

The YAC

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

Upcoming Events:

April is Poetry Month!

April 14-20 - National Library Week

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

April 22 - Earth Day

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

April 30 - El día de los niños/el día de los libros

*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 June:

- National Safety Month
(http://www.nsc.org/nsc_events/Nat_Safe_Month/Pages/home.aspx)
- 6 - Norton Juster's Birthday
- 10 - Maurice Sendak's Birthday
- 12 - Anne Frank's Birthday

- 14 - Flag Day & Caldecott Medal first awarded in 1938
(<http://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/bookmedia/caldecottmedal/caldecottmedal>)
- 18 - Chris Van Allsburg's Birthday
- 24 - Kathryn Lasky's Birthday
- 25 - Eric Carle's Birthday

MEMORY COLLECTIONS - A Summer Project

The inspiration for creating a memory collection comes from Mem Fox's book *Wilfred Gordon McDonald Partridge*. The book is about a boy who helps an old woman with Alzheimer's by sharing a collection of special objects.



If you want to incorporate this idea into your summer programming, here are suggested steps: 1) Read the story to the children early in the summer. 2) Show or display some examples of your own. 3) Have the children decorate a shoe box or canvas tote bag to hold their items - this could be done at home or as a craft project. 4) Over the summer, have participants collect small items that remind them of special experiences or of books they have read. Remind them to include something that makes them laugh, something that makes them cry, something that makes them feel comforted, and something that reminds them of a special person. 5) Give everyone a chance to share some of their memories at the end of your summer library program.

Resources:

"Memory Collections and Community Building" –
<http://www.responsiveclassroom.org/article/memory-collections-and-community-building> – an article about a teacher who uses memory collections for a back-to-school activity.

A YouTube version of the book: <http://www.memfox.com/wilfrid-gordon-mcdonald-partridge-2.html>

SUMMER LIBRARY PROGRAM RECAP

Here are a few links to help you prepare for the summer!

General:

- The Cooperative Summer Library Program website: <http://www.cslpreads.org/> Registration is free.

- Pictures of crafts from the children's manual on the Iowa Library Services website (thanks to Margaret Noon!): <http://www.statelibraryofiowa.org/ld/t-z/youthservices/slp/2013-Collaborative-Summer-Library-Program/Photographs-of-2013-CSLP-Crafts>
- Val Donnell's SLP Pinterest page: <http://pinterest.com/vdonnell/2013-library-summer-reading-program/>

For Teens:

Mock Sushi (made with rice krispie treats and fruit roll-ups):

<https://sites.google.com/site/disneyrecipes/for-the-holidays/april-fools-day/mock-sushi>



Sushi craft (made with cotton balls and felt scraps):

<http://pinkandgreenmama.blogspot.com/2013/02/cotton-ball-sushi-craft.html>

"Illustrators of J.R.R. Tolkien's Books" on Facebook:

<http://www.facebook.com/TheIllustratorsOfTheJRTolkien>

WWOOLF - Worldwide Opportunities on Organic Farms: <http://www.woofusa.org/>

Steampunk Crafts: <https://pinterest.com/lisarooney/steampunk-crafts/> & <http://guides.mesa countylibraries.org/content.php?pid=196165&sid=1685319>

Wire Wrapped Paper Beads: <http://www.favecrafts.com/Beading/Wire-Wrapped-Paper-Beads>

KIDS FIRST REMINDER

If you haven't registered for Kids First, you can do so using the form at:

<http://www.statelibraryofiowa.org/ld/t-z/youthservices/kidsfirst%202011/kids-first-2013>

Here is a **sampling of the sessions** to be offered:

- Working Together for Literacy 360° - Dan Wardell, Trista Peitzman (IPTV) and Elizabeth Huff, Storm Lake Public Library
Join us to learn first-hand how one librarian teamed up with one TV station to get kids excited about reading and math. And you can do it too! Trista Peitzman will share the Ready for School 360° approach with you, and Elizabeth Huff will dive deeper into the role librarians can play. Dan Wardell will join us for comic relief!
- "The Teen Apocalypse Bug-Out Bag" - Anna Hartmann, Council Bluffs Public Library
Do you program for teens (or want to start)? Collect what you will need to survive! Attendees will leave this session with strategies for executing successful programming for teens, 10 proven program outlines (including budgets), and a list of resources for program planning.

