

The YAC

*A Newsletter for Iowa Library Staff Who Work with Youth and Children
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June 2012

Upcoming Events:

October 16 -26 - Summer Library Program Workshops (see notes below)

January 18, 2013 (Johnston Public Library) and Saturday, January 19, 2013 (Waterloo Public Library) - Performers' Showcases

April 29-30, 2013 - Kids First, Des Moines

Occasions for Special Displays/Program Themes in July

- 2 - Birthday of Jack Gantos [Winner of the 2012 Newbery Medal and Scott O'Dell Award!]
- 6 -- Birthday of Beatrix Potter [Resources: <http://www.peterrabbit.com/en>]
- 11 - Birthday of E. B. White
- 20 - Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin walked on the moon in 1969
- 26 - U.S. Postal Service was established in 1775 - have a letter-writing day; read or display books that involve letters or mail

Occasions for Special Display/Program Themes in August

- 7 - Birthday of Betsy Byars
- 12 - Birthday of Walter Dean Myers
- 18 - Birthday of Paula Danziger
- 19 - Birthday of Seth Thomas, pioneer clockmaker from Connecticut (1785). A series of clocks through the ages (sundial, hourglass, etc.) would make a cool display. Pictures showing how timepieces have changed could substitute for the real thing.
- 28 - Birthday of Allen Say
- 30 - Birthday of Laurent de Brunhoff, Mary Shelley and Donald Crews [Some Babar coloring pages: <http://www.coloriez.com/images/coloriages/rubrique.php?id=8>]

Start Planning Now for Back-To-School

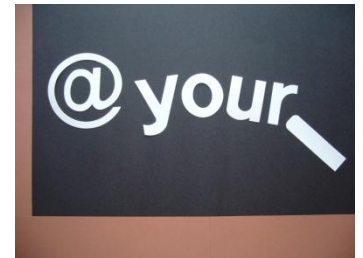
•Order a few die cut items from your District Office - crayon shapes, school buses, and apples - for decorating.

•Don't forget that September is "Library Card Sign-Up" Month. You can create a simple bulletin board with the lettering "The Smartest Card / Get It. Use It. / @your library" patterned after either of the logos at

<http://www.ala.org/conferencesevents/celebrationweeks/card>.

•Or, turn your bulletin board into a chalk board with the words "Ready for School @ your library in white.

•Story time books: *I Am Absolutely Too Small For School* by Lauren Child; *Book, Book, Book* by Deborah Bruss; *Nobody* by Patience Brewster; *Kissing Hand* by Audrey Penn; *If You Take a Mouse to School* by Laura Numeroff; *Chrysanthemum* by Kevin Henkes.



Odds & Ends:

▪Printable patriotic bookmarks for July 4th: <http://www.classroomjr.com/printable-4th-of-july-bookmarks/printable-4th-july-bookmarks/>.

▪We heard from Kris Laidley of Stuart Public Library that she handed out 20 copies of *The Hunger Games* on World Book Night (April 23). I hope that many Iowa libraries enjoyed participating in this event! You can sign up to be on the mailing list for next year through the website at <http://www.us.worldbooknight.org/>.

▪A fun blog about books: "Seven Impossible Things Before Breakfast" at <http://blaine.org/sevenimpossiblethings/>.

▪The United Nations has declared 2011-2012 "The Year of the Bat." See <http://www.yearofthebat.org/>.

▪"Teen Ideas" Pinterest page: http://pinterest.com/kayla_marie/teen-ideas/

Grant Highlights:

The Lois Lenski Covey Foundation, Inc. annually awards **grants for purchasing books published for young people** preschool through grade 8. Public libraries, school libraries,

and non-traditional libraries operated by 501(c)(3) agencies are eligible. The Foundation provides grants to libraries or organizations that serve economically or socially at-risk children, have limited book budgets, and demonstrate real need. Grants for 12 will range from \$500 to \$3000 and are specifically for book purchases. For more information, see the website at <http://www.loislenskicovey.org/6.html>. The application is fairly simple. Deadline is June 15th.

Labels for Education. By saving and redeeming Campbell product proofs of purchase from eligible brands, schools, libraries and child care centers can earn free educational merchandise, including computers, software, books. Smaller items include art supplies (glue sticks, face paint, etc.) that might be used for summer library programs and storytime crafts. See <http://www.labelsforeducation.com/> for details.

