

# Live, Love, & Life Skills

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# What are Life Skills?

- life skill
- *noun*
- plural noun: **life skills**
- a skill that is necessary or desirable for full participation in everyday life.
- "sharing with a sibling can help children learn important life skills"

# Ways your Library showcases Life Skills.

- Crafting
- Cooking
- Gardening
- Couponing
- Maker's Spaces
- Sewing
- Budgeting





# Life Skills at Work

During our years of being programmers we have surveyed the needs of our county and discovered that our patrons were asking for various life skill programs.

To help fulfill the needs not being met in the community we based a large amount of our programming to fill in the gaps.

Some of the programs they asked for were centered around everyday skills that some of us take for granted.

Budgeting, basic kitchen skills/terminology, household safety, cooking, couponing, gardening, DIY projects, and more were some of the programs we have concentrated on.





# Programming 101

- What service do you wish to offer?
- How many people do you plan to reach?
- What supplies are needed for the program?
- How much space do you need for the activity?
- Do you need to outsource a space for your activity?
- Will you need to hire someone to do the program if you do not have the skills required?
- Will you need additional staff to implement the program?
- How long does it take to do the project?
- How much time do you need for prep and clean up?

# Programming for Life Skills

## Examine the needs of your community.

This helps you to decide what types of programs to offer. If a fellow community organization is offering a gardening class then you may not want to overlap with their programming.

Things to think of:

Is it being hosted by another organization?

Is it economical for your budget and the patrons budget at home?

What is the difficulty level?

What is the best time of day to receive patronage?

Does it require unusual equipment?

When developing programs be aware of your level of experience when putting it together. If you are a horrible cook you may want to outsource someone to help with your cooking program.

## • Develop a budget.

If your library does not have the resources this is an optimal time to reach out to various community partners.

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Health Department

County Extension Services

FRYSC

Save The Children

Local Tourism Office

Local Government

Local Businesses

Non Profit Clubs such as Lions, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Kiwanis, Lodges...etc





# How to Publicize your Program

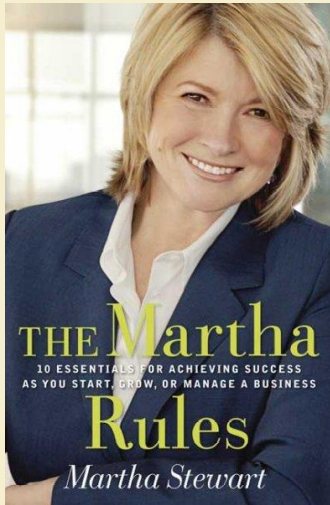
- In house advertisements in forms of newsletters, displays, receipt reminders, email, and pamphlets. In house also encompasses the bookmobile. Your bookmobile, or outreach librarians, are a voice in the community. Use them!
- Social media. Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Tumblr, Pinterest...etc. Create an event reminder to alert people to the upcoming program.
- Public broadcasting. Newspapers, radio, PSA channels, the tourism calendar, and word of mouth. Any free resource is a good resource. Sometimes you may print flyers and physically hand them out or pass them to the local schools to send home with their newsletters.

- You can NEVER advertise enough.



# Monthly Reoccurring Programs

- Cooking, cleaning, crafting, and confusion. These are the days of our library.
- Some of us are better at some things than others. Your sister may be a Martha Stewart in training while you may be Stuart from Mad TV.



- Occasionally we all need help. This is where your monthly reoccurring programs come in. We offer Adult & Youth reoccurring programs that center around crafting, cooking, and life skills each month.





Never take for granted that people know how to cook and clean. Always avoid saying, "There is no way you can mess this up." Trust me they will find a way.

EXPLAIN YOURSELF  
THOROUGHLY!!!!!!

Always read your directions first.

# The Swedish Chefs at Work

- If your library is willing you can get certified in food

safety and preparation <http://www.kyfoodhandlers.com/eFoodMain.aspx>

You can ask your local health department, schools, or restaurants where they received their licenses or google KY Food Handlers License. Above is the link we found via google.com

As of now we have not purchased a food license. We buy ingredients for our pre-registered patrons where we offer a food cooking demo. Amy and I make a separate batch of food at our station while the patrons follow along cooking their own recipe.

We are not touching their ingredients or offering them the food we have cooked. They open, cut, prep, fry, bake, or cook everything themselves.





# There's no crying in Craft Class!

- Pinterest is filled with crafts wins...and craft fails.
- Knowing your limits is a strength.
- ALWAYS make a demo craft ahead of time. This allows you to see any problems, time constraints, and the amount of supplies it takes to make the project.
- If you can use staff, use them! If you are not a crafty person and none of your staff are either then you can look into hiring an outside person. If you are really lucky you can find a volunteer or “program participant” willing to donate time to your cause.
- Crafting falls into budgeting and business opportunities. We have had many patrons learn various crafting techniques and use those same skills to turn a profit at local craft shows and online craft shops.







# How to Establish your own How To Festival

Access the skills of your staff and the space you have at your library.

Hidden talents can be an asset to you and your HTF. If you know anyone looking for volunteer hours this is the time to recruit.

Once you have a plan of how many breakout sessions you can showcase then you can fill them in.

Delusions of grandeur; remember you are only 1 programmer, maybe two if you have an assistant or fellow programmer.

Sometimes starting out small and running smoothly is a greater success than having something huge that is just okay.

Planning is a key foundation. Once you have the placement and the sessions filled please remember to make an itinerary listing the places and times of each class.



# Examples of Life Skills for your How To Festival

Wreath Making is huge in our area. The Wreath show costs approximately \$35.00 to make but if you were to purchase it on Etsy.com it costs \$89.00.



No Sew Tutu's can easily be turned into costumes for Halloween and plays. This tutu dress cost about \$15.00 to make yet sells for \$35-55 online.



Not all life skills have a monetary aspect. This past year we have offered hunting tips, make-up tutorials, and henna art.







Not only does the community benefit from the How To Festival your library also benefits from it as well.

This is a wonderful time to do a survey assessing your community's needs. Take this opportunity to purchase and/or ask the community for a "door prize."

Everyone loves winning things and this would enable you to use the surveys as a raffle ticket for the prizes.

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## **More Federal Government Websites**

Thursday, November 9 – 10:00-11:00 am ET

## **Legal Reference for Public Librarians**

**Part 1:** Thursday, Nov. 9 – 2-3 pm ET & **Part 2:** Thursday, Nov. 16 – 2-3 pm ET

## **The Three Ps of Customer Service**

Thursday, November 16 – 10:00-11:00 am ET

# Thank you for attending!

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