

LIVING

LIBRARY

A QUICK GUIDE



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INTRODUCTION



Learning from one's own mistakes is considered by many people to be the best way to discover oneself to grow as a human being. However, such experiences may sometimes leave us crippled, both physically and emotionally. As a consequence, we can say with absolute certainty that learning from other people's failed experiences is not only the best, but also the safest path to take when trying to discover who you are. And living library is such a path. It is a method, actually which not only allows the readers/audience to listen to the books' stories and absorb even the minutest details, but live them at the moment of their telling, leaving the reader wiser but less scarred.

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ROLES

BOOK

A PERSON THAT IS
WILLING TO
BECOME A
STORYTELLER

READER

A PERSON THAT
LISTENS TO A STORY
FROM A BOOK. (UP
TO 5 PER BOOK)

LIBRARIAN

A PERSON THAT
LOOKS AFTER A
BOOK

VOLUNTEER

A PERSON HELPING
THE ORGANIZATION
WITH THE PROTOCOL
AND TECHNICALITIES

DICTIONARY

A PERSON THAT IS
WILLING TO
TRANSLATE FOR A
BOOK

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THE GUIDE

FINDING BOOKS

SEARCH FOR BOOKS BASED ON THE TOPIC YOU THINK THE AUDIENCE WILL WANT TO LISTEN TO IN ORDER TO LEARN SOMETHING ABOUT THEMSELVES

FINDING READERS

PROMOTE THE EVENT ON SOCIAL MEDIA: FACEBOOK PAGE, INSTAGRAM POST, EVEN POSTERS. IT'S UP TO YOU, JUST REMEMBER TO MAKE A FORM FOR SIGNING UP TO KEEP TRACK OF THE NUMBERS. IN IDEAL CONDITIONS THE BOOK SHOULD HAVE ONLY ONE READER. THE NUMBER OF READERS MAY BE INCREASED TO 5 DEPENDING ON HOW COMFORTABLE THE BOOK IS WITH A LARGER AUDIENCE

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FINDING A LOCATION

FIND A LARGE AND SPACIOUS PLACE, IDEALLY WITH SEPERATE ROOMS OR PHYSICAL BARRIERS BETWEEN THE BOOKS. PRIVACY IS VERY IMPORTANT

FINDING LIBRARIANS

FIND A LIBRARIAN THAT IS EMPATHETIC, CONSIDERATE, RESPONSIBLE AND ALWAYS THINKING OF THE BOOKS' NEEDS. PREPARE THEM TO EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED

FINDING VOLUNTEERS

FIND A VOLUNTEER THAT IS WILLING TO HELP WITH THE ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS SO AS TO LET THE LIBRARIAN FOCUS ON THE BOOK

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ORGANIZATION

CREATE A TIMETABLE (20 MINS OF STORYTELLING, 10 MINS OF QUESTIONS AND A 10 MIN BREAK)

GROUP THE READERS ACCORDING TO HOW WELL THEY KNOW EACH OTHER SO AS THEY MAY FEEL COMFORTABLE IF THEY NEED TO ASK QUESTIONS

PREPARE THE PLACE (SEATS, SNACKS, BEVERAGES & MOST IMPORTANTLY TISSUES)

CREATE FEEDBACK FORMS AND PREPARE ENVELOPES FOR BOOKS AND READERS

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FOLLOW UP ACTIVITY

FEEDBACK

COLLECT FEEDBACK
FORMS FROM THE
READERS AND THE BOOKS

SUPPORT MESSAGE

KINDLY REMIND THE
READERS THAT THEY CAN
LEAVE SUPPORTING
MESSAGES FOR THE BOOKS

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