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Title of project	Music Monday
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The issue/challenge

Music Monday is a series of music workshops to encourage and enable young people to experience the arts in active ways as creators and participants, and to promote their creative achievements.

Project details

Logan Libraries has purchased a range of musical instruments and equipment, which has travelled to 7 libraries on rotation to facilitate local access. Instruments included keyboard, electronic drum kit, electronic guitar and bass, acoustic guitar, a range of djembe drums and speakers and amps. A booklist of current titles covering a range of music related topics will be produced to encourage the young people to use the collection.

The program provides young people with an accessible, creative space inside the library where they can express themselves and be productive in a 'hands on' supportive environment.

The Music Monday program aims to connect young people to the library as a community space and centre for lifelong learning. It provides opportunities for young people to develop new skills, engage with library staff and artists/musicians to enhance their creativity. The program can be developed to connect participants to the arts, training and education sectors.

Partnering with organisation Champion Sound, local artists and musicians, young people have been introduced to a wide variety of musical equipment, and helped to develop their ideas into music and song, and for recording. Partnerships were also built with local music shops and High Schools.

The ultimate goal was for the staff at each library to become familiar with the equipment, and for each library to feel comfortable to host an event - or roll out the monthly program - thus becoming self sustainable. This has been accomplished.

The Challenge....

Due to the specialist nature of some of the equipment, there is a need to provide library staff with an introduction to the equipment, its use and how to set it up and pack it down.

A digital hub was purchased which allows all the instruments to be connected, thus decreasing noise levels.

To date....

Over 450 young people have attended the program so far across 5 libraries.

Comments from participants

"It was really fun and great equipment"

"Its cool as, a great place to kick back, and to relax"

"I think that it is good, it keeps me out of trouble and gives me something to do"