

Book-Themed Parties Report

Your party theme: American Girl books and dolls

Your name: Rachel Carnes

Date of the event: September 26, 2008

Short summary of the event:

As the girls came in they mostly just sat down and talked, although I did have a parlor game from Felicity's time for them to play. I read a short story, and then we spent the rest of the time on crafts. There were several stations, and each person had to choose one to start with, then they could move on to other crafts as time and supplies allowed.

How much time and how many staff were needed to:

	# hours	# staff
Plan & prepare activities	6	2
Set up	.5	2
During the event (not including movie)	1	4
Clean up	1	2

What were your favorite aspects?

I have loved American Girls for a long time, and it was great to share that enthusiasm with 100 people. I loved watching the girls have such a good time.

What would you do differently if you did this party again?

I had enough supplies, but I wasn't truly prepared for so many girls. The large room was crowded, and it was hard to keep up with everyone's questions. More staff would probably have been helpful.

Details and instructions for specific activities, crafts, etc.: (Attach copies of activity pages, handouts, etc.)

see examples

Useful resources (websites, books, etc.):

I used character descriptions from the American Girl web site, The American Girls Party Book for game and craft ideas, more craft ideas from the backs of the individually published short stories, and a few other ideas from period-specific craft books that we had in our collection.