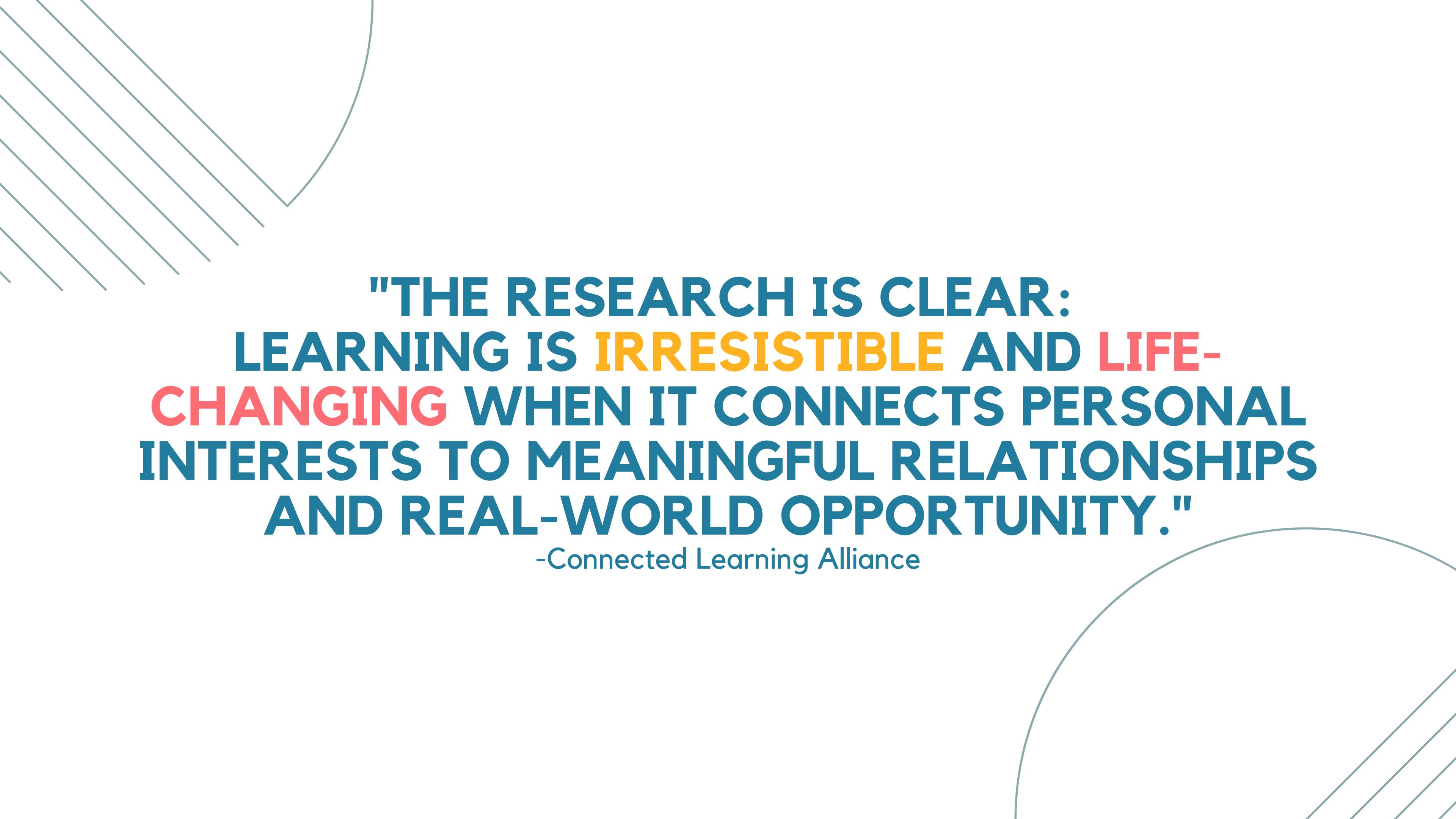


LEARNING BASED VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS

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**"THE RESEARCH IS CLEAR:
LEARNING IS IRRESISTIBLE AND LIFE-
CHANGING WHEN IT CONNECTS PERSONAL
INTERESTS TO MEANINGFUL RELATIONSHIPS
AND REAL-WORLD OPPORTUNITY."**

-Connected Learning Alliance

AGENDA:

- Qualities of successful volunteer programs
- YALSA Competencies
- Connected Learning
- Challenges and barriers
- In-person volunteer opportunities in the library
- Take-home volunteer opportunities
- Questions





Go to www.menti.com and use the code 7853 6419

WHAT ARE A FEW CHARACTERISTICS OF A SUCCESSFUL TEEN VOLUNTEER PROGRAM?



