
9 Chapter 9 INTERGENERATIONAL



PROGRAMS:

1. Bridging Generations
2. Foods With Moods

OTHER PROGRAM IDEAS:

1. Combined Story Times with Seniors and Preschoolers
2. Grandparents Day Celebrations
3. Model Railroading/Collecting Stamps
4. Oral History Projects
5. Quilting, Crocheting, Knitting
6. Teens as Computer Teachers

SOURCES:

American Library Association

<http://www.ala.org/ala/olos/outreachresource/benefitsintergenerational.htm>

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Program Title:

Bridging Generations

Description/Summary:

Since only 5% of today's youth see their grandparents on a regular basis, a blending of programming for nursing home residents and child daycare centers seems appropriate. Once a month the librarian goes to a nursing home and a daycare center brings their children to the nursing home for an intergenerational program. The Librarian establishes varied themes for the program that have common ground for all ages. These themes are shared with the daycare teachers ahead of time so the children can make a gift to share with the nursing home residents. During the program, the children are actively involved during the story telling. She also gives them a take home gift so that they will remember the day.

Materials/Equipment/Resources:

Puppets

Books with themes shared by all ages such as pets, seasons, families, holidays, school days, patriotism

CD player to play songs

Helpful Hints:

It is best if there is full cooperation between the activities director at the nursing home, the daycare teachers and the librarian. Experiment with one childcare and elder care agency before expanding the program.



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Program Title:

Foods with Moods

Description/Summary:

This program is a fun jest about foods. The following picture books can be enjoyed by both seniors and children and are the basis of the program: *How Are You Peeling? Foods and Moods*, by Joost Elfers (who has sequels written on this subject) and *Tough Cookie* by David Wisniewski. I then showed the adults some actual "mood veggies" that the librarian created for the program. A few games of Food Bingo are played and the mood veggies were given away as prizes.

Materials/Equipment/Resources

The books are still in print. Go to the produce department of the supermarket and pick the oddest shaped veggies and fruit that can be found. Take the *How Are You Peeling?* book along for ideas. Just follow the patterns of the mood food in the book and have fun creating your own. Green peppers, strawberries, apples and oranges work especially well.

Helpful Hints:

Use black-eyed peas for the eyes. They look real!

