

The YAC

*A Newsletter for Iowa Library Staff Who Work with Youth and Children
Brought to You by Iowa Library Services*

July 2012

Upcoming Events:

September - Library Card Sign-Up Month

September 30 - October 6 - Banned Books Week

October 7-13 - Fire Prevention Week (www.nfpa.org)

October 14-20 - Teen Read Week

October 16 -26 - Summer Library Program Workshops

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 to Plan for in September

3 -- Labor Day

8 -- Jack Prelutsky's B-day & International Literacy Day

9 - Grandparents Day [*Share Orange Cheeks* or *Tulips* by Jay O'Callahan; *I Love Saturdays y Domingos* by Alma Flor Ada; *Izzy's Place* by Marc Kornblatt.]

11 - Patriot Day

15 - Hispanic Heritage Month Begins

17 - Constitution Day

19 - Talk Like a Pirate Day

26 - Birthday of Johnny Appleseed



"It Came from the Library!"

That is the theme for Teen Read Week (October 14-20) and it will fit right in with your other Halloween décor. Use die cuts from the District Offices for your bulletin board: green hands (fingers can be curled to look creepy!), bats, raindrops (in red for blood!), open book shapes (5") and letters for the theme (a rough idea is shown below). You might add spiders, closed book shapes, splash shapes in green (for slime), green footprints, and your own spider webs. You might also add images of book covers from youth horror novels, movie posters, etc.



Early Literacy Materials Moving

We aren't quite finished, but we are in the process of moving the early literacy materials from the old Iowa Library Service Area's ECL website to the Iowa Library Services site.

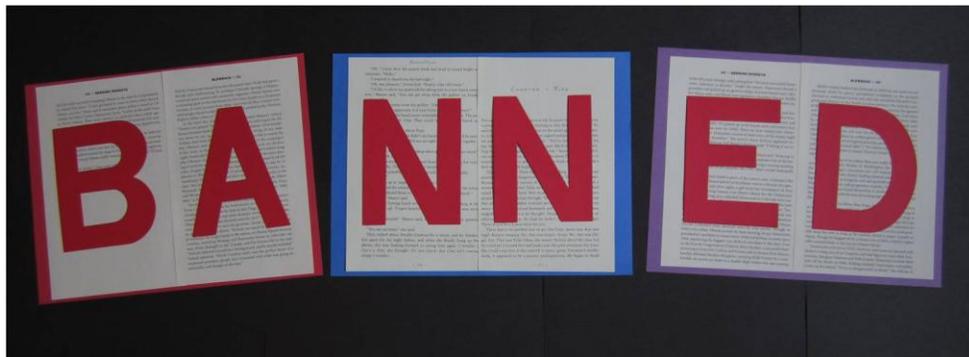
You may recall that a few years back the Iowa Library Service Areas were given special funding to promote early childhood literacy throughout Iowa. The Library Service Areas created a website to share early literacy resources including materials for "literacy enhanced" storytimes.

Early literacy focuses on the skills that children need to develop *before* they begin to learn to read. Because this process begins at birth -- long before school age -- libraries can play an important part in building early literacy skills at storytimes and by sharing early literacy information with caregivers.

The new location for these materials is <http://www.statelibraryofiowa.org/ld/t-z/youthservices/early-child-lit/earlyliteracyinlibraries/earlyliteracy> -- or follow the links under "Early Literacy in Iowa Libraries" to "Early Literacy in Story Hour."

Banned Books Week - September 30 through October 6

This will be the 30th anniversary of the Banned Books Week celebration. See the ALA website at <http://www.ala.org/advocacy/banned/bannedbooksweek> or <http://www.bannedbooksweek.org/> for more information. For an easy display, simply gather some examples from the lists of banned books and make a poster similar to the "BANNED" logo on the Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/bannedbooksweek> with red die cut letters from your District Office and weeded books. (Something like the picture below.)



Teens' Top Ten

The Teens' Top Ten is a "teen choice" list, where teens nominate and choose their favorite books of the previous year. Nominators are members of teen book groups in sixteen school and public libraries around the country. Nominations are posted on Support Teen Literature Day, the Thursday of National Library Week, and teens across the country vote on their favorite titles each year. Readers ages twelve to eighteen will vote online in August and September; the winners will be announced during Teen Read Week.



There are 25 Teens' Top Ten nominees this year. Teens can be reading them now so they can vote online for their favorites Aug. 15 - Sep. 15. For a free toolkit on how to incorporate them into your summer reading program, visit www.ala.org/teenstopten. For an annotated list of the nominees, visit <http://bit.ly/HxM5Wj>.



Applications are now being accepted to participate in Teens' Top Ten!