<https://www.menti.com/alg5o6wf4ix>

YALSA COMPETENCIES

YOUTH ENGAGEMENT AND LEADERSHIP:

Responds to all teens' interests and needs, and acts in partnership with teens to create and implement teen activities and to foster teen leadership.

COMMUNITY AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT:

Builds respectful, reciprocal relationships with community organizations and families to promote optimal development for teens and to enhance the quality of library services.

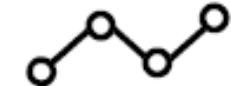
INTERACTIONS WITH TEENS:

Recognizes the importance of relationships and communication in the development and implementation of quality teen library services, and implements techniques and strategies to support teens individually and in group experiences to develop self-concept, identity, coping mechanisms, and positive interactions with peers and adults

TEEN SERVICES COMPETENCIES FOR LIBRARY STAFF

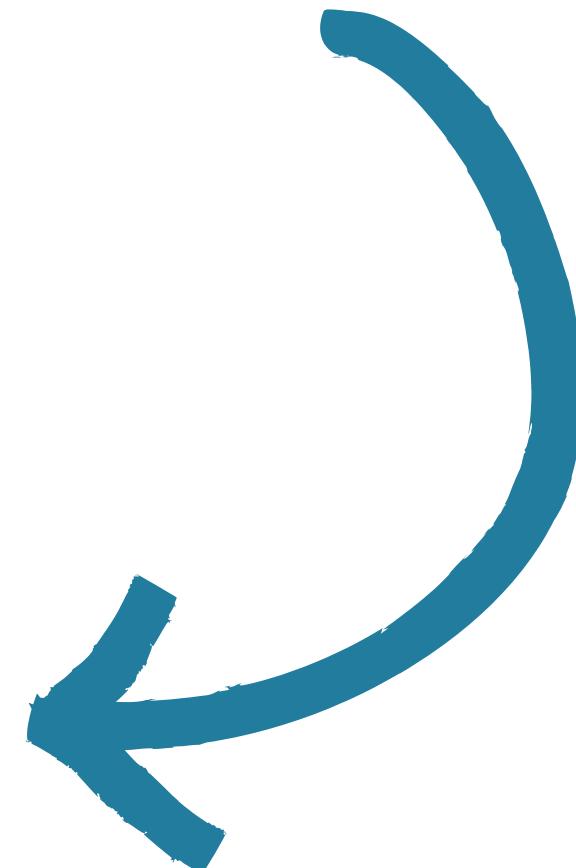


A SNAPSHOT

1) Teen Growth & Development	2) Interactions with Teens	3) Learning Environments
 Knows the typical benchmarks for growth and development and uses this knowledge to plan, provide and evaluate library resources, programs, and services that meet the multiple needs of teens	 Recognizes the importance of relationships and communication in the development and implementation of quality teen library services, and implements techniques and strategies to support teens individually	 Cultivates high-quality, developmentally appropriate, flexible learning environments that support teens individually and in group experiences as they engage in formal and informal learning activities
 Works with teens, volunteers, community partners and others to plan, implement and evaluate high-quality, developmentally appropriate formal and informal learning activities that support teens' personal and academic interests	 Responds to all teens' interests and needs, and acts in partnership with teens to create and implement teen activities and to foster teen leadership	 Builds respectful, reciprocal relationships with community organizations and families to promote optimal development for teens and to enhance the quality of library services
 Actively promotes respect for cultural diversity and creates an inclusive, welcoming, and respectful library atmosphere that embraces diversity	 Ensures access to a wide variety of library resources, services, and activities for and with all teens, especially those facing challenges to access	 Focuses on the impact of library programs for and with teens and uses data to inform service development, implementation, and continuous improvement
 Acts ethically, is committed to continuous learning, and advocates for best library practices and policies for teen services		

JAMBOARD!

Using the Jamboard, please share what challenges or barriers does your library face when trying to offer volunteer opportunities to the teens in your community.



VolunTEEN

VolunTEEN is a civic engagement program that allows teens to earn service hours while participating in activities that directly benefits their community during the summer.

