#adulting

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I Can’t Adult Today.

Please Don’t Make Me Adult.
I’m done adulting...

Let’s be mermaids
Adulting was a buzzword in 2016, but what does it mean?

I HAVE NO IDEA

WHAT I'M DOING

Adulting is HARD!

I Deserve Wine.
What are some examples of adulting you can think of?

Yo dawg. I heard you like adulting.

So I found an adult to help you adult while you adult with an adult.
The next part of this equation is... who does this “adulting” refer to?
All About Millennials (yes, it IS all about us)

WHEN YOU REALIZE YOU PAID BANK
280K IN 12 YEARS ON A $250K LOAN, AND THE HOUSE IS NOW WORTH $170K

YOU IS TIRED. YOU IS BROKE.
YOU IS ADULTING
All About Millennials (still goin’)
A Little Bit Misunderstood

Lost
Noncommittal
Whiners
Impatient
Lazy
Broke
Underachiever
Entitled
Unmotivated
Impulsive
Narcissistic
"You know about the 30-something gang? It’s a group of kids, all about your age. They’ve been to college, then out in the real world, and it spit them out like a stale piece of gum. And now they’re all back in their old rooms, like you."
New Adult Fiction

Needless marketing-speak or valued subgenre......

Characters are 18-25 (I’ve seen it listed up to age 30). May contain detailed mature content.

Deals with issues like leaving home, self discovery, career choices and so on. Supposedly addresses the gap between young adult and adult books.

A good deal of NA authors also write adult romances or young adult. It can be very confusing for readers.
Samantha Young

One Dublin Street series

Hart’s Boardwalk series

Play On series
Jamie McGuire

Beautiful series

Maddox Brothers series
J. Lynn (Jennifer Armentrout)
Cora Carmack

Losing It series

Rusk University series
Other new adult fiction authors to check out

Alberts, Diane (also writes as Jen McLaughlin)
Aubrey, Brenna
Bailey, Tessa
Bocci, Nina
Chase, Emma
Crownover, Jay
Erickson, Megan
Flynn, Avery
Gordon, Gina
Glines, Abbi
Grey, R.S.
Harris, Rachel
Hart, Staci
Hoover, Colleen
Lauren, Christina
Park, Jessica
Reid, Penny
Ryan, Kendall
Slade, Shari
Sorensen, Jessica
Ward, Penelope
Webber, Tammara
Wilder, Jasinda
Teach Us

Life Skills

Bring in Experts

Make it Fun and Social
Life Skills

Financial Literacy - Credit, Bank Accounts, Investing

Interview/Resume/Career Skills

Homemaking - Cooking, Laundry, Sewing, etc.

Health & Safety

Housing - Renting/Buying a House

Other - Insurance, Purchasing Cars
Bring in Experts

Simsbury Public Library (CT) brought in a consulting firm to assist them with their classes.

Bedford Branch, of Halifax Public Library, engaged a local sewing business.

Cumming Branch, of Forsyth County Public Library (GA), brought in library Human Resources staff to teach about resume and interview skills.
Make it Fun and Social

Get Active!

St. Louis County Library began a series of yoga classes offered through Fit and Food Connection, a local organization.

Yoga topics include:
- Harry Potter
- Princess Bride
- Titanic

With poses, music, and other activities that go along with the theme.
Make it Fun and Social

Go to where they hang out!
Make it Fun and Social

Don’t take yourself too seriously!
Most of our members are in their 30s. We’ve had members in their 20s and 40s.

Couple reasons why adults read YA:

- Great page turners
- Shorter Reads (not always true lately)
- Easier to follow
- Quicker character development and story
- Makes you think of issues you weren’t even aware of or takes on topics that need discussed. For example the book The Hate U Gave)
- fast-paced, with rich character dialogue and hidden plot points

YA readers who are a little less Y and a bit more A.
Missouri chapters of the book club

Cape Giradeau (inactive?)

Columbia

Joplin (inactive?)

St. Louis

*Most of these meet at either coffee shops or bars.*
Program ideas????

Do you guys have any program ideas that you think would go over well at your library?
Questions?????

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