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1<sup>st</sup> things 1<sup>st</sup>,  
why host a  
Father  
Knows Best  
day?

READ

We started out hosting a Mother Daughter Tea party annually in honor of Mother's Day. We received such great reviews from that program that we thought how wonderful would it be to bring out Fathers and Sons.

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### The Origins of Father's Day

The nation's first Father's Day was celebrated on June 19, 1910, in the state of Washington. However, it was not until 1972–58 years after President Woodrow Wilson made Mother's Day official—that the day honoring fathers became a nationwide holiday in the United States. Father's Day 2019 occurs on Sunday, June 16.

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HISTORY

On July 5, 1908, a West Virginia church sponsored the nation's first event explicitly in honor of fathers, a Sunday sermon in memory of the 362 men who had died in the previous December's explosions at the Fairmont Coal Company mines in Monongah, but it was a one-time commemoration and not an annual holiday.

The next year, a Spokane, Washington, woman named Sonora Smart Dodd, one of six children raised by a widower, tried to establish an official equivalent to Mother's Day for male parents. She went to local churches, the YMCA, shopkeepers and government officials to drum up support for her idea, and she was successful.

<https://www.history.com/>

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**Getting started:**  
 1: Budget  
 2: Location  
 3: Planning  
 4: Hosting




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**Budget:** Do you have a budget to work with? If not here are some economical ideas to get your day started.

Partner with local community groups. There are resources in your community, reach out and contact them. Examples of such groups are,

Boy Scouts	Fish and Wildlife
Cooperative Extension Service	Churches
Schools	
Youth Groups	Local businesses




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**Location:**

Indoors, outdoors, at your library, or another location. It is all up to you and your preferences.

We are hosting our Father Knows Best in our meeting rooms because we have those available to us. Nothing says you cannot meet at your local park, lodge, or other venues in your area. If you pick an outdoor area have a backup venue in case of weather emergencies. Tents are also a nice option to provide shade on those hot summer days.




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**Planning:**

What time do you want to have your program, how long will it last? Will there be food, activities, speakers? These are things to think of when planning any program.

**How we got started:**

The first thing we did was say, "Amy, Jessica we're women. How are we going to plan a successful Father/Son day?" You may run into the same obstacles in your library. Your programmers may all be women. This is when you may rely on the men in your staff, your family, the community, or good old fashioned research.



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**High Noon**

We chose 12-2 as our time and length of program. We opted to provide lunch and have a speaker present to our fathers and sons.

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**HOSTING:**

Know your audience. As programmers you know who comes in and out of your library programs. I know that most of the kids that come to my programs love food, animals, and fun. We incorporated these things in our Father Knows Best program with the choosing of our foods, our speaker, and the activities that we are doing.



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### Picking your Food

You **DO NOT** have to provide food. But if you feed them, they will come. If you are having a program that lasts over an hour it is a nice gesture to have some type of refreshments on hand. Our program is scheduled for 2 hours. Because of this we are offering food.

**YOU MUST FEED ME NOW!!!!**

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We decided to go simple. Hot dogs are a summer staple, this is something most adults and children enjoy.

**Be Aware to ask about food allergies or restrictions when taking sign ups.**

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### Choosing a performer(s) for your program:

Always have a back up! When choosing a speaker please be aware that anything can happen. **Murphy's law is LAW!** At first we had contacted a local extension office service in our tri-county area that hosted a raptor rehabilitation program. This program had an owl and an eagle. We had requested a contract, filled out the contract, we were prepared to pay, we were ready... **OR SO WE THOUGHT.** We hit a snag with the paperwork and had to cancel this performer. Back to the starting point we go. Luckily we were able to contact the Kentucky Reptile Zoo.

**Be prepared!**

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<http://www.kyreptilezoo.org/>

Kentucky Reptile Zoo is so much more than just a cool tour! KRZ is a 501(c)3 non-profit.


Our number one priority is to provide venom for anti-venom and for medical and pharmaceutical research - to save lives!  
A very close second is conservation of reptile species and public education through on-site tours and off-site programs.