The Bear Public Library partnered with the Brandywine Valley SPCA to promote Humane Education and services. VolunTEEN was offered once a week during the month of July and concluded with an adoption event in August.

During this event, teens:

- Created dog and cat toys/beds that were donated to the SPCA and to families who adopted a dog from the Bear Library Adoption Event,
- Learned about Humane Services, additional volunteer opportunities and explored career opportunities,
- Created marketing materials for the adoption event,
- Socialized dogs that were up for adoption,
- Oversaw the adoption event, and
- Established meaningful relationship with library staff, SPCA staff, their peers and the Bear community.



"Earn community service hours this summer with this volunteer series! Work with your peers on civic engagement projects to help our community."

DETAILS:

WHEN? AUGUST 6TH @ 12 PM - 4 PM
WHERE? @THE BEAR LIBRARY

ADOPTION DAY!!!



WHEN? August 6th @12-4

BEAR LIBRARY ADOPTION EVENT

Looking for a new companion to join your family? Come meet the adorable pups from the Brandywine Valley SPCA!

AUGUST 6TH 12-4
IN MEETING ROOM 1AB

 Brandywine Valley SPCA
FINDING THE HEART IN HUMANITY
101 GOVERNORS PL, BEAR, DE 19701



Adopt a dog!!

Hey bob, we want to talk about the adoption too! The dogs you can adopt today come with some blankets, toys, and bandanas! How cool is that?

Today you can adopt a cute dog like me! Giving us forever homes will make us very happy. Don't worry, we're very nice!



Think about adopting a dog today. You can make them very happy!

ADOPT THESE CUTE PETS

~INFORMATION~

AUGUST 6TH @ 12 - 4

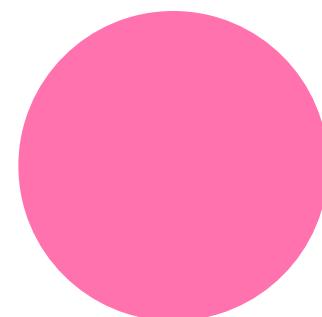


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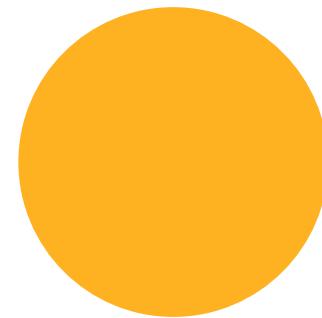
7 dogs out of 9 brought to the event were adopted at the Bear Library, and two were being cosidered for adoption.

CONNECTED LEARNING



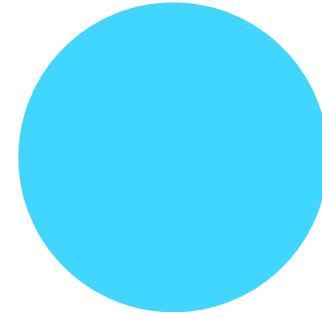
INTEREST

Learning is motivating when it grows out of personal interest.



