

TIPS & TRICKS FOR ADULT 101 PROGRAMS

Tip #1 – Plan ahead! Plan out each part of the program and know your material. Use library resources and demonstrate how the library supports life skills with books, databases, online learning, and more.

Tip #2 – Combine your Adult 101 programs with fun games, art activities, and team challenges. Make life skill fun by giving your teens piggy banks to decorate during a program about budgeting! Create your own game show for teaching interviewing skills! Think outside the box when hosting an Adult 101 program with your teens.

Tip #3 – Tell teens WHY the program is important and HOW they will benefit from it. And make sure the teens know *why* the program you are sharing is important and what they are going to get out of it. For example, when you are promoting a program on etiquette you can say, “Learn how to not make a fool of yourself when eating out with friends at our Adult 101 Dining Etiquette program!” Or “Worried about your social life? Learn how to make an introduction and small talk like a pro at our Adult 101 Social Etiquette program!”

Tip #4 – Remember that PIAB instructions are a *guide* for you and that you do not, and should not, follow the instructions to the letter without first considering the teens in your community.

Tip #5 -- If you are unsure about a topic, or how to approach it with your teens, look through the events calendar online and reach out to one of your fellow librarians who has done an Adult 101 program on that topic.

Tip #6 – Read your audience! If your teens are restless or if the program looks like it isn’t going well, switch it up. If your teens have been sitting and listening it may be time to get them up and moving with a game.

Tip #7 – Break up formal presentations with activities. Your teens have probably spent a large chunk of their day, or week, sitting in class. Get them moving, talking, and doing something fun!