

Internships at Kitsap Regional Library vary greatly based on the individual interns who embark on these journeys. From a recent high school graduate who turned his personal interest in video games into a community tournament, to an enthusiastic future dentist who brought her dental health interests into a library job shadowing opportunity, and even a future SFX artist who turned her passion for SFX make-up into an amazing Halloween event that supported her portfolio, interns have used this program as a springboard for their future goals. Here are just a few of their stories.

Meet the interns!

Cami & Ava were an intern duo who bonded over their mutual interest and passion for the environment. Cami aspires of attending college and Ava had just finished her bachelor's degree. They decided to work together during their internship to create and lead a two-part program called, Going Green, which revolved around the idea of environmental sustainability. "While working with Cami to develop our projects," Ava says, "I realized how much the strengths we both brought to the table helped each other grow."

The first part of their project, Wear Green Be Green, was a workshop event for families with a focus on building awareness and skills that participants could take home and utilize in their everyday life. The second part of their project, Going Green, was an Earth Day event where they invited community partners from across Kitsap County to come into the library and set up a resource fair. This event was open to the public and allowed them the chance to meet with people from Waste Management, Public Utilities, the Water Treatment Plant and many others and take-home resources from these organizations.

Megan had a passion for Neuroscience from the very beginning of her internship and planned to pursue it as a career once she graduated. During her internship, she designed three programs about the human body: Exploring the Skeleton and Exploring the Brain for kids and adults. "I wanted to make a project that would be interesting and fun for kids instead of scary and gross." Megan says, "So I decided to involve art in the project and called it, 'Inside Out - Exploring the Body through Art and Science'."

As a part of her project, Megan created a Brain Cap that participants could color and then cut and fold into a hat. Using the Brain Cap, participants were able to visualize where each part of the brain was on each other's heads and encouraged them to ask more questions about how the brain worked. Before Megan's internship was over, she created an ultimate toolkit for body science and art programs at the library.

Zara was interested in politics, and more specifically in taxes and campaigning when she started her internship. This interest in Political Science seemed to work out perfectly as at the time of her internship the library was working on a Levy and allowed Zara to gain some firsthand experience on what that was like. During her internship, Zara created and facilitated a live-action Angry Birds program for the Teens that visited the library while also working towards her college goals. Zara spent a lot of time researching colleges she thought she might want to attend and potential scholarships. Over the course of her internship, Zara attended two college interviews and with the support of her mentor was able to narrow down which college interested her most.