

Zombie Invasion

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Teens can come in costume for gruesome games (Pin the Pancreas on the Zombie, anyone?) and a monstrous makeup demonstration. Be prepared to shake a leg during what's sure to be an outrageous dance contest!

Part of TGIF, a Library series which offers unique after-hours programs for teens

Ideal for teens, *Zombie Invasion* is a perfect program to run close to Halloween. On the other hand, zombie attacks can happen at a moment's notice, so it never hurts to be prepared!

Supplies List

- A few zombie make-up kits
- Zombie mad-libs
- Nerf guns (enough for each teen)
- 3 to 5 zombie targets (these can be purchased from a local gun shop or just make your own)
- Boom box or computer set up with a music player
- Table cloth
- Snacks
- Construction paper, scissors, markers, glue and any other craft supplies you want to include

Preparation

- Give at least 5 hours of prep time prior to the day of the event if you want to include all activities.
- During this time you will need to gather supplies, create mad-libs, and design a scavenger hunt through your library.
- Leave at least 30 min to prep the day of event

Preparation Steps

- 1) Begin by designing some zombie-themed mad libs. You can either create your own, or consult a Mad Libs book for ideas.
- 2) Then create a scavenger hunt through the library, highlighting some of your library's unique spaces and major features.
- 3) Hang up your zombie shooting targets in an area that is open and away from computers. Hang one in a designated spot for "Pin the Pancreas on the Zombie."
- 4) Set up a few tables for crafting and setting out snacks. Recommend covering the tables with a cloth or paper to prevent staining from make-up and craft activities.
- 5) Set out snacks and supplies and get ready for the invasion!

Activities

- 1) Begin the program by letting everyone introduce themselves and outlining the rules. Teens can hang out, talk or eat snacks. (approx. 30 min)
- 2) Next teens paint each other's faces, work on crafts, making zombie guts and playing "Pin the Pancreas on the Zombie." (approx. 45 min)
- 3) Then teens practice shooting Nerf darts at the zombie targets (and maybe a few at each other!) (approx. 30 min)
- 4) Finally teens play zombie musical chairs and compete in freestyle zombie dance-offs.(approx. 15 min)
- 5) Clean-up (approx. 30 min depending on how large the group and how many helpers you can recruit)

Extra Hints & Tips

Consider your time constraints and choose activities that work best for you.

Before you buy any Nerf guns, try asking your staff members with kids if they could lend some. You might be surprised by the formidable arsenal you've collected!

Combine activities with a screening of a movie. Maybe now is a perfect time to introduce teens to a classic (less gory) zombie film.

Additional Resources

[How to Be a Zombie: The Essential Guide for Anyone Who Craves Brains- by Serena Valentino](#)

[Zombies vs. Unicorns- by Holly Black and Justine Larbalestier](#)

[I Kissed a Zombie and I Liked It- by Adam Selzer](#)