**I'm a Snek!**

Venom is against your making of Anti-Venom



SNAKES, WHY DID IT HAVE TO BE SNAKES




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Do you recognize any of these FDA approved medications?

**Ramipril/Atace** Angiotensin II Receptor Inhibitor  
used to treat high blood pressure, heart failure and improve survival after a heart attack

**Epidural/Integrin** Platelet Inhibitor  
helps to prevent clots from forming together and forming a blood clot

**Tinidazole/Aggrastat** Anti-nausea drug  
helps to prevent nausea in your blood from clotting together and forming a blood clot

**Captopril/Capoten** Angiotensin II Receptor Inhibitor  
ACE inhibitor for the treatment of high blood pressure, heart failure and kidney failure

**Exenatide/Byetta/Bydureon** GLP-1 Receptor Agonist  
a new insulin treatment for adults with type 2 diabetes

If you, a loved one, a family member, a co-worker, a friend or a neighbor have been prescribed one of these medications - your life has been touched by venom!

Each of these medications were developed using venom. They save our reptilian neighbors.

Research and development of new drugs to treat diabetes, cancer, heart conditions, pain management and more using venom is ongoing around the world.

Helping to save lives and make life better one drop at a time!

**We ordered the show of Lifestyles of the Sleek and Scalpy**

This program features a variety of reptiles, centering on the diversity of the reptilian world and the unique characteristics of each individual creature. Learn how reptiles have adapted to their environment and the important role they play in the natural world. Reptiles presented in this program range from young alligators to large pythons; a total of six live reptiles are presented (requests can be taken for particular animals). It is sure to amaze and captivate all ages.

REPTILE ZOO

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What activities encourage father/son bonding? Any activity!  
Here are some examples of what we found.

Hunting, fishing, chess, camping, comic books, cooking, grilling, hiking, reading, raising gardens or animals, wood carving, jewelry making, water sports, outdoor contact sports, arcades, indoor sports, video games...and more! It is all up to you and your likes.




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**Cost Effective Alternatives to Performers:**

Program funds can be tight, not every library has the funds to hire people, do food, and rent a space. Sometimes you have to choose what you will spend your funds on. Here are some alternatives that can really be cost effective when hosting a Father Knows Best day.

Do a movie day with popcorn, nachos, and candy. Nothing says father son bonding like watching movies like Indian Jones( All of them), Finding Nemo, Back to the Future ( all of them), The Lion King, The Avengers (all of them), Spiderman (all of them), Superman (all of them), Batman, and more!



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**Lego day!**

Legos are a fantastic way to promote a father son bonding project. You can let your father & son(s) make their own projects or you can pick a certain design and have a competition to see who finishes first. Legos can be expensive with initial purchase but the upside is they can be used till they break. Legos are very hard to break.



LEGO BATMAN APPROVES!!!

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**VIDEO GAME DAY**



A program that does really well at our library is plug and play video game day. All you need are TVs and comfortable chairs. We have Frogger, Double Dragon, Pac Man, and more! We use these simple systems all year for a variety of programs.

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## Slide 16

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**A1** Author, 3/2/2019

## Slide 17

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**A2** Author, 3/2/2019



**Game On!**

Another cost effective fun activity is BOARD GAME DAY!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Nothing brings out the fun like Monopoly, Life, Risk, and more!

**BOARD GAME SQUAD**

**ASSEMBLE**

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**QUALITY TIME!**

Any activity can be a father & son activity. Think outside of the box. The point is to spend time together no matter what the project is.



**FATHER AND SON**

**BEST FRIENDS FOR LIFE**

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Typical Meeting

- ✓ Met 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of month, 2-3 pm
- ✓ Announcements
  - Next meeting & book
- ✓ Book discussion
  - Plot summary
  - Spinoff discussion from plot summary
    - Plot elaboration
    - Favorite and least favorite characters?
    - Moral questions?
    - Make a good movie?




