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Introduction

This poster will share different ways to engage students and faculty beyond the traditional activities of instruction and collections. It will explain how one urban public research university library has become the nexus for sharing culture, language, and music by connecting students and faculty from diverse backgrounds through karaoke, trivia, conversation, and more. It will detail how libraries of all sizes, budgets, and locations can celebrate the diversity of the campus community through a variety of events online and/or in person. Learn how to create a campus buzz about the library beyond study rooms and laptops. Included in the poster session will be the tools needed to plan, promote, execute, and evaluate different library events.

FIU Language Day

“Best Event on Campus”

1. Language Conversations
2. Karaoke / Open Mic
3. Trivia
4. Pop-up Speakers
5. Partnerships & 1st Steps



Best Event on Campus!

Language Conversations

Face-to-Face: Pick a question; connect with a language partner.

Online: Zoom language breakout rooms with suggested topics or themes.

Annual Event to practice your language skills in a non-threatening & fun environment.

“I love the sense of community and I was pleasantly surprised with a handful of languages I never heard of.”



Karaoke / Open Mic

Face-to-Face: Sing in your favorite language

Online: Share your talents through language, music, poetry, etc.

“I got to sing in my 2nd language, Spanish.”



More likely to have music and poetry online. Retacent students were grateful for the opportunity to share their talents (& stated that they would never participate in-person).

Language & Culture Trivia

1. Where is the Klemintinum Library?



2. Hakuna matata (meaning no worries) was a phrase made popular around the world by the Lion King, but which language is it?

3. Where are you if you see this sign?



Prague
Swahili
Canada

Pop-up Speakers

Short talks from students on their experience with language learning & culture.

Recruitment from partners and students working in the library.

What did you like about the event?

“Definitely the Pop Speakers and ... the culture diversity and traditional outfits.”

First Steps & Partnerships

Name? When? Where? How? Partners?

