

The YAC

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

Upcoming Events:

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

March 10-16 - Teen Tech Week (<http://teentechweek.ning.com/>)

March 16 - Freedom of Information Day

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

Occasions for Special Displays/Program Themes to Plan for in January:

- 2 - Birthday of Isaac Asimov
- 3 - Birthday of J.R.R. Tolkien
- 4 - Birthday of Louis Braille
- 6 - Birthday of Sherlock Holmes
- 7 - Birthday of Kay Chorao
- 13 - Birthday of Michael Bond (read a Paddington Bear story and search for coloring pages online -- <http://www.freekidscolorpages.com/coloringpages/paddington-bear/> for example)
- 15 - Birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr.
- 17 - Birthday of Robert Cormier & John C. Bellairs
- 18 - Birthday of A. A. Milne
- 19 - Birthday of Edgar Allan Poe (make gold bugs and post coded messages!)
- 22 - Birthday of Brian Wildsmith

- 25 - First transcontinental phone line opened in the U.S. in 1915
- 27 - Birthday of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756), Harry Allard & Lewis Carroll
- 29 - Birthday of Bill Peet & Rosemary Wells

Choosing Books to Enhance Early Literacy Skills

Keeping the six early literacy skills in mind may be useful when selecting books that you use for story hour (see http://www.hclib.org/birthto6/EarlyLit_Skill.cfm for a quick summary of the skills). Some books are perfectly suited to featuring a particular skill such as . . .

Print Motivation: Funny books and books that truly fit the interests of the children (including seasonal interests such as starting school in the fall, etc.). [Using funny voices or props can make these even more fun.] All good books fit the bill here!



Phonological Awareness: Books with rhyme, alliteration or animal sounds. A song made into a book works well. [Clapping out the syllables for longer words helps, too.] A great example is Eric Carle's *Slowly, Slowly, Slowly Said the Sloth*. *Under Ground* by Denise Fleming is a new title that would fit well with next summers' Summer Library Program theme.

Print Awareness: Books with writing as part of the story (characters make lists, etc.). Books with some larger type. [Pointing to the title and occasionally running your finger under the print as you read will reinforce the connection between print and the words the children are hearing.] A couple of new examples are *Chicken, Chicken, Duck* by Nadia Krilanovich and *Press Here* by Herve Tullet.

Vocabulary: Any books with a few words not used in everyday speech. Non-fiction books are great for introducing new vocabulary. [Explain the new words and have the children repeat them.] A classic example is *Where the Wild Things Are* by Maurice Sendak ("rumpus," "gnashed," etc).

Narrative Skills: Stories with repeating phrases or actions that encourage the children to join in the "reading." Search for books with a clear sequence (caterpillar becoming a butterfly, etc.) or "circular books" (like *If You Give a Mouse a Cookie*). [Use a flannel board or page through the book a second time as the children help retell the story.] Cumulative stories are also great. A classic is *The Napping House* by Audrey Wood. A new one that has been a hit at many libraries is *Robot Zombie Frankenstein* by Annette Simon.

Letter Knowledge: Alphabet books, shape books, I-spy type books. Books with a few larger letters that are easier to see are useful. [Identifying shapes and the concept of "same vs. different" are building blocks to letter-learning.] New examples: *Z is for Moose* by Kelly Bingham, *1-2-3 Peas* by Keith Baker.

Hibernation Storytime

I thought it might be fun to exchange ideas and resources for specific storytime themes. If you have a storytime that works especially well, let me know at sue.gruber@lib.ia.us. To get us started, here are ideas for a preschool program about hibernation:

Book list: *The Bear Snores On* by Karma Wilson, *Every Autumn Comes the Bear* by Jim Arnosky, *Sleepy Bear* by Lydia Dabcovich, *Time to Sleep* by Denise Fleming, *Hibernation Station* by Michelle Meadows, *Bear Has a Story to Tell* by Philip C. Stead, *A Silly Snowy Day* by Michael Coleman, *Bear Stays Up for Christmas* by Karma Wilson, *Sleep, Big Bear, Sleep!* by Maureen Wright, *Old Bear* by Kevin Henkes, *A Little Bit of Winter* by Paul Stewart.

"Here is a Cave" **Rhyme:**

http://www.preschooexpress.com/discovery_station04/discovery_station_jan04.shtml

"Where is Brown Bear" **Rhyme:**

Use the tune of "Where is Thumbkin" and substitute various hibernating animals (badger, chipmunk, ground hog, hedgehog, raccoon, black bear, etc.). You might want to have pictures of each of the animals to show.

Where is brown bear?
Where is brown bear?
Here I am.
Here I am.
How are you this winter?
Very tired, I thank you.
Go to sleep.
Go to sleep.



Coffee Bear Crafts: Have children cover bear cut-outs or a picture of a bear on stiff paper with glue (watered down glue or glue sticks). Sprinkle with dried coffee grounds (could be "re-cycled" ones) as you would glitter. Or, mix coffee grounds with brown paint before painting the bears.



November is Native American Heritage Month

This month is also referred to as American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month. Now would be a good time to check your collection for books representing this group. Short book lists are provided at http://americanindiansinchildrensliterature.blogspot.com/2007/11/read-in-native-languages_14.html. On that same webpage, Tulsa City-County Library has posted a graphic with the word "read" in several native languages with permission given to use it for educational purposes (such as bookmarks).