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Questions

2. Why Ember underground? How long underground?  
What's it like to live underground? How different from living on surface? Fun or not fun?  
What would you miss?
3. Who are The Builders?
4. What was disaster? Do people know about it?
5. What do they know about the outside world?
6. Everything honky-dory in Ember? What's it like to live like that? Do you get used to it?
7. Have people tried to leave Ember? What happens? Why do they always fail? Have you ever seen the TC's, U.A. (the '44)? If not, R/L/B?
8. What is the big day for Lina and Doon? Are they happy with assignments? Remind you of Choosing Day in Gortan?
9. Lina has recurring dream? Special power? Foreshadowing?
10. Doon's worms/rooth; Lina's budding plant? Cleary's explanation of plant growth? What's going on?—mystery, unexplainable, something beyond them; something greater than them and Builders; remnants of past point to future but don't know this; Hope? Foreshadowing of what is to come?
11. What is the message from the Builders? What has happened to it over the years? How is it discovered? Begins quest for Lina and Doon?
12. Mayor good or bad guy? Why? How does he respond to Lina's letter about a way out of Ember? What does Doon discover about the mayor? What happens then?
13. How do Lina and Doon escape Ember?
14. What does Poppy discover? Why is it important? What do you think about the Builders' plan? Any alternatives?




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Typical Meeting

- ✓ Average 3 father-son pairs (typical turnout for other guys-only clubs)
- ✓ Largest meeting was 6 father-son pairs
- ✓ Smallest meeting was 1 father-son pair
- ✓ No girls allowed
  - "Honorary Guy" exception




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Books Read



Feb. 2007    March 2007    April 2007    May 2007    June 2007

This section features a skull icon in the top left and a green thought bubble containing the text "Books Read". Below this, five book covers from the Artemis Fowl series by Eoin Colfer are displayed in a row. Each cover is labeled with its release month in 2007: Feb. 2007, March 2007, April 2007, May 2007, and June 2007. A small red logo is visible in the bottom right corner of the panel.

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Books Read



Sept. 2007    Oct. 2007    Nov. 2007    Dec. 2007

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Books Read



Jan. 2008    Feb. 2008    March 2008

This section features a skull icon in the top left and a green thought bubble containing the text "Books Read". Below this, three book covers are displayed in a row: Ranger's Apprentice by John Flanagan (Jan. 2008), The Mandrake by Michelle Magorian (Feb. 2008), and The City of Ember by Jane Yolen (March 2008). A small red logo is visible in the bottom right corner of the panel.

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 Books Read

 April 2008	 May 2008	 June 2008
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 How Books Selected

- ✓ Books interesting to boys?
  - Common themes from *Artemis Fowl*, *Ruins of Odysseus*
- ✓ Do books pass the "Cute Test"?
- ✓ Cheap paperback editions available?





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 Sources For Identifying Interesting Books

- ✓ Booklists from books, websites, other guys-only book clubs
- ✓ *Novelist* use Similar Books feature
- ✓ Observe boys' reading patterns from check-outs at circulation desk
- ✓ Ask boys and men
- ✓ Listen to moms talk about sons' reading habits
- ✓ Ask language arts teachers and school librarians



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Observations

- ✓ Boys really like *Artemis Fowl*, *Ruins of Gorlan*, *Wanderings of Odysseus*. Common themes?
  - Good vs. evil
  - Courage
  - Honor
  - Measured use of violence to confront evil
  - Blood and gore
  - Knight-like characters
  - Adventure
  - Boys or men as heroes
  - Humor




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
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Observations

- ✓ Moms are usually first contact then tell dads about Pig Skulls
- ✓ Enthusiastic boys ≠ Pig Skull recruits
- ✓ Must gain parents' interest and support
- ✓ Boys like reading series
  - Pros & cons of reading complete series like *Artemis Fowl*




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Pigskulls Kaput

- ✓ Changed monthly meeting day to Monday, 6:30 pm
- ✓ Result? No more Pigskulls
- ✓ Why? New schedule not attractive to dads returning home from hard day at work
- ✓ Solution? Return to weekend meetings




