**Notes from the Adult Programming: Innovations and Hits Table**

Small Groups with Discussion Starters

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What follows is a list of programs and ideas mentioned by attendees of the Adult Programming table.

* Low-vision vendor fairs at the local community college with speakers, food sales, and service providers.
* Helen Keller exhibit.
* Art group.
* Book groups with matching movie showings.
* Host book groups at other branches.
* Bring in outside groups to do programming at your branch.
* “Phone-y Friends” call-in book group. Call patron participants and patch them in to the conference call.
* Bingo with the local Lions group.
* Patron-led and directed book groups.
* Visually impaired support group – includes speakers on topics like “Learning how to Bird”.
* Health screenings by partnering with businesses like CVS and Rite Aid.
* A session presented by a disability lawyer.
* Partner with your local public transit provider to update riders’ bus passes.
* Audio described movie showings for the sighted.
* Theater groups and showings with “touch tours” and discussions.
* Work with your local arts community.
* Local conservatory students playing music at your branch.
* Technology that is for everyone and used by the visually impaired community.
* Call patrons to remind them of events.
* Monthly vision network conference call – one session is in-person in the summer.
* Offer prizes for book club readers.
* Fiction and non-fiction book clubs.
* A “mild reads” book club – no restrictors in selections.

If doing an aromatherapy program, this [video](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cz_jYx4dF0U) may be useful to you.