

Fall 2013: Doctor Who Party

Eustis Memorial Library

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During SRP, I asked our teens what kind of events they would like to see at the library and I received one nearly-universal answer: a Doctor Who program. Our Doctor Who Party was held in September, and I've included pictures and details from the party which I hope will inspire or help you host a Whovian event at your library. This event was heavy on prep but was a big success for us, with our highest teen attendance to a program yet.



Above: Our snacks and refreshments included Dalek cupcakes (Publix cupcakes with DIYed Dalek paper wraps) and apples with smiley faces carved into them. I built the Tardis (with a secret compartment), which doubled as a centerpiece atop popular YA titles with blue covers, as well as one of the costume prizes. Handouts for upcoming teen programs were made available.

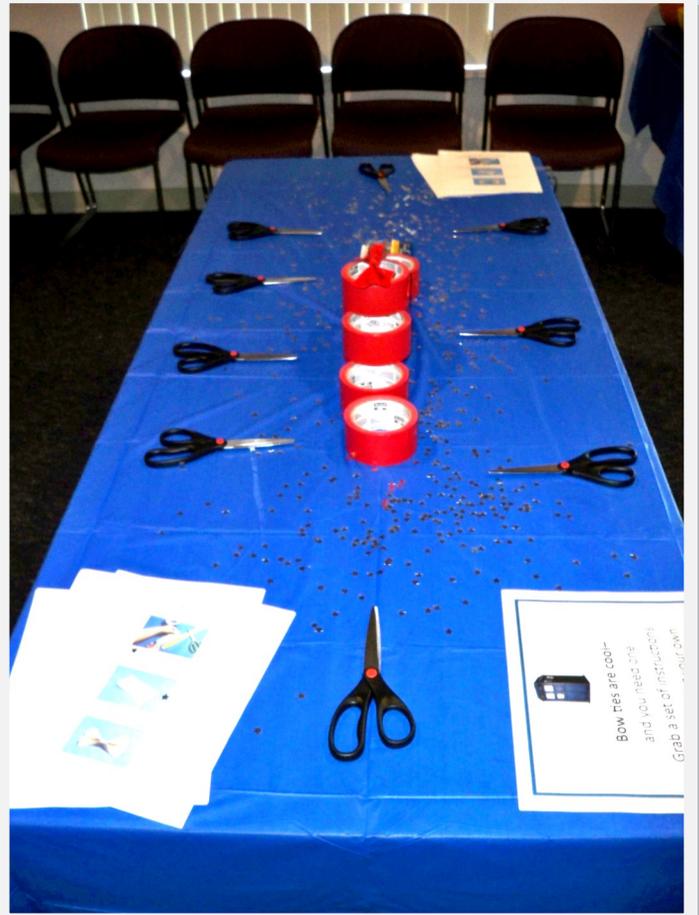
Right: We left half of the room open for Weeping Angel freeze tag, while the upper half (pictured) served as the activity/hang-out space.

The Community Room walls were decorated with 11x17" Who quotes, and after the event, the teens took their favorite quotes as souvenirs.



Craft Tables

We had two crafts: DIY sonic screwdrivers, which thanks to prep beforehand only involved four steps before teens could get to the fun part of customizing their creations, and duct tape bow ties. We also provided simple alligator clips (available at any major craft store) for the teens who would rather wear their bows as a hair accessory.



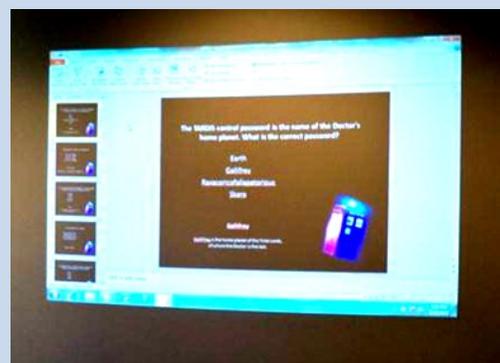
Weeping Angel Freeze Tag

This was our ice-breaker activity, and it was a scary hit. Each round, two teens would volunteer to be the Weeping Angels and wear a mask (see resources). Their goal was to tag as many people as possible, with the catch that whenever the lights were on, the angels had to freeze and cover their faces with their hands. When the lights flicked off, the game was on! We played several rounds of this before moving on to the next game – Guess Who.