Activity Ideas:

- Use Native American Picture Writing to tell a story: <http://www.teachervision.fen.com/native-american-history/printable/7198.html?detoured=1>.
- Search online or in books for pictures of Native American masks - notice the variety of styles, colors, etc. Have children design masks using paper plates, cardboard, scrap materials, etc.

Getting Geared Up for Summer 2013

If you attended one of the recent Summer Library Program workshops, I'm sure that you are excited about the possibilities for 2013! The presenters - Samantha Helmick and Angela Pilkington from the Burlington Public Library - were wonderfully entertaining. You'll want to check out their excellent Summer Library Program Pinterest page at <http://pinterest.com/apilky/summer-reading-2013/>.

• Pictures of the Summer Library Program crafts are now posted online at <http://www.statelibraryofiowa.org/ld/t-z/youthservices/slp/2013-Collaborative-Summer-Library-Program> and <http://pinterest.com/merrimonks/2013-collaborative-summer-library-program-crafts/>.

• Incentives are available to order on the CSLP website at <http://www.csllpreads.org/> by clicking on the menu tab "Shop Now." You will need to create an account and log in to place orders.

• For a list of program providers for special events, follow the "Program Provider Directory" link at <http://www.statelibraryofiowa.org/ld/t-z/youthservices/programproviders>.

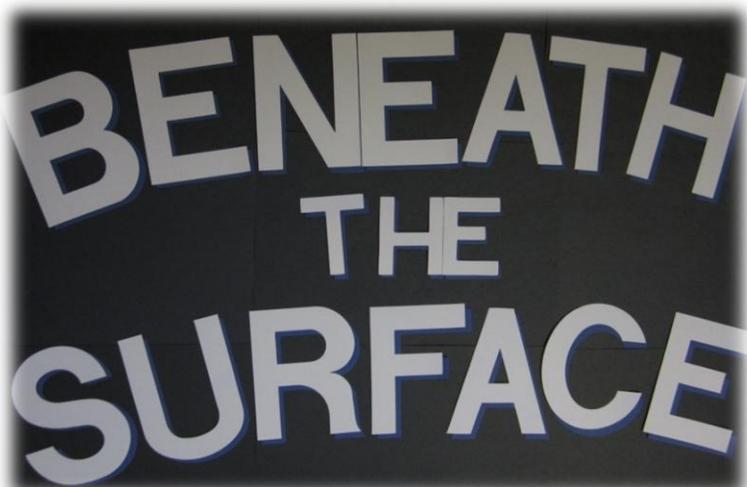
• Presenters who participated in last year's "Show and Tell" program are listed (with contact information) at <http://www.statelibraryofiowa.org/ld/t-z/youthservices/sandt/2012-show-and-tell-program/view>.

•And, here (drum roll, please) are our offerings for the die cut Summer Library Program bulletin boards:



A) "DIG into Reading" with shovels, dirt mounds, clouds, sun and plants.

B) A simpler version of "Dig into READING" with one shovel and dirt mounds.



C) Lettering for teen theme in gray with dark blue shadows. You might add artwork from the manual - a border using the tunnel graphic would be attractive.

Please **place your order** by emailing sue.gruber@state.lib.ia.us. Specify "A" (larger, more elaborate version with brown lettering); "B" (smaller, simple version with blue lettering); or "C" for the teen theme letters. We will compile a list and work on cutting the pieces over the winter months (to be delivered in March or April). Custom orders are possible (for example, "B" with green letters instead of blue) if not too complex.

•If you plan to order the die cut bookworm or dinosaur bookmarks (as distributed at the recent workshops), you may want to place that order now as well. Email sue.gruber@state.lib.ia.us or contact your District Office.

Odds & Ends

•If you have never attended an annual conference of the American Library Association (ALA), then you are eligible to apply for YALSA's \$1,000 Baker & Taylor conference grant. You must be a member of YALSA, but it's not too late to join. Applications will be accepted until December 1st. Go to www.ala.org/yalsa and click on "Awards & Grants for Members" from the menu. Contact Anna Pederson at apederson@stdl.org with any questions. YALSA will have over 30 programs, meetings, and events at the 2013 Annual Conference that you won't want to miss.

•"Younger Americans' Reading and Library Habits" - a new study from the Pew Research Center -- is available online at <http://libraries.pewinternet.org/2012/10/23/younger-americans-reading-and-library-habits/>. The study offers some insights into the reading habits of older teens. One interesting note about the 16-29 age group featured in this study: "High schoolers (ages 16-17) stand out as the age group most likely to get reading recommendations from a library or librarian (including a library website). Some 36% of high schoolers get recommendations from this source, significantly more than older age groups."

•Fall Mandalas to print and color: <http://www.fantasyjr.com/fall-mandala-coloring-pages-for-kids-and-adults/>.

•Free November Webinars of interest to youth services staff:

(For more information and to register for each program, visit the link provided.)

- November 13 (1-2 pm) A Conversation with Patrick Ness (Booklist)
<http://www.booklistonline.com/GeneralInfo.aspx?id=63>
- November 14 (10-11 am)
Video Book Talks: From Script to Screen (Nebraska Library Commission)
<http://nlc.nebraska.gov/scripts/calendar/eventlist.asp?Mode=ALL>
- November 19 (1-2 pm)
Makerspaces: A New Wave of Library Service (American Library Association)
<http://goo.gl/oZYUR>

