

One Book, One Community 2022

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Programs Ideas for Public Libraries and Schools

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Resources

- Author's Website
 - [Deborah Wiles](#)
- Author's Pinterest Page
 - https://www.pinterest.com/debbiewiles/_saved/
- Kent State University Page about May 4th
 - <https://www.kent.edu/may-4-1970>
- May 4th Voices Video Presentation
 - <https://www.kent.edu/may4kentstate50/may-4th-voices-video-presentation>

Kent State Programs

Remembering May 4th Panel Discussion

Host a panel discussion with those present on the Kent State campus on May 4th.

Prep Time	Length of Program	Number of People	Suggested Age Range
4-5 hours	1-2 hours	30-100	Adults

Supplies

- Question and Answer Cards
- Pens
- After program refreshments
- Chairs
- Podium
- Sound system
- Laptop
- Screen

Timeline

4-2 Months Before

- Contact community members for willingness to speak

1 Week Before

- Confirm with speakers
- Order refreshments
- Create question and answer cards

1 Day Before

- Reminder calls to registrants
- Pick up refreshments

1 Hour Before

- Room setup
- Sound system & technology check

Variations

- Host community evening discussions in coffee house style
- Participate in Kent State [Tell Your Story](#) project

Vietnam War Program

Prep Time	Length of Program	Number of People	Suggested Age Range
3 hours	1 hour	20-50	Adults

Supplies

- Chairs
- Podium
- Sound system
- Laptop
- Screen
- Refreshments after program

Timeline

4-2 Months Before

- Contact a historian, professor, or teacher to offer a presentation about Vietnam War

1 Week Before

- Confirm with presenter regarding date, time and technology needs
- Order refreshments
- Create question and answer cards

1 Day Before

- Reminder calls to registrants
- Pick up refreshments

1 Hour Before

- Room setup
- Sound system & technology check

Variations

- Round table discussion regarding Vietnam War
- Partner with local VFW members to share their story with community
- Showing Ken Burns [The Vietnam War](#) series
- Showing [Vietnam in HD](#) series

Resources

- [The National Vietnam War Museum](#)
- [US Vietnam Lesson Plans](#)

History of Events Surrounding May 4th Program

Prep Time	Length of Program	Number of People	Suggested Age Range
3 hours	1 hour	50	Adults/Teens

Supplies

- Chairs
- Podium
- Sound system
- Laptop
- Screen
- Refreshments after program

Timeline

4-2 Months Before

- Contact a historian, professor, or teacher to offer a presentation about May 4th

1 Week Before

- Confirm with presenter regarding date, time and technology needs
- Order refreshments
- Create question and answer cards

1 Day Before

- Reminder calls to registrants
- Pick up refreshments

1 Hour Before

- Room setup
- Sound system & technology check

Resources

- [Kent State University - Historical Accuracy](#)
- [Kent State University - May 4th Resources](#)
- [The Long Sixties and US History](#) Lesson Plans
- [Kent State Shooting](#)

Movie Showing

Prep Time	Length of Program	Number of People	Suggested Age Range
2-3 hours	1 hour	50-100	Adult

Supplies

- Sound system
- Laptop
- Screen
- Chairs

Activity

- Show one of May 4th movies and have a discussion following the viewing

Resources

- [May 4th Voices Video Presentation](#)
- [The Day The 60's Died - The Kent State Shootings](#)
- [Kent State University's 2021 Virtual Commemoration of May 4, 1970](#)
- [Documentary explores another voice from the Kent State May 4 shootings](#)

Poetry Program

Prep Time	Length of Program	Number of People	Suggested Age Range
4-5 hours	1-2 hours	20	Adult/Teen

Supplies

- Paper
- Pens/Pencils
- Books on poetry

Activities

- Deborah Wiles effectively writes **Kent State** in verse explore the world of poetry with the community:
 - Host an Open Mic Night
 - Community Poetry Tree Display
 - Blackout Poetry: Create blackout poetry with discarded library books

Resources

- [Armed With Our Voices](#) - Kent State
 - [Letters to May 4th Lesson Plan](#)
 - [Persona Poems: Writing the Draft Lottery Lesson Plan](#)
 - [We Lived Happily After the War Lesson Plan](#)
 - [I Am For: Relating May 4 Protests to Now Lesson Plan](#)
- [May 4th Poetry Collection](#) - Kent State
- [Education World](#)
- [Read Think Write](#)

Lyrics Program

Prep Time	Length of Program	Number of People	Suggested Age Range
2-3 hours	1-2 hours	20	Teen

Supplies

- Music lyrics
- Pen
- Paper

Activity

- Choose a song and read the lyrics.
 - Think about - what is the song about? Do you have an emotional response? Is it relevant today? What words or phrases jump out at you?

