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### Not Your School's Career Day

- ◊Teens want to think about their future, especially in a low-stress environment
- ◊People like to talk about their jobs
- ◊Fits any space or budget
- ◊Time-intensive advance prep
- ◊Runs itself on the day of

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### Gather Your Posse

- ◊ My advance planning: ~3 months
- ◊ Ask teens: "What do you want to be when you grow up?" In those words.
- ◊ In as many ways as possible: TAB meeting, interactive bulletin board in teen space.
- ◊ Research careers that require different levels of training.
- ◊ Be inclusive!
- ◊ Make tons and tons and tons of phone calls.

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### Logistics: Hypothetical

- o Give each professional a table and free rein.
- o Break teens into groups of 4-5.
- o Set a timer and move every 3-5 minutes.
- o This method works best with registration.

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### Logistics: Actual

- o No registration
- o High turnout
- o No timer, groups, or structure
- o Swag bags and a giveaway
- o Controlled chaos
- o FUN!!!

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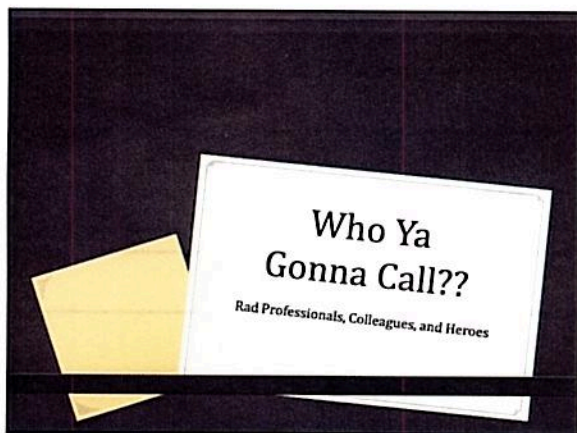
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### In Your Own Backyard

- o Represent! Find a colleague to talk about teen librarianship! (Don't DIY)
- o Other departments in your library: Genealogy, rare documents, periodicals, etc.
- o Your Director or other administrator.
- o Colleagues with home-based businesses: LuLaRoe, Tupperware, Pampered Chef, etc.
- o Colleagues with hidden talents: the record label manager and rock star.

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### That's What Friends are For

Who do you know that has a job?

- o Attorney
- o Cosmetologist
- o Digital Forensics Expert
- o Teacher
- o Funeral director

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### Hometown Heroes

- o Police
- o Firefighters
- o EMS
- o Local Government Officials
- o Military Recruiters

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## Rules of the Road

- ◊ Start early and plan in baby steps.
- ◊ Be prepared to make a lot of phone calls
- ◊ Ask more people than you think you need.
- ◊ Be flexible. Plan more than you think you need.
- ◊ Remember to breathe
- ◊ Send everyone a thank you note the day after

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## Questions?

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