Look for more grant opportunities on the LibraryWorks website at http://www.libraryworks.com/LW_Grants/GrantsCurrent.aspx.

Quick and Nearly-Free Crafts:

Quick! What do you do for a children's activity that takes minimal prep and uses materials that you have on hand? We've shared some of these before, but here are our favorite ideas:

·Caterpillar booklets: The website at <http://blog.creativekismet.com/2010/02/17/open-paper-bag-inspiration-booklet/> makes these look fancy and involved, but all you need are squares of paper (4 inch or 5 inch depending on the size of booklet that you want) and glue sticks. The paper can even be from weeded books or paper bags. Kids can decorate them with pens and markers or stickers and tiny pictures cut from magazines, etc. This craft fits almost any theme, too!

·Corner Bookmarks: Use envelopes (even used ones) to make bookmarks that fit over the corner of a page. [See <http://tallystreasury.com//2011/02/corner-page-bookmarks-3/> but you can simplify the process shown!] You can add features as shown or just decorate with the child's name or with pretty designs. I have seen these done as Angry Birds.

·Fingerprint Art: Ed Emberley popularized this art form with his books. All you need is a few stamp pads or washable markers for coloring fingers. Some inspiration from DLTK & squidoo: http://www.dltk-kids.com/crafts/miscellaneous/fingerprint_characters.htm; <http://www.squidoo.com/Ed-Emberley-Thumbprint-Art>.

Scenes from Youth Services Roundtables:

The lovely Children's Room at the Burlington Public Library.



Youth services library staff met on April 25 at ICN rooms across the State to re-energize for the Summer Library Program and discuss their plans and concerns. Jerri Heid and Val Donnell from Ames Public library shared some of their ideas for additional crafts and books. We learned how to make fireflies from bandaids (just place 2 bandaids to form an X); how to create fairy houses (some online resources: <http://www.fairyhouses.com/about-fairy-houses/how-to-build/>; <http://www.wikihow.com/Make-a-Fairy-House>); and how to use an old CD to make an Angry Bird.



Youth Services Roundtable at Burlington (top). Alethea La Mar from Morning Sun Public Library (left) and Becky Ruberg from Burlington Public Library (right) attended.

~Photos by Deb Crane of Southeast District Office.

Show and Tell

Mark your calendars! Thanks to the efforts of Rick Brammer, we will again be offering two "Show and Tell" Performers' Showcases. The dates and locations of the 2013 Showcases will be:

Friday, January 18, 2013 at the Johnston Public Library

Saturday, January 19, 2013 at the Waterloo Public Library

These events will be listed in the Iowa Library Services/State Library's continuing education catalog approximately six weeks prior to the events for registration. Further details will be sent out in the near future.

For those of you who are unfamiliar with the Show and Tell Performers' Showcase, it's a full day during which librarians can watch a number of performers interested in booking with you. Each performer is on stage for 15 minutes in a "mini-version" of their program, so that you can see them live, talk with them, work with your nearby colleagues to arrange for multiple bookings in nearby libraries for cost savings, and see the wide variety of programs available. All performers are vetted by Rick Brammer.

~Merri M. Monks

Other "Save the Dates"

Summer Library Program workshops will be held on October 16-19 and October 23-26. For the first week, the team will be traveling through Western Iowa (Johnston on the 16th; Red Oak on the 17th; Cherokee on the 18th; Mason City on the 19th) and for the second week they will visit the East (Elkader on the 23rd; Coralville on the 24th; Fairfield on the 25th; and finally, an ICN session from Burlington on the 26th). Save the date for your area and watch for more detailed information at a later date.

Kids First will be held on April 29 & 30 in Des Moines. The Kids First Conference is held every other year and features authors and other speakers from Iowa and around the U.S. Dr. Dipesh Navsaria will be the opening speaker - you may remember him from the Iowa Library Association Conference last fall. Dr. Navsaria is both a physician and a librarian. He teaches at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine & Public Health. Author John Corey Whaley, winner of the 2012 Michael L. Printz Award, will also be there. Save those dates!