service
- Fish & Game
- Fire Department/Police
- Find out people who’ve been overseas or from there
- Travel agency’s consulates, embassy’s cultural centers
- Basque people organization
- Cruise liners
- Catholic churches and others

POCATELLO
October 28, 2010

General:
- Continent each week
  - Speak Language
  - Show Souvenirs
  - People who have traveled to different countries
- Food from other countries
  - Foods from each country
  - Have flag associated with country
- Make flags
  - Color them or mark them
  - Make own flag of your “favorite” things
  - Have 3 things – sport, toy, food, games
- Spots in library that represent country
- Mural
  - From each culture
  - Artwork from theme
- Food
- Dance & music
- Special attractions from other countries
- Inventors/inventions
- 7 wonders of the world
- Around the world in 80 minutes
- Passport to Reading- Travel anywhere when reading a book
- Local family trips – to explore what’s in the area
- Trips you can take in your own backyard that world travelers come to see (Yellowstone Park, Hot pools, etc.)
- Share where they’ve been & what they’ve seen
- Different continent each week
- Art Class making masks and other art from around the world
- Hot air balloons
- Multi-culture night – including food
- Display ethnic/cultural costumes
- Display cultural books for kids to choose
- Make Passports – stamp for different countries; prizes when passport is full
- Polynesian Dance Association
- Mexican Fiesta
- Foods
- Musical instruments
- Dances/Songs 5 de Mayo or, Irish step dancing
- Animals
- Holidays (kwanza)
- Games
- Greeting from a different country each week
- Clothing/costumes
- Band tour sites
- Empanadas & Tamales
- Sailing ship decorations
- Noodle making
- Map with marks on it for books. “Map your Reading”
- Africa Night
- Cultural decorations
- Reading Passports
- India day
- Postcard Exchange
- Foreign Language night
- Country reports & lectures
- International art projects
- Food from other countries
- Sushi making
- Road trip
- Mini-language classes
- Elis Island display
- Stamps
- France Night, Germany Night, Holy Night
- China Night
- Weekly themed activities based on seven continents (bonus – space!)
- Travel to imaginary places
- Cultural food – “Taste Your World”
- Cultural Music introduction (International Folk Dance)
- Mystery photos “Where in the world?”
Children:
- Traditional crafts/stories
- Cultural theme puppet shows
- Pirate day
- Storytelling night
- Pen Pals
  - Costume parade – or – hat parade
    - Kids dress up
- Christmas around the world
  - (even in June!)
- Paper Doll in costume to color
- Costumes from other countries
- Folk tales, etc.
- Puppet theater featuring stories from different countries
- Artwork (masks, crests...)
- Postcards - kids have received

Teens:
- Longitudinal log for tracking progress
- GPS challenge – find points – geocache
- Cultural movie screenings
- The Amazing Reading Race
- International Trivia

Adults:
- Cooking class

Partners:
- Travel agency
- Drama students to help in telling stories
- Locals with world travel experience
- Someone that is from or visited a different country come in and talk about it
- Story tellers telling stories from other countries
- Someone who could tell about forms of travel

COEUR D’ALENE
November 3, 2010

General:
- Songs and dance performances/different countries
- Teach “hello, goodbye, thank you, read, please, library” in different languages
- Give entire staff a list of general questions to ask to interact with students
- World Map – stickers
• Passport – stamps for time read
• Use display cases to create an exhibits for countries
• Pen pals of different libraries.
• International connections
• Incorporate world stories/music
• Play international music as background
• World Day – music, crafts, histories, and foods - with partners like SON – other cultural and ethnic groups
• International Adoptions refugees
• Foreign language
• Around the world in 80 days
• Traditional arts and crafts of different countries
• Festival for specific culture
• Restaurants
• AAA (Triple A will donate posters)
• Travel agents
• Around the world day – end party
• Poster contest
• Assembly beginning and end
• School visits
• Classroom
• Staff meetings
• Foreign visitors
• CLS – gifts
• International days with food – Chinese, Australian, etc.

Children:
• Mexico – Skippyjon Jones
• Create a character – “Library Lucy” visit different parts of the world
• Pictures of “Library Lucy” at different locations – tie into the internet
• Kids sharing what they did on vacation
• Animals of every continent
• School assembly : Time travel – different hats to indicate time travel
• Fancy Nancy Party
• Story characters ie.
  o Fancy Nancy – French
  o Madeline – French
  o Dora - Spanish

Teens:
• Book lists – Books from different cultures
  o England- Angus, Thongs and Full Frontal Snogging
- Transylvania/Romania – Vampires
- Japan – Animo
- Greek Mythology – Percy Jackson
- Roman Mythology - Riordan

- Teen recommended Books
- Games from other countries
- Teen international film festival

Adults:
- Adult international cooking

Partners:
- VISTA
- Free lunch program – Summer Nutrition
- After School Art

MOSCOW
November 4, 2010

General:
- Speakers who have traveled
- Parents visit who know another language and culture
- Music programs - music from other countries
- Dress from other cultures
- Food from countries as snacks
- Making your own books
- Multicultural skits
- Stories from different lands
- Food & Music (different cultures)
- Community members from other cultures share
- Community passport – Go all over to get stamped
- Community in outer space – create a new community/culture with all the components
- Sign Language – another culture to explore and learn about
- Native American Storytellers, dancers
- Seven Continent Programs, (foods, dress, dancers, art)
- Posters from countries
- Any story tellers
- Travel treasure hunt

Children:
- Simple games from other countries
- Toys that they have - making your own toys
- Animals from around the world
- Games from all over the world
- Animals in other parts of the world

Teens:
- GPS – Geocache

Adults:
- People who have traveled
- Foreign local presenters

Partners:
- Partner with local colleges – tie into their international students
- Schools, VISTA, 4-H3
- Foreign movies/music (Partner with movies in the park)
- Partner with Nezperce Tribe
- Partner with Nezperce Historical Park
- Partner with local colleges – tie into their international students