

The YAC

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

Upcoming Events:

February 7 - Youth Services Roundtable: STEM in Public Libraries (online)*

February 28 - CSLP "Beneath the Surface" Webinar - see <http://www.csllpreads.org/>

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

March 16 - Freedom of Information Day

April 14-20 - National Library Week

April 21-27 - Money Smart Week @ your library (See below for resources.)

April 22 - Earth Day (See below for resources.)

April 29-30, 2013 - Kids First, Des Moines (see below!)*

April 30 - El día de los niños/el día de los libros (Children's Day/Book Day)

*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 April:

- Poetry Month
- 6 - The North Pole was discovered in 1898
- 12 - Birthday of Beverly Cleary and Gary Soto
- 14-20 - National Library Week
- 22 - Earth Day
- 26 - Arbor Day and National Pretzel Day
- 29 - National Zipper Day
- 30 - Día de los niños/día de los libros (see <http://dia.ala.org/>)

Register Now for Kids First

The Kids First registration form is now available on the Iowa Library Services/State Library of Iowa website at: <http://www.statelibraryofiowa.org/ld/t-z/youthservices/kidsfirst%202011/kids-first-2013/kids-first-2013-registration/view>

To register for Kids First, please download and print the registration form. Complete the last page of the form and mail to us with your payment. The fees this year are \$45.00 for one day, \$90.00 for two days. This includes all events and lunch for the day or days for which you register.

The cost of the hotel is separate. Rooms are available for \$55.00/night at the Ramada Tropics Resort and Conference Center in Urbandale. The telephone number to call for reservations is on the first page of the registration form. And parking is free at the hotel.

The Ramada Tropics Resort and Conference Center is conveniently located at 5000 Merle Hay Road in Urbandale, Iowa. This is immediately south of I-80/35. Attendees will not have to drive into downtown Des Moines (unless you want to for dining or shopping in the East Village or Court Street areas). There are many reasonably priced restaurants near the hotel, and the Merle Hay Shopping Center is a short drive south.

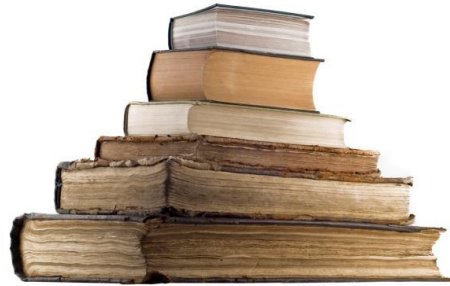
Please note: Registration for Kids First is done by mailing in the registration form with your payment, not through the Iowa Library Services Continuing Education Catalog.

I hope to see many of you at the conference. We have lined up some wonderful speakers this year, and information about special events at the conference will be sent out soon. Those will include a craft area, a silent auction (sponsored by the Youth Services Subsection of the Iowa Library Association), and a storytelling festival on Monday night.

~Merri M. Monks

Altered Books at Kids First

Kids First participants are invited to create an altered book to bring along for display and entry in a contest in the Craft Room. Your altered book 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! You might also research "blackout poems."



Some additional ideas: 1) Have your own altered book contest with your teen group and bring along the winning entry. 2) Just bring along a weeded book and spend some time creating an altered book in the craft room at the conference.

To give us an idea of how many entries to expect, please e-mail Sue Gruber at sue.gruber@lib.state.ia.us with your name and the name of your library if you plan to participate.

Speaking of Kids First . . .

•These are some of the speakers who will be joining us:

- Dr. Dipesh Navsaria, M.D. -- http://www.navsaria.com/home/About_Me.html
- Dori Hillestad Butler -- <http://www.kidswriter.com/>
- John Corey Whaley -- <http://www.johncoreywhaley.com/>
- Trent Reedy -- <http://www.trentreedy.com/>

•The Youth Services Subdivision of the Iowa Library Association will host a **silent auction** at Kids First. The money raised is used to fund speakers at the ILA Annual Conference held each year in the fall.

To donate an item for the auction, please e-mail Katie at kdreyer@cityofpella.com (or phone 641.628.4268 ext. 14) by April 15th!

Blank Park Zoo and Summer Library Programs

Blank Park Zoo is excited to bring live animals to visit your library this summer and provide a hands-on, interactive, educational experience for children! The live animal programs for Summer 2013 have been released and are designed to match the reading program theme of "Dig Into Reading." Please visit the following link in order to review the zoo programs offered this summer:

<http://www.blankparkzoo.com/en/education/libraries.cfm>.



