A Voyage of Discovery: Escape Room Activities for Outreach and Instruction in **Every Library**

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What We'll Do Today

- Play a game!
- Learn about tools for creating an escape room
- Learn from our successes and challenges
- Brainstorm how you could create an escape room activity for your library



What is an escape room?

"An adventure-based game in which players solve a series of puzzles and riddles using clues, hints, and strategy to complete the objectives at hand. Players are given a set time limit to solve the puzzles and complete the game."

<u>Wikipedia</u>



Let's Play a Game





How It All Began









Our Tools







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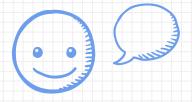
Goal: develop a fun activity for students to do in the library space that isn't focused on learning about the library

Audience: incoming students

Theme: Duluth-y, lighthouse



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DOG RACE GREAT FUN, CHALLENGES AHEAD

BY MEGAN LAWSON

This year's Beargrease Sled Dog Marathon was great fun. Teams from across the world competed in the race, which, at a distance of approximately 400 miles, is the longest sled dog race in the lower 48 states.

In addition to the race itself, festivities were held across Duluth. The cutest puppy competition, held at Fitger's on the Lake Superior waterfront, was as always a hig draw "I love dogs," said Eric Ranveig, 5.
"Cats are pretty good, but I want
a puppy when I've learned to be
responsible."

Despite the successful race this year, organizers acknowledge that they need to prepare for challenges in the years to come. Each winter has brought a little less snow, and less snow makes it difficult to run the complete 400-mile race.

Next year, says Dagmar Anderson, the race might be shortened, with teams limited to 12 dogs, rather than 14.

"We want to keep it up, you know, but when the weather doesn't cooperate, there just isn't anything we can do. We still look forward to great times next year!" IN THIS ISSUE

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Annual John Beargrease Sled Dog Marathon

BY J.J. JOHNSON

One of Duluth's most exciting annual winter events is nearing. The John Beargrease Sied Dog Marathon will start January 25, 2019. The race is the longest sied dog marathon in the lower 48 states and is a qualifier for the iditarod in Alaska. The race was established in memory of John Beargrease, a mail carrier in the late 1800s who delivered mail by dogsied up and down Lake Superior's North Shore. Today's mushers follow a similar oruse. Starting near Duluth, they head north toward Grand Portage. Near Silver Bay teams veer east, and then continue north. They go east and then turn around in Grand Portage to head back south. The marathon includes other festivities. Popular events include The Cutest Puppy Contest which is free and open the public, and Cub Run for mushers under the age of 14, Dort miss these great events!

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What's small, snuggly, and just the right amount of standoffish? That's right, it's cats!

As in years past, the Beargrease Sled Dog Marathon has celebrated its opening with a cutest puppy competition. In Duluth, this has proven controversial.

"Well, Duluth is more of a cat city," says local resident José Luis Gonzalez. "Always has been, always will be," Cats have long been at the center of Duluth's civic pride. Reached for comment, Mayor Anderson's office had

this to say: "The mayor believes that cats are wonderful, and that holding cats is really, really great, and that without cats, Duluth would not be the city we love today."

The cutest puppy competition will return in 2019, for those who love dogs, for whatever reason.

#TR3NDING: TACOS

Have you tried a taco? This delicious new food actually originated hundreds of years ago in Mexico, but now it's gaining popularity with millenials! "It's just, like, food I can hold with one hand and doesn't need a bowl or whatever! And sometimes there's cheese, which is also something I'm pretty psyched to learn about," said Sam Oksanen, 19. 'All my friends tell me tacos can be really good if you put avocado on them, which sounds like a very chill decision. I hope they're right!" Interested in finding out more about these delectable sandwiches? Try any restaurant downtown!

MRYOR SPEAKS

Mayor Sigrid Anderson has spoken! After a 15-year silence, the mayor emerged from her office to let everyone know that she was "Just fine, doncha know." The Duluthlite will keep readers informed of any further developments.

A "Complete Picture" of Duluth



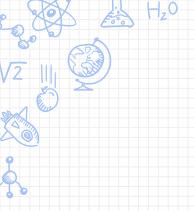


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Theme: Tour of the UMD Library

Clues: based on library services/resources that students should know about







Think + Pair + Share

Brainstorm how you could create an escape room for your library.

What would you do differently for your escape room?



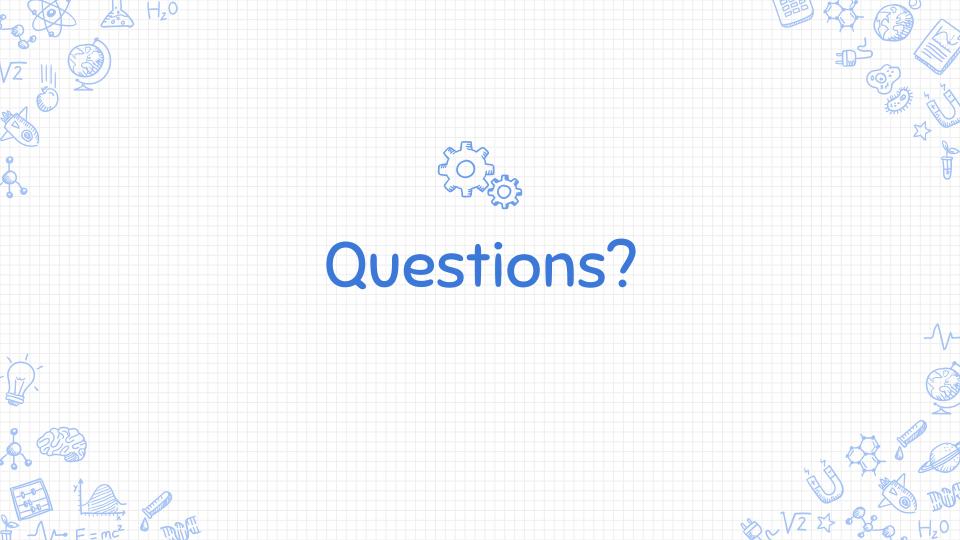




Tips

- First puzzle should be relatively easy to build confidence
- Coming up with puzzles takes time, especially the first few times you do it
- * Think outside the box!
- Partner with the local escape rooms for discount codes as prizes





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