Doctor Order Game

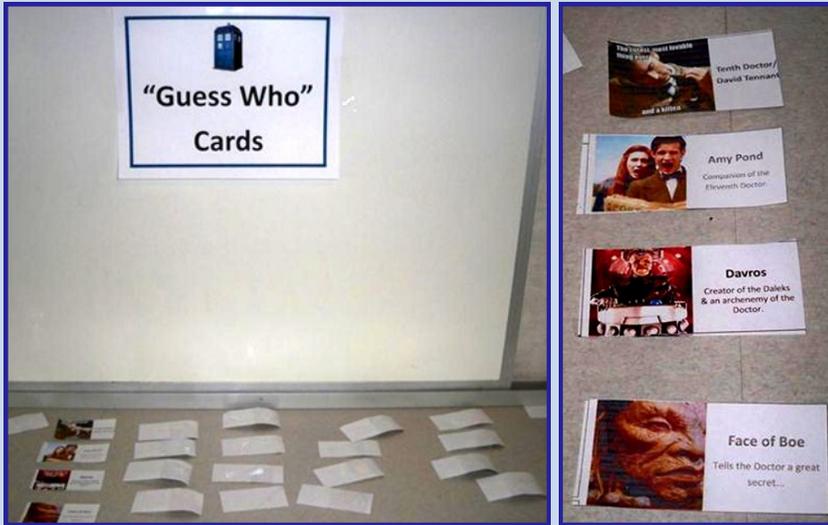
The storytime felt board was a perfect base for a "put the Doctors in order" activity.



Trivia Slideshow

I created a PowerPoint of Doctor Who trivia that we projected onto the wall. This was a nice in-between activities break for the teens, and they got a kick out of the fact that the Tardis would fly in and out of the frames.

Guess Who



I took the popular party game and put a Whovian spin on it, creating simple character slips backed with double-sided sticky tape. With the **huge** number of characters in the show, I didn't think the usual "name on a Post-It" would work very well, so I included a brief blurb on the character from the Doctor Who wiki and a picture to jog the memory. My assistant and I randomly stuck cards to the teens' foreheads, and they then had to figure out who they were. The game was an unexpected hit, with teens coming back for more and more slips. They grabbed their favorites at the end of the party to take home.

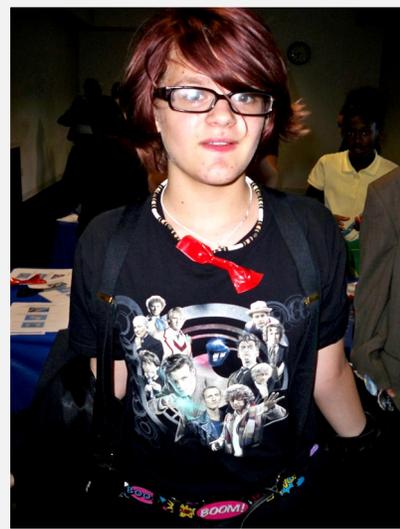


Costume Contest

The teens did an **awesome** job on their costumes. It was a tight race, with Matt Smith taking home the grand prize: the Tardis centerpiece and the soundtrack to Series Six. The CD was purchased on Amazon and came with an automatic MP3 download so we were able to have Whovian music playing during the party, which made for great ambience.



