Unlocking Fun: Escape Rooms @ Your Library
Hello!

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Why did we start escape room programming?
Favorite Kids Rooms
Pro Tips

● Too many red herrings and props
  ○ How much is too much?
● Have props will travel
  ○ Sending to our branches
● Taking the box outside
  ○ Evening Reporting Center
● You break it and you bought it
  ○ Shoddy workmanship and editing
I Got 99 Props & Enough Storage for One
Smarter NOT Harder
Escape Rooms for Adults

Make your own OR use a resource designed for K-12 such as BreakoutEDU for your adult escape rooms.
Modifying Escape Rooms for Adults

Change the story to fit the theme you’re going for -- e.g., We turned Breakout EDU’s “Population: One” into “Escape the Haunted Library”
Clues and Decor in Escape Rooms for Adults

BreakoutEDU provides all clues and hints--which is good for limited budgets and prep times, but you may want to revise it and use your own art based on the theme you’ve chosen.

- “Draw” on the artistic abilities of your staff
- Borrow decor from the children’s area
- Visit your Friends’ book sale for old books
- Ask staff to bring items from home
Challenges of Escape Rooms for Adults

- Figuring out pre-made escape rooms and how you can set them up in your space
  - How do the clues fit together and how do we display/hide them?
  - Testing your room’s clues and layout
  - Prep and planning time
  - Remember to cover rules of your room and what NOT to do with the players
- Being “overly helpful” with your hints
- Creating too many red herrings (and also not explaining what a red herring is!)
Escape Rooms on Staff Day

- Team-building
- Helps staff understand what an escape room is and builds interest in assisting with future rooms
- The differences from a regular escape room?
  - Clues are not hidden
  - A shorter time is spent on the game
What’s in Our Future?

Fairy Tale Forest

Harry Potter Extravaganza!
Resources

Head over to--

http://dbrl.me/mq

for some of our favorite escape room resources!