

Use Your Brain Virtual Treasure Hunt

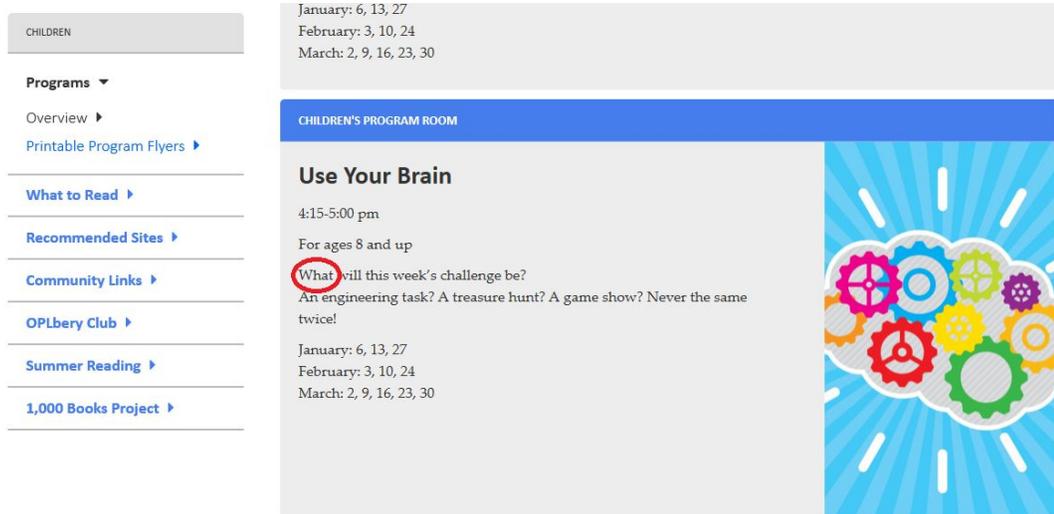
One of our favorite activities during Use Your Brain has been the treasure hunt. During these events we have a mystery in which a series of puzzles lead our detectives around the library to find clues that in turn give them the information they need to find the solution. It's lots of fun. But with the library closed how can we possibly have this kind of activity? If we can't hunt through the library, we'll hunt through the library's website!

1. Find the description of the program you are working on right now on the children's page. Write down the first word of the first question in that description. *HINT: Look under the programs section. If you can't remember the program's name, read the description of this activity again.*
2. Search the blog to find a post about a deadly piece of food. Find the picture with Susan, the Library Director. Look at the sentence above that picture and write down the thirteenth word. *HINT: It's on the second page of blog posts.*
3. Find the page for the group of kids that vote for the best book every year. Look at the seventh question in the FAQ. Write down the fourth word of the **answer**. *Hint: This is a book club, so look for the word "club".*
4. Find the digital library section and look for something that might help you learn spanish. Click on it. Write down the fourth word in the sidebar on the right side of the page. *Hint: You just need to hover over the Digit Library button, don't click it. The name is a fruit.*
5. Find the place where teens can volunteer. Look at the last bullet on how to join. Write down the second word. *Hint: Check the teen area. The name should be a giveaway.*
6. Find the page for the program that wants parents and children to read lots of books together before they even start school. Find the second sentence of the first paragraph and write down the fourteenth word. *Hint: There's a big number in the name.*

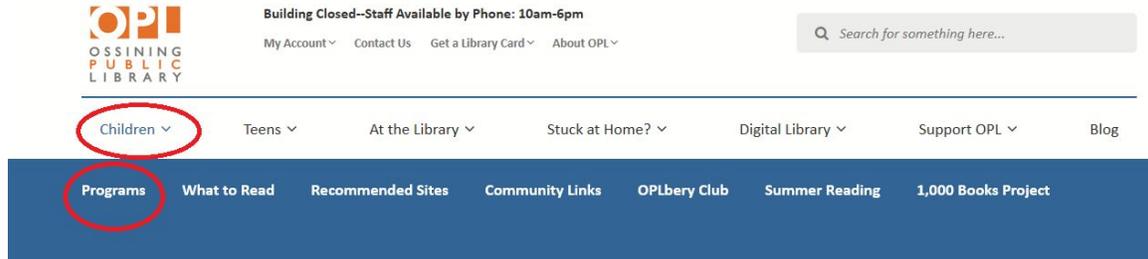
These words will form a question. What's your answer?