- Dig Deep - READ! (Summer Reading 2013) - Angie Pilkington and Samantha Helmick, Burlington Public Library
Dig Deep - READ! reviews the wonderful resources and opportunities made available to Iowa librarians and library users during the 2013 Summer Reading Program. Learn more about Dig Deep programming, various approaches to track reading and interactive outreach for newborns, children, tweens, teens, adults and seniors. Samples of personalized reading logs and crafts will be made available for participants.
- Storytweens and Storyteens in Action: Encouraging Youth to be Active in the Art of Storytelling - Duffy de France, Associate with the Eulenspiegel Puppet Theatre Company
Duffy will share her experiences and ideas in getting tweens and teens involved in the performance art of storytelling, puppetry, and creative dramatics. She is currently co-chair of the Storytellers' Roundtable of ILA and directs the "Junction Players" in the Muscatine area, made up of youth using creative dramatics to retell traditional folktales.
- Weed It or Weep: Keeping your collections fresh and kid-friendly - Becky Heil, Iowa Library Services
According to Will Manley, "Next to emptying the outdoor bookdrop on cold and snowy days, weeding is the most undesirable job in the library. It is also one of the most important." We don't want you to "weep" as you do this undesirable, yet important job. Join us as we explore why weeding is such a struggle and how to keep your collections fresh and updated.
- Youth Services Librarians Are Leaders - Nancy Medema, Iowa Library Services and a panel of youth services librarians who have attended the Iowa Library Association's Leadership Institute
Have you thought about applying for the ILA Leadership Institute? Want to enhance your leadership skills? Come to this panel of youth services leaders and learn what you can do to enhance your leadership potential.

Bring along an entry for the **Altered Books** contest in the "Maker Space" craft room - or bring a weeded book and start your altered book with materials we have on hand. [Although it is not required, it would help us to know how many entries to expect - please e-mail sue.gruber@lib.state.ia.us if you plan to bring an altered book. There is no limit on the number of entries per person or library. This might be a good project for your teen group!]

Die cut machines will be available in the craft room, too, so bring along a bit of cardstock or construction paper and make a few cut-outs! Shapes on hand will focus on the Summer Library Program theme, including dinosaur bookmarks, bookworm bookmarks, shovels, bones, treasure chests, ants, and flowers. There will be door prizes and chocolate!



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"10 Ways Babies Learn When We Sing to Them:" <http://families.naeyc.org/learning-and-development/music-math-more/10-ways-babies-learn-when-we-sing-them>

Poetry Activities by Jack Prelutsky:

http://www.jackprelutsky.com/flash/pdf_docs/PoetryActivities.pdf

Celebrate Poetry Month with the Nation's First Children's Poet Laureate, Jack Prelutsky:
<http://www.harpercollinschildrens.com/harperchildrensimages/printable/jackprelutskykit99.pdf>

IASL Book Award posters (to print out): http://www.iecia.org/pages/IEC/Library/Books_eBooks/IASL_Book_Award_2012-2013

Just in time for Earth Day: "Plan It Green: The Big Switch" - players design an energy-efficient city in this online game from The Center for Science and National Geographic: <http://www.planitgreenlive.com/>



NCompass Live (Nebraska Library Commission's weekly webinar) offers a recording of the March 27th session "Get Ready to Celebrate El día de los niños/El día de los libros:" <http://nlc.nebraska.gov/NCompassLive/NCArchivelist.asp>

Pat Mora and ALA also offer ideas for celebrating "Día" on their websites:
<http://www.patmora.com/dia/> and <http://dia.ala.org/>