In order to schedule a zoo visit to your library, please call Blank Park Zoo's Education Department at 515-974-2559 or email Samantha at sjdunn@blankparkzoo.org. Summer dates fill quickly, so please book early. Libraries located over 35 miles from the zoo are encouraged to coordinate dates/times of zoo visits with other libraries in the area in order to share mileage charges. Mileage fees can be split between multiple libraries in the same region.

Blank Park zoo is also happy to provide free zoo passes to libraries for the 2013 Summer Reading Program. Zoo passes are intended to be used as rewards for children's reading accomplishments, and we ask that only one pass is rewarded for each child prize winner. We would appreciate it if the passes are given out in the latter half of the summer, toward the end of the summer reading program. Blank Park Zoo hopes that these passes are a valuable addition to your reading program and that libraries have a very successful summer. For Blank Park Zoo passes, please contact Doreen Buls at the Iowa Library Services Central District Office. You can reach Doreen at 866-642-7917 or via e-mail at doreen.buls@lib.state.ia.us.

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

El día de los niños/el día de los libros (Children's Day/Book Day)



El día de los niños/el día de los libros - known as "Día" for short - is celebrated on April 30th. The event began in 1996 when author Pat Mora came up with the idea of linking the "Children's Day" celebration popular in Latin America to literacy and bilingualism.

You can host a celebration - big or small -- at your library! Many libraries celebrate on the Saturday or Sunday nearest to April 30th.

Resources:

- Reading Rockets -- <http://www.readingrockets.org/calendar/dia/>.
- *Book Fiesta* by Pat Mora (picture book available through SILO interlibrary loan.)
- The Association of Library Services to Children, a division of the American Library Association, is inviting you to submit your 2013 El día de los niños/El día de los libros (Children's Day/Book Day) programs in the 2013 National Día Program Registry (<http://cs.ala.org/websurvey/alsc/dia/index.cfm>).

By registering your Día program in the national registry, you're helping to build a national database that showcases all types and sizes of Día programming. The information will display on the website, in both the map and database format, allowing you to share program information with other librarians and the public interested in learning more about Día programs happening around the country. Libraries that register will also receive Día stickers and bookmarks (while supplies last). Learn more about planning your celebration on the official Día website: <http://dia.ala.org/>.

Money Smart Week® Resources for Kids

Money Smart Week® is a public awareness campaign designed to help consumers better manage their personal finances. This year, the event will take place on **April 20 - 27**. The following resources are available to help you promote financial literacy with your younger patrons.

- Money as You Grow: <http://www.moneyasyougrow.org/>
- Money as You Grow book list from ALA: <http://www.ala.org/alsc/money-you-grow-book-list>
- Money Smart Kids: http://www.moneysmartweek.org/msw_kids

A Few Books for Display:

- *Lunch Money* by Andrew Clements.
- *The Everything Kids' Money Book: Earn It, Save It, and Watch It Grow!* By Brette McWhorter Sember.
- *A \$mart Girl's Guide to Money: How to Make It, Save It, and Spend It* by Nancy Holyoke.
- *One Hen: How One Small Loan Made a Big Difference* by Katie Smith Milway.
- *The Pickle Patch Bathtub* by Frances Kennedy. (A good read-aloud, too.)
- *Lawn Boy* by Gary Paulsen.

Earth Day @ your library

Recycled crafts and clean-up projects are popular ways to observe Earth Day. Displays and educational materials will encourage your library visitors to "make every day Earth Day" as well. Here are just a few resources to help you plan an event, program or display for your library:



DISPLAYS

- Composting poster: <http://visualoop.tumblr.com/post/26480675043/composting-101>
- Earth Day "word cloud" bookmarks to customize and print (Word document format): http://www.swilsa.lib.ia.us/collections/bookmark_index.htm
- "Every Day is Earth Day" bulletin board set available from your District Office: <http://www.statelibraryofiowa.org/ld/c-d/diecuts/bulletin-board>

CRAFTS

- Egg Carton Crafts: http://belladia.typepad.com/crafty_crow/2009/04/what-can-you-make-from-an-egg-carton-1.html
- Earth Day Roundup: <http://www.oneprettything.com/?p=3611>
- African Beaded Necklace from Old Magazines: http://www.ehow.com/how_7693325_make-african-beaded-necklace.html

USEFUL SITES

- Students for the Environment (EPA site for kids): <http://www.epa.gov/students/index.html>
- Garbage: <http://www.learner.org/interactives/garbage/intro.html>
- Greener Choices from *Consumer Reports*: <http://www.greenerchoices.org/home.cfm>
- Green Living @ your library: <http://atyourlibrary.org/green-living>.

