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Participating in Campus Community Programs: The Benefits of Being "Taken Over" by Kids

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Asian Library's Community Engagement Mandate

Academic Calendar

"a place for community engagement through events and exhibits that take place throughout the year"



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Origin of Kids Take Over UBC

Stemming from Takeover Day in the UK "when museums, galleries, historic homes, archives and heritage sites invite young people in to take over jobs normally done by adults."

UBC's event includes participating campus partners and started in 2017, aiming to "entertain, inspire and educate at this amazing open-door arts and culture festival."



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Kids Take Over 2023: Origami

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Kids Take Over 2024: Storytime



Kids Take Over 2025: Woodblock Printing



Kids Take Over 2026: Board Games



Kids Take Over 2026 Program Spotlight: *KPop Demon Hunters* Choreography Lessons, Performance, and Dance Party



Kids Take Over 2026 Program Spotlight: *A Pop of Light: Seasons of Asia*



Project Takeaways and Benefits: A Student Librarian's Perspective

- Experience with cross-campus collaboration and partnership.
- Interacting with the collection across language areas.
- Uniquely re-imagining academic library collections and services.



Expanding Campus Partnerships

Co-create themes and activities with neighbouring campus units. Consider options for further partnerships.

Create connections with Campus and Community Planning.



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Inviting Community, Expanding our Network

Year	Number of Visitors
2023	300
2024	800
2025	500
2026	750

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Chance to Experiment

- Several types of programs have been initiated in our new space.
- On an annual basis we learn what is best in terms of planning and execution of distinct types of activities.
- Gives an opportunity for all library employees, including student employees, to be creative.



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University of British Columbia. UBC Academic Calendar 26/27: Asian Library.
<https://vancouver.calendar.ubc.ca/ubc-library/libraries-and-collections/asian-library>

Kids in Museums. Takeover Day.
<https://kidsinmuseums.org.uk/what-we-do/takeover-day/>

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