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Looking back at the title of this project, we know we're working on "Use Your Brain". Click the children's section, then programs. Use Your Brain is the fourth program down. The first word of the first question is "what".



2. Go to the blog and skip ahead to the second page. Here you'll find an entry for "The Case of the Death Dealing Donut". Click on it and scroll down to a row of pictures. You'll see Susan on the left. Looking up and counting carefully, you'll find the word is "room".



Splitting into teams, the detectives only had 45 minutes to solve it. They traveled through the children's room and teen room to interview the suspects. Questions were asked, accusations were levied, lies were told, and alibis were checked. The suspects sweated under the relentless interrogations while the detectives struggled to put together the puzzle of what happened that afternoon. Each of the teams wrote their solution before reconvening in the program room for the finale.



Junior Detectives interviewing Susan the library director



Junior Detectives interview unhappy library patron



Junior Detectives interviewing Dolores the librarian



The winners of Mystery Night!

3. Look at the options in the children's tab. The only club on the list is the OPLbery club. Click it and scroll until you find the FAQ. You'll find the word you are looking for is "will".

The screenshot shows the website for Ossining Public Library. At the top left is the logo with the text "OPI OSSINING PUBLIC LIBRARY". To the right of the logo, it says "Building Closed--Staff Available by Phone: 10am-6pm" and provides links for "My Account", "Contact Us", "Get a Library Card", and "About OPL". A search bar is located on the right with the placeholder text "Search for something here...". Below the header is a navigation bar with links for "Children", "Teens", "At the Library", "Stuck at Home?", "Digital Library", "Support OPL", and "Blog". A dark blue horizontal bar contains menu items: "Programs", "What to Read", "Recommended Sites", "Community Links", "OPLbery Club" (circled in red), "Summer Reading", and "1,000 Books Project".

On the left side of the page, under the "CHILDREN" tab, there is a list of menu items: "Programs", "What to Read", "Recommended Sites", "Community Links", "OPLbery Club" (circled in red), "Summer Reading", and "1,000 Books Project".

The main content area is titled "FAQs" and contains the following questions and answers:

- How can I join the OPLbery Club?**
If you are interested in joining, call the Children's Room to make an appointment to speak to Debbie or Tricia. Our phone number is [914-941-2416](tel:914-941-2416), extension 337 or 338.
- How often does the OPLbery Club meet?**
We meet once a month. Our first meeting for 2020 is May 1. Check back for full schedule.
- How many books will I have to read?**
You are expected to read *at least* two books a month.
- Where does the OPLbery Club meet?**
We meet in the Children's Program Room.
- Do I have to come to all the meetings?**
We encourage you to come to all the meetings. The book discussions are fun, and they are important for making a decision at the end of the year.
- Do I have to sign up in advance?**
Yes. You must speak to either Debbie or Tricia in person before you can participate.
- What books should I read?**
Tricia and Debbie **will** provide lists of books for you to choose from.
- How old do I have to be to join the OPLbery Club?**
You must be in 4th grade and up to join.

4. Look at the Digital Library tab. You'll see "Mango Languages" there which can definitely help you learn another language. Click on it. The fourth word in the sidebar is "help".

The screenshot shows the top of the Ossining Public Library website. On the left is the OPI logo with the text "OSSINING PUBLIC LIBRARY". To its right, it says "Building Closed--Staff Available by Phone: 10am-6pm" and lists links for "My Account", "Contact Us", "Get a Library Card", and "About OPL". A search bar on the right contains the placeholder text "Search for something here...". Below this is a horizontal navigation bar with dropdown menus for "Children", "Teens", "At the Library", "Stuck at Home?", "Digital Library", "Support OPL", and "Blog". Underneath is a dark blue sidebar with several categories: "Listen, Read, and Watch", "Research Tools", "Learning Resources", "Overdrive", "hoopla", "Tutor.com", and "Mango Languages". The "Mango Languages" link is circled in red.

