

You Can't Escape the Library!

Tiered Library Escape Room Experiences in Collaboration with Residence Life

Collaboration

Goals

Library: Introducing students to the library with a game to decrease library anxiety.

Res Life: Designing a co-curricular learning opportunity that connects underclassman to the OWU community, emphasizing history and diversity.

Roles

Library: creating program, running escape room.

Res Life: promoting, hosting larger program, lending reputation.

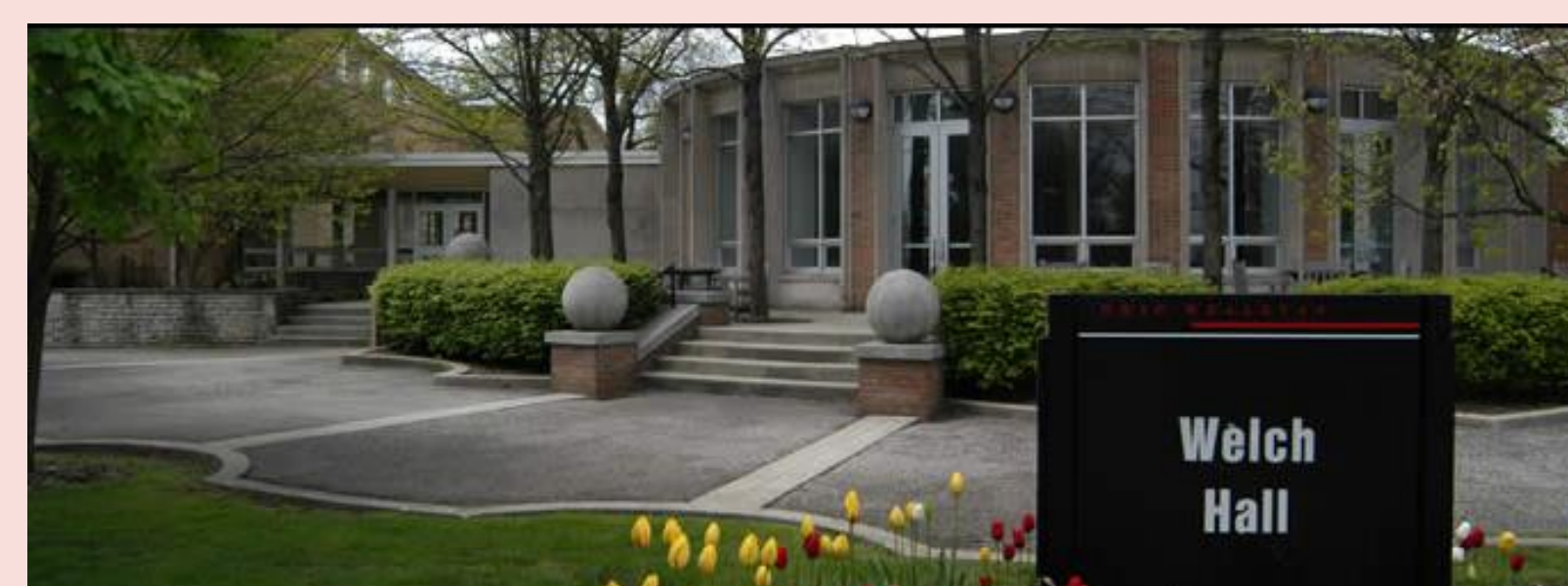
Lessons:

- Clear communication is key.
- Start of term is busy for EVERYONE.

Co-Hosting

Library: Escape Room in the Res Hall.

Res Life: "Late Night at Welch" with gaming stations for the down time.



From Collection to Design

Timeline



Would You be Able to Escape?

All our treasures were whisked away today.

Before our petition, the maypole was the only chance we hoofers could let loose.

We were so excited when the newspaper announced the location of the Hop.

I did everything with my friends from the Cosmopolitan Club.

I first danced with Reginald at the Monnet Day Pageant.

We always trusted the trunk service with our treasures.

Pictures are the CLUES to uncovering my life at OWU.

I relied on my dance card to tell me who my next partner was.

DEAR FUTURE STUDENTS,
SO YOU WANT TO FIND THE MAGNIFICENT SAPPHIRE TRIO BROACH? I HOPE THAT YOU ARE UP FOR A CHALLENGE.
WE LOCKED AND BURIED OUR SECRETS, BUT NOT ALL THAT IS BURIED WILL REMAIN SO. OUR TREASURES WERE UNBURIED, BUT STILL LOCKED AWAY. WE FORESAW THIS HAPPENING AND CODED THE LOCK. YOU CAN ONLY FIND THE TREASURE IF YOU DIG THROUGH MY PAST AND LEARN ENOUGH TO FILL IN THE STORY BELOW.
OUR SENIOR YEAR, WE WERE FINALLY ALLOWED TO [] THE FIRST WAS AT THE []. IT WAS SUCH A MAGICAL NIGHT. ALL OF MY BEST FRIENDS WERE THERE, INCLUDING MY PARTNER IN CRIME [], WHO WAS MY THIRD PARTNER AND HELP HE HIDE THE CHEST. WITHOUT THE COVER OF [], WHO HOSTED THE BANQUET BEFORE, WE COULD HAVE NEVER USED THIS NIGHT AS A WAY TO HIDE THE SAPPHIRE TRIO BROACH. WE WERE ABLE TO HIDE IT AWAY BY USING A [].
SINCERELY,
Gracie Marley
GRACIE MANLEY

Results

Success!

- 21 Students in 5 groups in 2 hours.
- All groups excited for escape room #2
- Interactions with OWU primary source, critical thinking and team work skills



2nd Escape Room

- **What's different:** focuses more on library literacy skills, uses additional library collections, greater flexibility in how we schedule each session.
- **What's the same:** main character, use of Special Collections, audience is OWU students



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