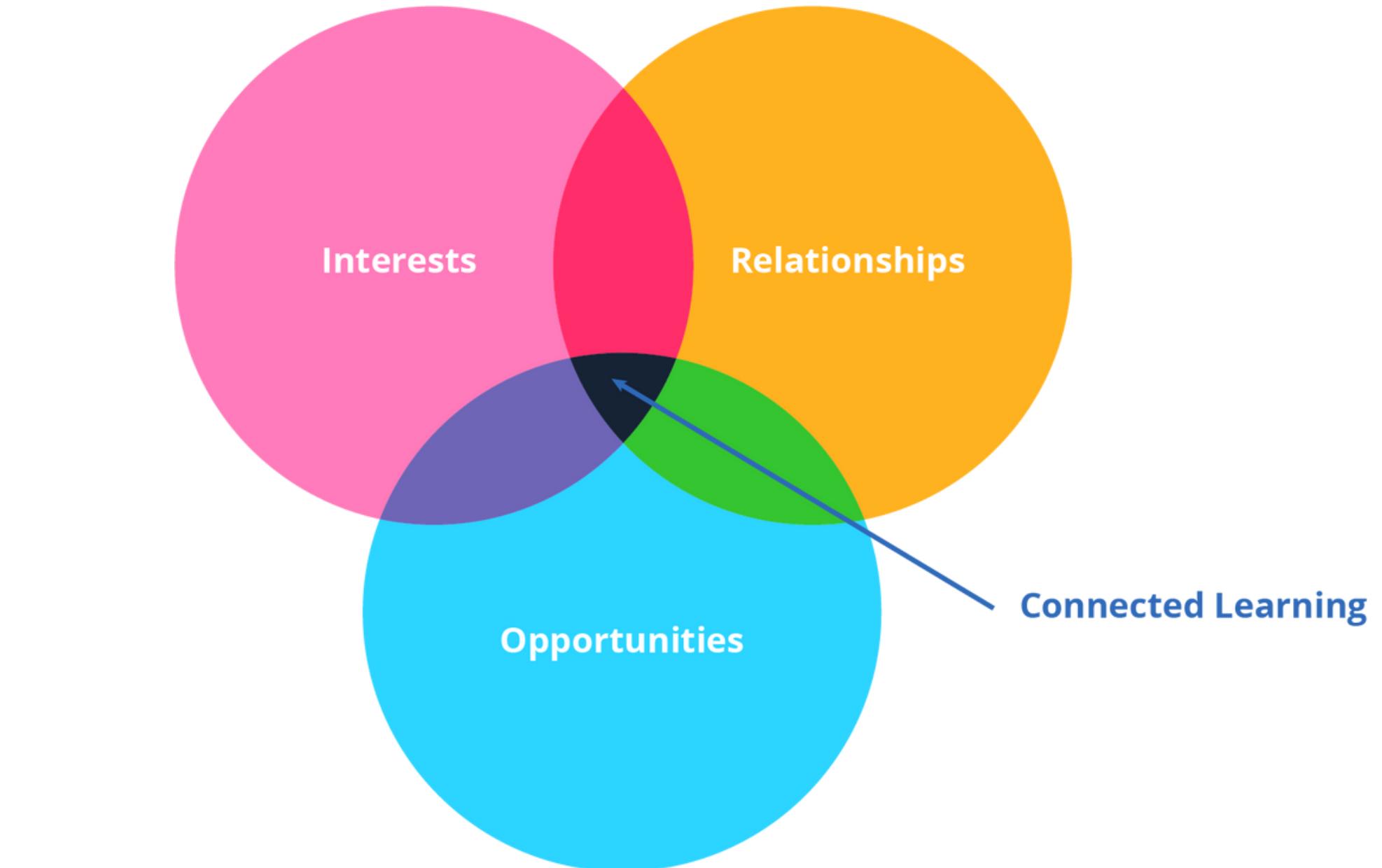
RELATIONSHIP

Learners need support from peers and mentors to persist through setbacks and challenges.



OPPORTUNITIES

Success beyond the classroom requires tangible connections to real-world career and civic opportunities.



<https://clalliance.org/about-connected-learning>

<https://www.kqed.org/mindshift/32503/how-the-power-of-interest-drives-learning>

https://clalliance.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/mentorship_v8_small.pdf

WHAT DID WE LEARN?

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While VolunTEEN was a successful event, there were still many barriers keeping teens from participating in this program. Due to these barriers, we have reformatted VolunTEEN to better serve our teens.

TAKE HOME PROJECTS

RESEARCH SKILL

COMMUNITY EVENT

July 2023 **VolunTEEN**

Projects



1

Make a dog toy using materials provided by the library. Toy must be returned to the Bear Library by July 29th to receive volunteer hours (1 toy = 1 hour).

Dog Toy Tutorial:

<https://www.imagineourlife.com/2011/12/13/no-sew-dog-toy/>

2

Make a cat toy using materials provided by the library. Toy must be returned to the Bear Library by July 29th to receive volunteer hours (1 toy = 1 hour).

Cat Toy Tutorials:

<https://www.caticles.com/diy-toilet-paper-roll-toys-for-cats/#DIY-treat-release-toy>

3

Donate items/time to your local shelter. Attach a picture of your donation or time at the shelter through the Google Form. (1 item/volunteer hour = 1 hour)

Brandywine Valley SPCA Donation Wishlist:
<http://bvspca.org/donate/wishlist/>

Research



Watch

Watch these videos to learn more about our canine and feline friends.

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DZ559QLb0xE>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jWbLUkWoBFI&t=1s>

Read/Explore

Read this article and Explore the Brandywine Valley SPCA's Website to learn more about the SPCA and their Mission.

