

TEENS IN ACTION

MAKE A DIFFERENCE: DO

Choose one or more of the following projects to complete, and keep track of the hours you spend.

PROJECT 1: Create a Club with Friends

A clubhouse can take many forms: it can be a bedroom, a coffee shop, a basement, sometimes even a study room at the library. Wherever your club meets and whatever you're passionate about (a book club, gaming, running, studying, or a Taylor Swift fan club), you are coming together with community to celebrate a shared interest.

Track your work in forming the club and your first meeting, and reflect in the online form. Send a picture to teenteam@skokielibrary.info.

PROJECT 2: Listen to Stories

Everyone has a story to share, and for older adults that story is often from a time before you were alive. The world was a different place!

Ask someone older than you about their childhood, something they remember that was exciting, emotional, sad, funny, or just nostalgic. Not only will they love to share, but you will also be a part of their legacy and feel closer to one another.

Track your work and reflect in the online form.

PROJECT 3: Fight Isolation Through the Mail

[Letters Against Isolation](#) is a charity organization created by two teens during the COVID pandemic. They fight senior loneliness by sending handwritten messages of love, hope, and joy that bring seniors connection and improve their mental and physical health.

[Color A Smile](#) distributes cheerful drawings to senior citizens, our troops overseas, and anyone in need of a smile.

Visit their websites for more information and instructions. If you need us to mail your cards or pictures, please visit us in the Teen Room! Track your time and reflect in the online form.

PROJECT 4: Connect with Your Ancestors

Connection and belonging is not restricted to those immediately around you, but also includes those who came before us. We can feel connection to our heritage, our history, and our culture.

We've created a simple scavenger hunt that asks you fill in information about an ancestor. Research one relative by asking your family, searching online, or coming into the library to [use our free Ancestry service, AncestryLibrary.com](#) (in-library use only). Your relative can still be living, but they shouldn't be your immediate family (mother, father, sister, or brother).

Fill in the information on your relative on the below worksheet, track your hours through the online form, and email your "item(s)" (photo, artifact, story, etc.) to teenteam@skokielibrary.info.

[Click here for the worksheet](#), email teenteam@skokielibrary.info for a copy, or come into the Teen Room for a free print out.

Research as many ancestors as you wish, and get services hours for each one!



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