

# The YAC

*A Newsletter for Iowa Library Staff Who Work with Youth and Children  
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## January 2013

### Upcoming Events:

January 17 - **ISLOC** Online Conference\*

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 12 - **National D.E.A.R. (Drop Everything And Read) Day**  
(<http://www.dropeverythingandread.com/NationalDEARday.html>)

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

May 13 - 19 - **Children's Book Week** (<http://www.bookweekonline.com/>)

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\*See the Continuing Education Catalog at <http://www.statelibraryofiowa.org/cgi-bin/cecat/> for registration information.

## Occasions for Special Displays/Program Themes to Plan for in March:

- National Umbrella Month, "Let's Go Fly a Kite" Month, and Women's History Month
- 2 - Birthday of Dr. Seuss
- 5 - Birthday of Mem Fox
- 6 - Birthday of Chris Raschka
- 7 - World Read Aloud Day
- 10 - 16 - Teen Tech Week (See <http://teentechweek.ning.com/>.)
- 11 - Birth date of Ezra Jack Keats
- 12 - Birthday of Carl Hiaasen
- 14 - Save a Spider Day
- 17 - St. Patrick's Day
- 20 - Birthday of Lois Lowry
- 22 - Birth date of Randolph Caldecott



## Register Now for ISLOC (Iowa Small Libraries Online Conference)!

This year's ISLOC has lots of great ideas for youth services! The conference theme is "Lifelong Literacy @ your library." The opening keynote address - "Emotional Literacy: Understanding the Power of Emotions for Success" - will feature Dr. Steve Yacovelli who is Owner & Principal of TopDog Learning Group, LLC, a learning and development consulting firm located in Orlando, Florida. TopDog's focus is on change management, human learning and performance, learning technology best practices, and custom learning solution creation. Steve holds an Ed.D. in Instructional Technology and has worked with The Walt Disney Company, IBM, Ohio State, The Public Library Association, and The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.



You may attend one presentation or several sessions by registering in the CE Catalog at <http://www.statelibraryofiowa.org/cgi-bin/cecat/>. You can even attend at home in your PJs!

Topics include "Easy Early Literacy Storytimes for Every Library" with Judy Dirkse and Jenna Ehler; "Pinterest Isn't Just for Recipes: Using Pinterest as Social Promotion" with Mandie Roberts; "Plan a Successful Family Literacy Event!" with Rosemary Chance; "Iowa's News Know-How Project: News Literacy and Civic Engagement in Iowa Libraries" with Lorraine Borowski, Sonya Harsha, Merri Monks and Mary Wegner; and "Pizza & Pages: A

Model for Feed & Read Teen Literacy" with Ashley Ansah. You will find a complete list at <http://www.statelibraryofiowa.org/ld/c-d/continuing-ed/isloc>.

## Maker Space and Altered Books at Kids First

One of the features of the 2013 Kids First Conference in April will be a sort of low-tech "maker space" room for die cuts and crafts. Participants are invited to bring along a small assortment of paper, felt, and foam sheets to cut with the die cut machines provided. A few crafts using recycled materials will be available for you to make and take home as well.

Associated with the craft room we will hold an "altered books" contest. Attendees are invited to bring along an altered book to share and enter in the competition. Altered books may be as simple or as elaborate as you wish - pick a weeded book and use it as a journal, a diary, a scrapbook, or a work of art. There are no special rules for this contest - any materials may be added and any tools may be used to alter your book. Decorate with rubber stamps or stickers; add pockets or ribbons! Need ideas? Search online for "altered books." Pinterest has loads of examples! We wanted to let everyone know early to allow plenty of time to work on the projects -- more details about the contest will be posted later.

## A Tip from the "Responsive Classroom" Model



The beginning of any youth program sets the tone for the entire event. Borrowing from the Responsive Classroom approach, you might try starting your program with the children seated in a circle where they can greet each other and share some news (such as what they are currently reading). You might toss one or more soft balls around the circle as the children take turns sharing. This opening activity gives each child the feeling that they belong to the group and can be especially important if the children do not know each other well. A sense of belonging can minimize discipline issues in the group. [It is O.K. to move to another seating arrangement after this beginning activity.]



Teen Tech Week is March 10 - 16, 2013. See the website at <http://teentechweek.ning.com/> for ideas! Pinterest has posted many ideas as well at <http://pinterest.com/search/pins/?q=teen+tech+week>.

Your District Office can help with die cut letters and cloud shapes that you can use to create a bulletin board similar to the logo above ("CHECK IN" in 5 inch letters, @your library in 3 inch letters, "Teen Tech Week" in 4 inch letters, plus cloud shapes). You might also hang cloud shapes from the ceiling near any technology areas in your library (over computers, music CDs, etc.). If you are interested, please contact your District Office right away so that we may coordinate the cutting!

### A Few Crafty Ideas . . .

- Use the technique described at <http://alisaburke.blogspot.com/2011/05/easy-printing-on-fabric.html> to make designs on the bottoms of Styrofoam plates and use them as you would rubber stamps.
- A simple print-making technique using string tied around wooden blocks: <http://www.modernparentsmessykids.com/2011/10/elsewhere-new-art-technique-to-try.html>.
- Duct Tape Cell Phone Case: <http://familycrafts.about.com/od/ducttapecrafts/ss/Duct-Tape-Cell-Phone-Case-Craft.htm>. Idea for Teen Tech Week?
- Post-It Note Art: <http://www.smosh.com/smosh-pit/photos/amazing-8-bit-post-it-note-creations> & <http://pinterest.com/lanalang/post-it-notes/>
- Lots of easy Valentines crafts online: Kaboose at <http://crafts.kaboose.com/valentines-day-crafts.html> and DLTK at <http://www.dltk-holidays.com/valentines/crafts.htm>.



## Odds & Ends

•“Best Illustrated Children’s Books and Picturebooks of 2012” --

<http://www.brainpickings.org/index.php/2012/12/07/best-childrens-books-2012/>.

•Don't forget to have your teen group start working on a video for the Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP) "**2013 Teen Video Challenge.**"

Teens across the country are invited to create a 30 to 90 second video with their unique interpretation of the 2013 teen slogan "Beneath the Surface." Each CSLP member state participating in the "2013 Teen Video Challenge" (including Iowa!) will organize and implement their own competition to arrive at their state winner. The winning video from each participating state will be named one of the CSLP 2013 Teen Videos to promote summer reading nationwide. For more information, go to the website at <http://www.cslpreads.org/> and click on the "Wanted" poster.

More details specific to Iowa will be available soon.

•FDIC Money Guide for Young Adults and Teens - see

<http://www.fdic.gov/consumers/consumer/news/cnfall12/?source=govdelivery>.

•**Winter Fun** -- Anita Public Library has their own version of a snowball fight: "We make snowballs out of plastic shopper bags and children of ALL ages love the game. Shopper bags and rubber bands is all that is required."

•**ALA Youth Media Awards** will be announced on January 28<sup>th</sup>. See the website at

<http://www.ala.org/news/mediapresscenter/presskits/youthmediaawards/alayouthmediaawards> for announcements. 2013 marks the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Caldecott Medal. How many of the Medal winners are still on your shelves? This theme would make a great book display. See <http://www.ala.org/alsc/caldecott75> for more about the anniversary and the special logo created by Brian Selznick.

