# Around The World In 49 Days

A. Mitchell Powell Jr. Library

Adults

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Byline

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This program was a way to have a vacation without the worry of flying, crowds, or cost! For this special weekly summer program, I highlighted a different country each session, shared some of its history, brought/made a treat from that country, and gave a craft to do while I shared fun facts.

I named this program as there were only 49 days of our Summer Reading Program.

### Advanced Planning

Planning started about three months prior to the program. I asked patrons what places/countries they would love to visit.

Once I had my list of countries, I researched each country's history and prepared a summary of what I learned. I also added in a craft for them to complete while I talked. After that, I brought out treats from the country for patrons to try. The biggest challenge was finding authentic food from these foreign countries here in southern Georgia. The next time I do this program, I will make my list based on what foods I can find near me.

## Marketing

I posted my advertisement on our library's social media about a month before and made an additional post a week before each program.

I also made bookmarks that looked like a plane ticket and put them near the checkout desk.

## Budgeting

I spent exactly $117.96 on Amazon for the snacks and drinks I could get there. I spent an additional $30 on supplies for the crafts that we did not already have in our library. I ordered food from local businesses to get authentic food, and they were kind enough to donate it to us after I shared what I was buying it for. I also went to the H-Mart to buy supplies to make some food at home.

## Day-of-event Activity

On the day of the program, the only worry was to have the food ordered (if it was from a local business) or stored properly (if I made it myself). I had the help of another staff member. She worked on the craft and helped patrons while I shared information about the country during the program. Since I began preparing three months in advance, I had my PowerPoint and notes ready when the program began.

## Program Execution

Most of the programs had high attendance. I limited the program to only 12 people to lower my food and craft budget. The only program that had low attendance was the program I chose to have before the 4th of July, but I fault that on the holiday. Since I had the food ready, I sat by the main door and offered patrons a danish. When they stopped, I explained about my program and shared some facts about Denmark. This proved to be a good advertisement as the next week was filled with several people on the waitlist.

## Advice

Focus on what foods are accessible to you in your area and have that dictate which countries you use in your program. I would suggest either doing a treat or a craft, especially if you are doing this by yourself.

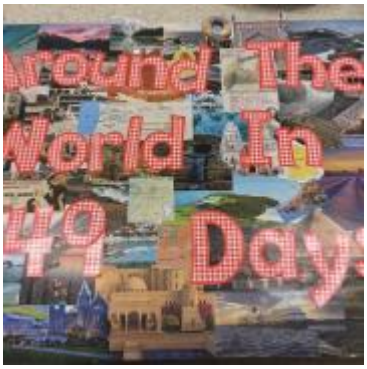
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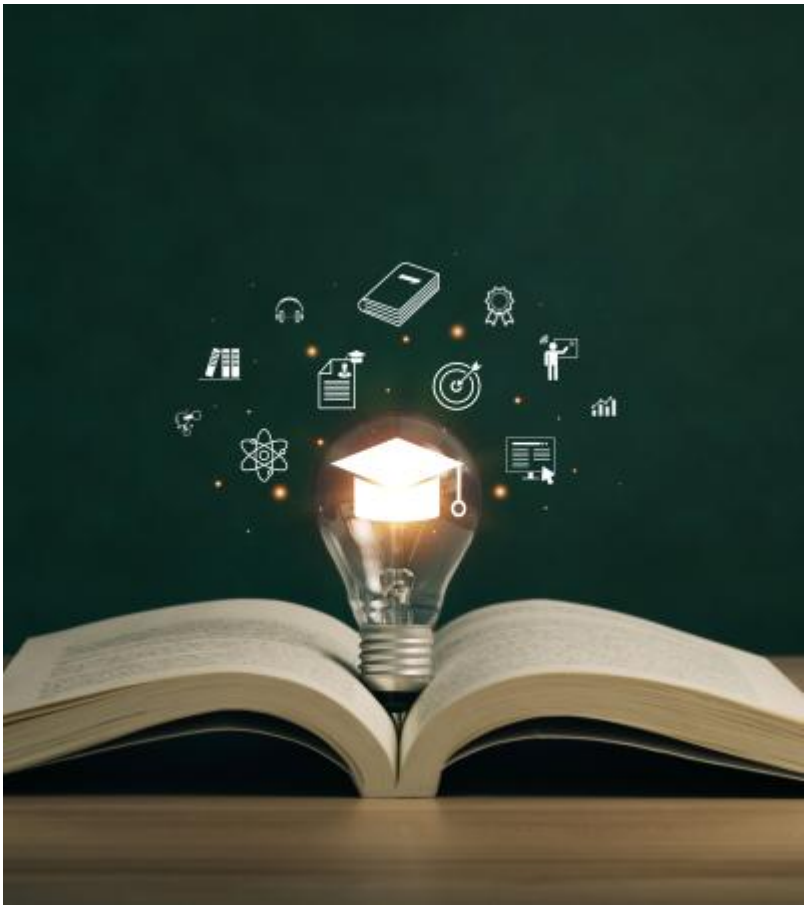
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