Pop-Up Library Challenge

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Abstract: Pop-Up libraries demonstrate how easy it is to make books freely available to the readers, in unexpected public locations. The impromptu book shelf could be at a doctor’s office, a hair salon, or in a car maintenance center. These creative book spaces give readers, who might not own a book, a chance to begin their own library at home or to pass the book along to the next reader. This poster is a challenge to anyone in the book profession (for example: author, editor, publisher, or librarian) to start a pop-up library as a community service project.

Examples

- At a hair salon
- At a conference
- At a health clinic

The Winner

I challenged family, friends, and my Facebook® community to create a Pop-Up Library, post a picture of it on Instagram®, and return to vote for the most creative library.

Carole Bishop’s birthday party Pop-Up library won the challenge.

Bonus: She’s a CUA SLIS alumnus!