**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.
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**From Collection to Design**

1. **Brainstorm**
   - Let the collection take the lead
   - April 2019

2. **Research**
   - What’s in the collection from the 1920s?
   - May 2018

3. **Write**
   - One student’s story becomes the plot.
   - July 2019

4. **Design**
   - Develop the puzzles and organize the clues
   - August 2019

5. **TEST!!!**
   - Fix issues and write missing clues
   - August - September 2019

6. **Promote**
   - Get the word out
   - Early September 2019

7. **Play**
   - September 12th

8. **Repeat**

**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

**Presenters**
- Stacy Chaney-Blankenship
- Elizabeth Lang
- Eugene Rutigliano

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