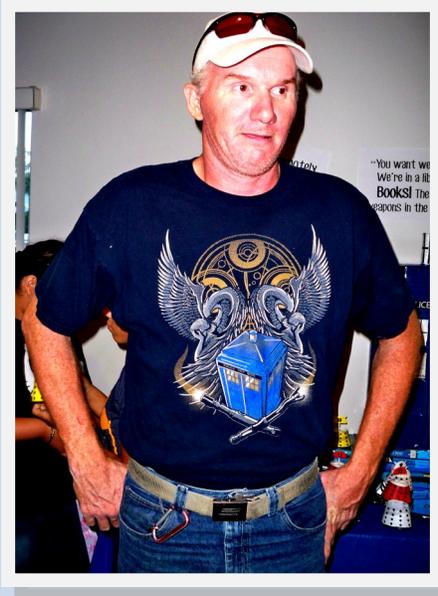
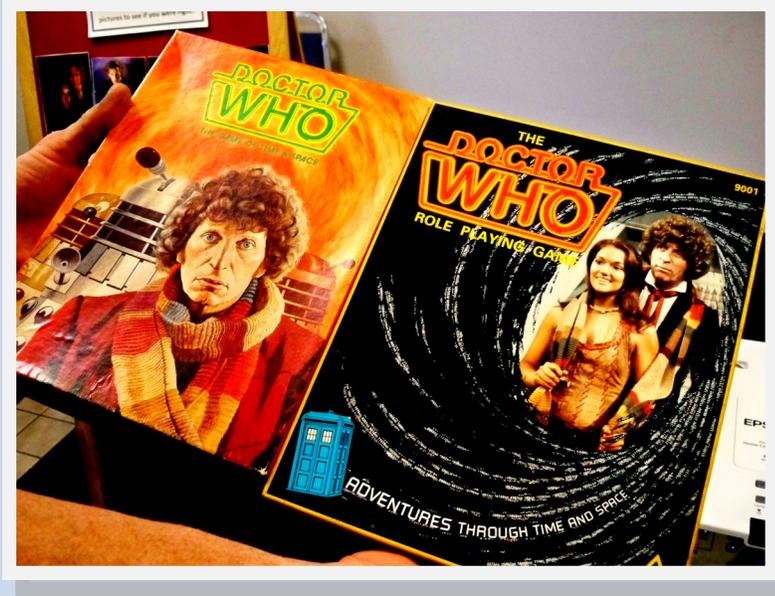
Cyberman!



Great t-shirt!



Friendly competition & our winner!



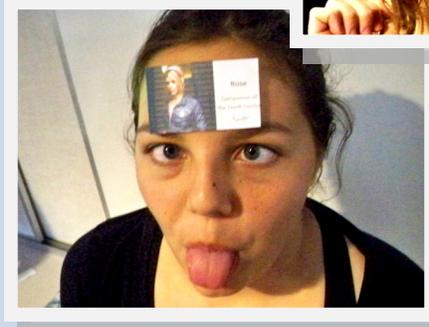
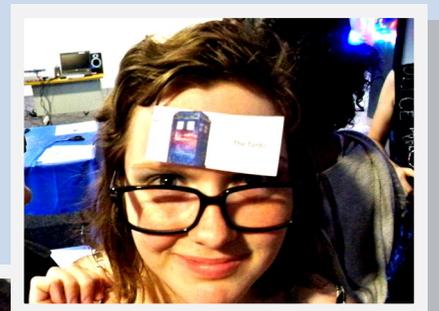
Vintage Doctor Who games in pristine condition brought by a dad of two of the teens – the whole family are big Who fans!



Doctor costume mash-up, plus a Tardis photo bomb!



Taking quotes at the end of the party, plus a Matt Smith photo bomb!



Resources

Tardis Pinata: <http://www.instructables.com/id/Tardis-Pull-String-Pinata/>

Dalek Cupcake Wrappers: available online through various vendors (Etsy, etc.), but I created my own which I'm happy to share. If interested, just send me an email: mclaughlinl@ci.eustis.fl.us.

Doctor Images (ordering game): <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b006q2x0/features/doctors>

Weeping Angel Masks: <http://downloads.bbc.co.uk/doctorwho/d11s01/d11s01e05-weeping-angel-mask.pdf>

Duct Tape Bow Ties: <http://www.instructables.com/id/duct-tape-bow-tie/>

Sonic Screwdrivers: I didn't use a tutorial— I just made it up using recycled/left over craft supplies I had on hand.

Guess Who Cards: if interested, just send me an email: mclaughlinl@ci.eustis.fl.us.

Trivia Slideshow: if interested, just send me an email: mclaughlinl@ci.eustis.fl.us.