Ossining Public Library

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Log In

[Use Mango As A Guest](#)

The advertisement features a background image of a woman and a child. The text reads: "We're here to help you start a conversation". The word "help" is circled in red. Below this, it says: "Mango prepares learners for realistic conversations and communication in over 70 world languages." At the bottom, there are two buttons: "Download on the App Store" and "GET IT ON Google Play".

5. Go to the teens tab. You'll see something called "VolunTeens @ OPL". Click it. Look down for the section "How to become a Teen Volunteer". Count carefully. The word you are looking for is "you".

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The screenshot shows the left sidebar navigation menu. It contains the following links from top to bottom: "Happening Now: Resources for Parents and Teens", "VolunTeens @ OPL", "College Resources", "Programs", "Teen Reads", "Homework Help", and "Jobs".

VolunTeen with the OPL

[CLICK HERE TO SUBMIT THE OPL TEEN VOLUNTEER APPLICATION FORM](#)

How To Become a Teen Volunteer

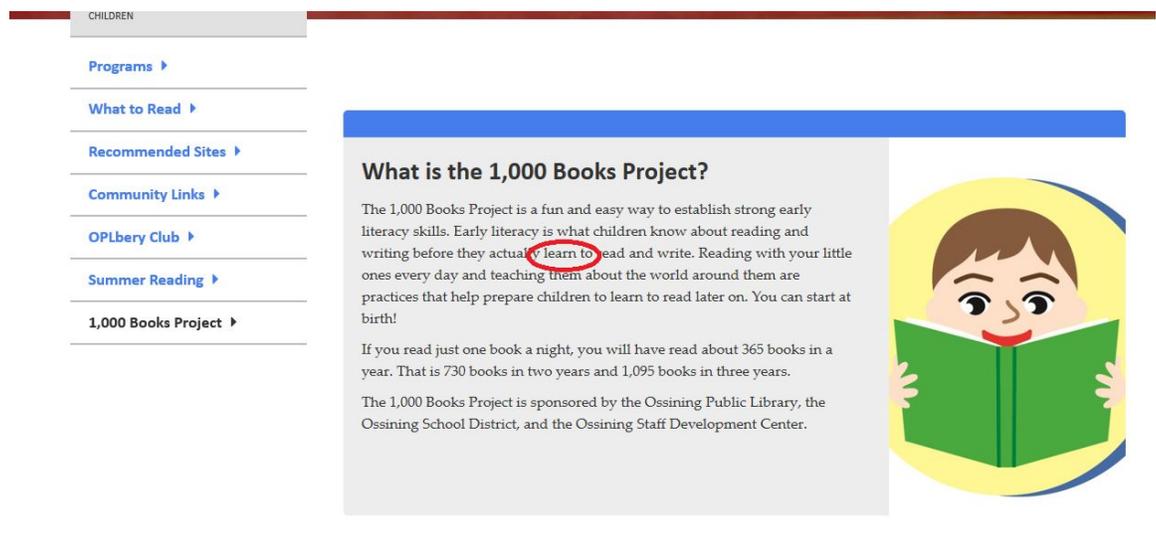
- Be between the ages of 12 and 19
- Complete and submit the online [OPL Teen Volunteer Application](#)
- Sign up and attend a Teen Volunteer Orientation. Next Orientation date: March 21st at 11:00 am (sign up below).
- [Sign up here for Orientation](#)
- Once **you** attend a volunteer orientation the Teen Services staff will create and email you your schedule based on your availability and interests.

VolunTeen Guidelines and Activities

Eligibility

A VolunTeen must be between the ages of 12 and 19 to apply, qualify and gain community service hours as a volunteer at

- Go back to the children's tab. You'll see something called "The 1,000 Books Project" which is definitely a big number. Click it and carefully count the first section. The word you are looking for is "learn".



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