Resources

- [Music Related to the Kent State Shooting](#)
- [After the Kent State Massacre, 'Ohio' Spoke to the Country — and Helped Save CSNY](#)
- [Neil Young - Ohio \(Live at Massey Hall 1971\)](#)
- [Remembering Kent State](#) playlist on Spotify
- [Remembering the Kent State shootings, 50 years later](#)
- [Sounds of Change Lesson Plan](#)

List of Songs from [Bethel Woods](#)

- “Ohio,” Crosby, Stills, Nash, and Young, 1970
- “American Woman,” The Guess Who, 1970. *Number one song in America the week of May 4, 1970.*
- “Mama Told Me,” Three Dog Night, 1970. *Number one song in America July 1970.*
- “Jackson-Kent Blues,” Steve Miller Band, 1970. *Written in response to the killing of two students at Jackson State University, a historically black college, just 10 days after the Kent State Shootings. This event did not receive the same amount of national media coverage.*
- “Student Demonstration Time,” The Beach Boys, 1971. *Written in response to the Kent State Shootings.*
- “The Knife,” Genesis, 1970. *Written from the perspective of a National Guard soldier during the Kent State Shooting.*
- “Teach Your Children Well,” Glee Cast, 2015. *CSNY Cover. During the first week of August 1970, Crosby Stills Nash and Young were charting “Teach Your Children” and “Ohio” at 17 and 18 on the Top 40.*
- “My City was Gone,” Pretenders, 1982
- “I’ll Stand BY You,” Pretenders, 1994.
- “Satisfaction,” Devo, 1977. *Rolling Stones cover.*
- “Beautiful World,” Devo, 1981.

Graphic Novel Program

Prep Time	Length of Program	Number of People	Suggested Age Range
3 hours	1 hours	10	Teens

Supplies

- Paper
- Pencils, colored pencils, pens
- Rulers

Activity

- Explore how to create your own graphic novel through storyboarding

Resources

- Graphic Novel - [*Kent State*](#) by *Derf Backderf*
- Learning Graphic Novel Storyboarding Course on [LinkedIn Learning Library](#)
- [Will Eisner](#) - Father of the Graphic Novel

Retro Themed Programs

Retro Storytime

Time to think about those old classic books and songs from the late 60's and early 70's.

Prep Time	Length of Program	Number of People	Suggested Age Range
1 hour	30 minutes	15 families	Family

Classic Children's Books Suggestions

- Corduroy Bear by Don Freeman (written 1968)
- Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See? By Bill Martin Jr. (written 1967)
- Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day by Judith Viorst (written 1972)
- The Lorax by Dr. Seuss (written 1971)
- The Monster at the End of This Book by Jon Stone (written 1971)
- Frog and Toad by Arnold Lobel (written between 1970-1979)

Deborah Wiles Children's Books

- [Freedom Summer](#)
- [We Are All Under One Wide Sky](#)

Retro Craft Party

What was once old is now new, right? Host a retro craft party for your community.

Prep Time	Length of Program	Number of People	Suggested Age Range
3-4 Hours	1 Hour	20	Adults

Craft Ideas

- [Pom-Pom Bookmark](#)
- [Classic Potholder Looms](#)
- [String Art Step-By-Step Tutorial](#)
- [Macrame](#)
 - [Make a Macrame Keychain](#)
- [Tie-Dye](#)
- [Dyed Wall Hangings](#)

Other craft ideas

- Patchwork
- Granny Squares
- Hooked Rugs
- Shell Art

Name that Tune

Can you name that 70's tune?

Prep Time	Length of Program	Number of People	Suggested Age Range
3-4 hours	45 minutes	20	Teen or Millennials

Supplies

- Music Lyrics
- Buzzers

Activities

- Read one or two lines from the song and everyone tries to guess it

Variations

- Playing different seconds of the song - 3 seconds, 10 seconds, 15 seconds

Other Program Ideas

- 70's food program
- 70's fashion program
- 70's television program

Display

Interactive Display Ideas

70's Musical Artist Display - March Madness Style

- Set up a bracket of artists from 70's
- Vote among the artists

Supplies

- Bulletin Board
- List of 70's Artists
 - Bracket of Artists
- Pens
- Voting Sheets

Post It Note Display

- Two Options
 - What do you remember from May 4th?
 - What did you learn about May 4th?

Supplies:

- Post It Notes
- Pens
- Bulletin Board

Book Display

- Deborah Wiles Books
 - The Sixties Trilogy (Middle Grade Books)
 - [Countdown](#)
 - [Revolution](#)
 - [Anthem](#)
 - The Aurora County Books (Young Reader Books)
 - [Love, Ruby Lavender](#)
 - [Each Little Bird That Sings](#)
 - [The Aurora County All-Stars](#)
 - [A Long Line of Cakes](#)
 - [Freedom Summer](#) (picture book)
 - [We Are All Under One Wide Sky](#) (picture book)
- Kent State Books
 - [Kent State: four dead in Ohio](#) by Derf Backderf
 - [The Kent State Shooting](#) by Natalie Rosinsky
 - [13 seconds: a Look Back at the Kent State Shootings](#) by Philip Caputo
 - [Above the Shots: An Oral History of the Kent State Shootings](#) by Craig Simpson
 - [67 Shots: Kent State and the end of American Innocence](#) by Howard B Means
- 70's Display with books, music, dvds
- Vietnam War Display
- Best Selling Books during the 70's