- <https://tinyurl.com/4fsbkf4h>
- <https://bvspca.org/>

Questions will be asked on Google Form.
For each correct answer, you will receive 15 min of volunteer time.

Log



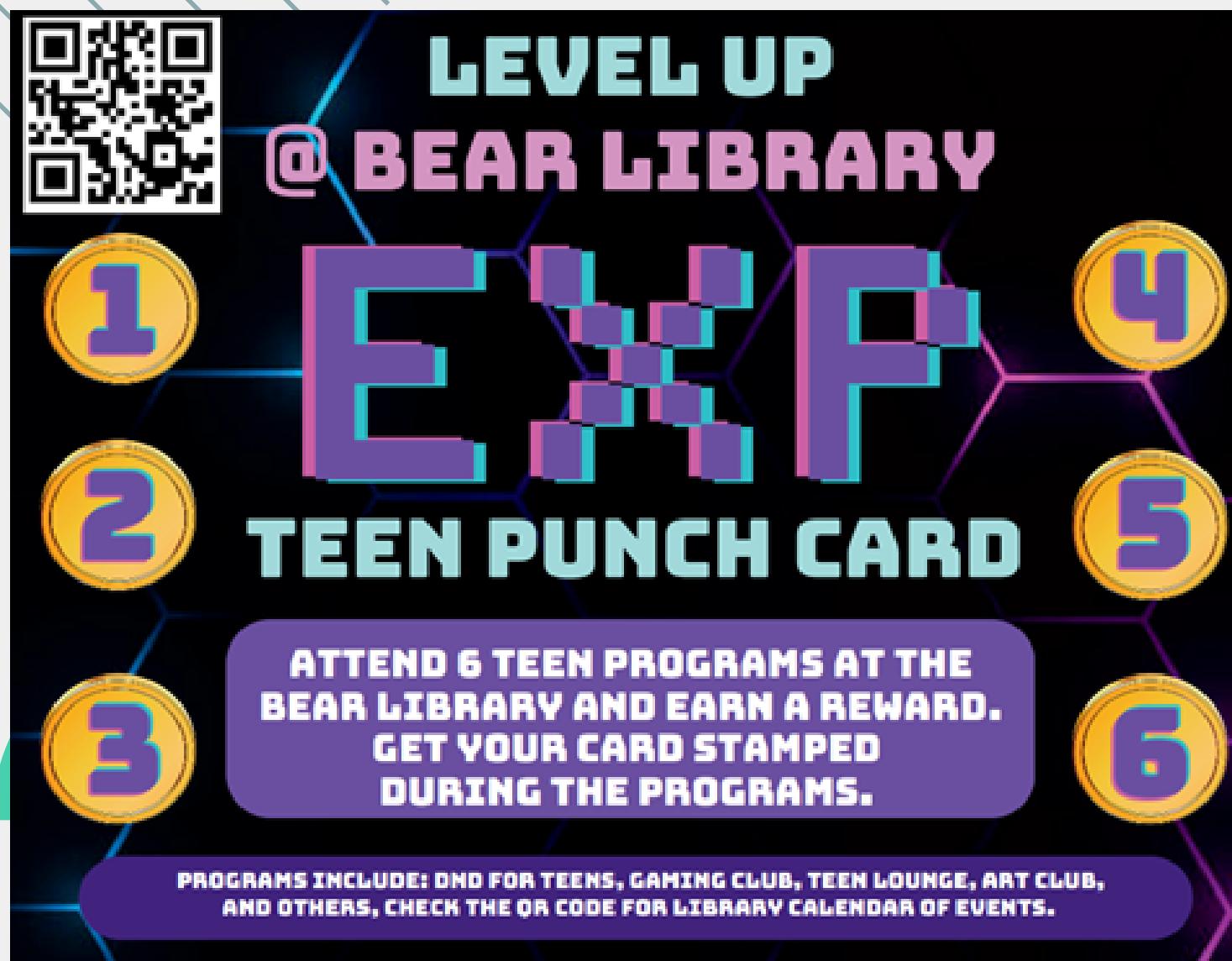
Log Your Volunteer Work

Answer the following questions on the linked Google Drive Link below before July 31st to get your service hours. You will be emailed when your Certificate of Completion is available for pick up at the Bear Library.

<https://tinyurl.com/ycxpp8um>



INSENTIVES!



QUESTIONS??

PADLET SHARE!

In this Padlet, share volunteer programs you've hosted, ideas and ask questions!



THANK YOU

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