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Pigskulls Resurrected But Morphed

- ✓ Took Pigskulls to local elementary and middle school for monthly lunchtime Pigskull discussions
- ✓ 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades and 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades
- ✓ Boys allowed to bring lunch to school library
- ✓ I brought snacks for them
- ✓ Successful: boys engaged, mix of reading abilities
- ✓ Worked with school librarians to get word out to boys and to bring together mix of reading abilities




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Other Guys-Only Clubs

- ✓ Northfield Public Library, Northfield, IL "No Girls Allowed" Est. Sept. 2004, Melissa Morgan, [mmorgan@wpld.alibrary.com](mailto:mmorgan@wpld.alibrary.com), <http://www.northfieldlibrary.com>
- ✓ Juneau Public Library, Juneau, AK "Guys Read" Est. Fall 2006, Jonas Lamb, [jonas@juneau.lib.ak.us](mailto:jonas@juneau.lib.ak.us), <http://www.juneau.org/library>
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Other Guys-Only Clubs

- ✓ Orono Public Library, Orono, ME, Est. 2003, "Guys Read Too" Laurie Rose, [lrose@orono.lib.me.us](mailto:lrose@orono.lib.me.us), <http://www.orono.lib.me.us>
- ✓ Mesa ? Public Library, Mesa, AZ "No Girls Allowed" Est. 2007, Glynn Dunbar, [GlynnDunbar@mclaz.org](mailto:GlynnDunbar@mclaz.org)
- ✓ Mt. Pleasant Public Library, Mt. Pleasant, NY club defunct
- ✓ Fairbanks North Star Borough Library, Fairbanks, AK, "Guys Read" Est. Jan. 2007, Greg Hill, [greg.hill@taos.fnsb.lib.ak.us](mailto:greg.hill@taos.fnsb.lib.ak.us), <http://library.fnsb.lib.ak.us> (8 weekly school visits)
- ✓ Oak Knoll Middle School, Mechanicsville, VA, Tracy Aitken, Est. 2008, [raitken@hanover.k12.va.us](mailto:raitken@hanover.k12.va.us), <http://hcps2.hanover.k12.va.us/okms/default.htm> (in-school club)




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### Other Guys-Only Clubs

#### Survey Results\*

	Est.	Grades	Eligible	Meet Freq.
AK	Fall 2006	3-6	Father; other male; solo boys	Monthly; 45-90 min.
AZ	2007	2-3	Father; other male	Monthly; 45-60 min.
IL	9/04	4-6	Father; other male	Monthly; 60 min.?
KY	2/07	4-6	Father; other male; solo boys	Monthly; 60 min.
ME	2003	5-7	Father; other male	Every other month; 90-120 min.
MI	NA	NA	NA	NA
OR	2/08	3-5	Father; other male	Monthly; 60 min.
WY	8/07	3-6	Father; other male	Monthly; up to 2 hours

\*Emailed survey 2-14-08 and 3-31-08

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### Other Guys-Only Clubs

	Largest Meeting	Smallest Meeting	Avg. Meeting	Book Selection
AK	12 pairs + 3 solo boys	1 pair	3-6 pairs	Boys select from librarian's list
AZ	6 pairs	1 pair	2 pairs	Boys select from librarian's list
IL	NA	NA	2 pairs	Boys select from librarian's list
KY	6 pairs	1 pair	3 pairs	Boys select from librarian's list; he also selects own picks
ME	15 pairs	8 pairs	8 pairs ?	Librarian picks
MI	NA	NA	NA	NA
OR	2 pairs	2 pairs	2 pairs	Boys select from librarian's list
WY	55 individuals	4 individuals	NA	Match with event; children's librarian