Do you have a teen reading group at your library? Would you like to participate in Teens' Top Ten? Be sure to read the Advisor Procedures (www.ala.org/yalsa/sites/ala.org.yalsa/files/content/teenreading/teenstopten/AdvisorsProcedures.doc) and Frequently Asked Questions

(<http://www.ala.org/yalsa/teenreading/teenstopten/faq>) for Teens' Top Ten.

If you would like to apply, simply fill out the application

(www.ala.org/yalsa/sites/ala.org.yalsa/files/content/teenreading/teenstopten/application_0.doc)

and return it, along with 4 sample Teen Reviews,

(www.ala.org/yalsa/sites/ala.org.yalsa/files/content/teenreading/teenstopten/teenreview_0.doc)

) by August 1, 2012.

~Merri M. Monks, Iowa Library Services/State Library, Youth Services Consultant



Best Homework Sites

Sites you might post on your website or use to create a "homework help" bookmark or brochure:

ipl2 (<http://www.ipl.org/>) - this site has loads of links including an online reference service ("Ask an ipl2 Librarian"). Used to be called the "Internet Public Library."

Khan Academy (<http://www.khanacademy.org/>)

AplusMath (<http://www.aplusmath.com/>)

B J Pinchbeck's Homework Helper (<http://www.bjpinchbeck.com/>)

EasyBib (<http://www.easybib.com/>) - creates a bibliography from information that the student enters. MLA format is free. Or try BibMe at <http://www.bibme.org/>.

Multnomah County Library's Homework Center (<http://www.multcolib.org/homework/>) - Multnomah staff has so much to offer on their website, this is just one more great service.

KnowPlay? (<http://www.kplay.cc/reference.html>) - collects basic reference materials in one spot (dictionaries, encyclopedias, etc.)

Odds & Ends

- Here is another last minute summer idea - "Land Art" from <http://www.thechocolatemuffintree.com/2011/08/our-land-art.html>. Great ideas for ending a nature walk!

- The Southwest District Office has several of the mini-posters of the **Six Early Literacy Skills** from Multnomah Public Library. We are offering them to any library that needs them -- while

they last! A few Spanish-language ones are available as well. Just email sue.gruber@lib.state.ia.us with your complete mailing address.



- The **Summer Olympics** will run from July 27 through August 12. See the website at www.london2012.com for detailed information. Find lots of printables (including bookmarks) at http://www.activityvillage.co.uk/summer_olympics.htm. Easy craft/decoration: paper chains with blue, yellow, black, green and red links.

- NPR story about **print awareness** - "Small Change in Reading to Preschoolers Can Help Disadvantaged Kids Catch Up" -- <http://www.npr.org/blogs/health/2012/05/29/153927743/small-change-in-reading-to-preschoolers-can-help-disadvantaged-kids-catch-up>.

- Want to interest more guys in summer reading? Try a quick display of **recommended titles for teen boys**. Include selections such as *Son of Neptune* by Rick Riordan, *172 Hours on the Moon* by Johan Hapstad, *Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children* by Ransom Riggs, *Railsea* by China Mieville, *Drowned Cities* by Paolo Bacigalupi, *Buried in the Sky* by Peter Zuckerman, *Vindico* by Wesley King, *The Haunting of Nathaniel Wolfe* by Brian Keaney, *The Ghost of Spirit Bear* by Ben Mikaelson, and *Venture Untamed* by RH Russell. These were recommended by Ellis Nelson, author of *Into the Land of Snows*. [If the books are out, you might create a bulletin board featuring the cover art!]

Find more books for boys of all ages on the Guys Read website at <http://www.guysread.com/>.

- We've been hearing about a lot of great **summer programs** encouraging kids to "Dream Big" and "Own the Night." In addition to special storyhours, we've heard about visits from IPTV's Dan Wardell and authors like Rebecca Janni and Sarah Prineas; presentations by StarLab and Mad Science; events starring magicians and nocturnal animals; and fun with "pajama parties," "marshmallow wars" and "sock sculpture."

Renae at the Adair Public Library reported that they asked the children to bring in stuffed animals for a sleepover:



"We took a picture of each child with their stuffed animal and when they left they told their animal to behave and have a good time. I posed the animals doing different things at the library and took pictures. I made a bed on the floor for the animals and covered them with a blanket. When the children came back the next morning they woke their animal up and when they left, we gave them pictures of what their stuffed toy did...having a good time at the library. The 'sleep over' was a great success!"

We'd like to hear about what **your** library is doing! Please share something about your summer programs for the next issue of the YAC by emailing sue.gruber@lib.state.ia.us. Photos are welcome, too!

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