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### Other Guys-Only Clubs

	Typical Meeting	Snacks	How Publicize	Chess Club
AK	Discussion + activity	Yes	School brochure, skits, radio interview, calendar	NA
AZ	Discussion + activity	Yes	Website, calendars, fliers	No club but volunteer teaches twice/month
IL	Discussion+ activity	Yes	Newsletter, school flyers, word of mouth, ads, library posters, article	NA
KY	Discussion; occasional activity	Yes	Ads at library, schools, business; billboard; website; blog; articles	Yes
ME	Discussion + activity	Yes	Through schools	No
MI	NA	NA	NA	NA
OR	Discussion only	Yes	Library marketing person; posters for library & around town	No
WY	Discussion + activity; still developing	Yes	Library marketing person; newspaper article	No club but play monthly in Teen Zone; girls more active

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Other Guys-Only Clubs

### Favorite Books

- ✓ *Artemis Fowl*, Eoin Colfer (fiction)
- ✓ *The Breadwinner*, Deborah Ellis (fiction)
- ✓ *Frindle*, Andrew Clements (fiction)
- ✓ *Gregor the Overlander*, Suzanne Collins (fiction)
- ✓ *How to Train Your Dragon*, Cressida Cowell (fiction)
- ✓ *Kensuke's World*, Michael Morpurgo (fiction)
- ✓ *Thin Wood Walls*, David Patneau (fiction)
- ✓ *Bone*, Jeff Smith (graphic novel)
- ✓ *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*, Jeff Kinney (graphic novel)
- ✓ *Phineas Gage: A Gruesome but True Story...*, John Fleischman (nonfiction)
- ✓ *Shipwreck at the Bottom of the World*, Jennifer Armstrong (nonfiction)




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Other Guys-Only Clubs

### Least Favorite Books

- ✓ *Bodies from the Bog*, James Deem (nonfiction)
- ✓ *Mystery of Abominable Snowman*, Holly Wallace (nonfiction)
- ✓ *Talking with Adventurers*, Pat Cummings (nonfiction)
- ✓ *Trial by Ice*, K.M. Koystyl (nonfiction)
- ✓ *Weasel*, Cynthia DeFelice (fiction)




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
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- ✓ Sommers, Christina Hoff. *The War Against Boys: How Misguided Feminism is Harming Our Young Men*, 2000
- ✓ Sullivan, Michael. *Connecting Boys With Books: What libraries can do*, 2003 \*




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- ✓ Dee, Thomas. "The Why Chromosome." *Education Next*. 6:4 (2006)
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**Booklists**

- ✓ Knowles, Elizabeth. *Boys and Literacy*, 2005
- ✓ Odean, Kathleen. *Great Books for Boys*, 2000
- ✓ *Novelist* (especially the Similar Books option)




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For More Information

**Websites**

- ✓ Jon Scieszka's *Guys Read*, <http://www.guysread.com> (includes booklist)
- ✓ Michael Sullivan's *Tales Told Tall*, <http://www.talestoldtall.com> (includes booklist)
- ✓ *Books and Boys*, <http://booksandboys.blogspot.com>
- ✓ *Boys Rule Boys Read*, <http://jaja-cas.blogspot.com>




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Jackson W. Showalter Chess Club



Jackson W Showalter  
Chess Club

Learn  
Have Fun  
Develop  
Challenge

What's your next move?




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### Chess Club Particulars

- ✓ Scott County Chess Club's first meeting Oct. 2007 renamed Jackson W. Showalter Chess Club Nov. 2007
- ✓ It was a partnership between library and avid chess player
- ✓ Over 30 people signed up before first meeting and grew to 50 members mostly male



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### Chess Club Particulars

- ✓ Met 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of month, 2-4 pm
- ✓ Normally 25 members attended meetings
- ✓ Library provided room, free advertising, chess sets, clocks and honorariums
- ✓ Partner organized and ran meetings
- ✓ Club went kaput after partner no longer able to help



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Chess Attracts Boys and Men

And Grandmasters




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Grandmaster Gregory Kaidanov

**Check, mate**

*Grandmaster plays visit to chess club at the library*

*Gregory Kaidanov, right, helps boys from the board during a chess tournament at the library.*

*Gregory Kaidanov, right, helps boys with Jonny's Board, the first of four chess boards to be in the library in a grandmaster game.*

**Chess**

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