

The YAC

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

Upcoming Events:

September is Library Card Sign-Up Month

(<http://www.ala.org/conferencesevents/celebrationweeks/card>)

September 19 -- "Seek the Unknown @ Your Library: Books, Programs and Resources for Teen Read Week" (webinar)*

September 21 - Cedar Valley Hunger Games at UNI (See:

<http://cfkidslibrarian.blogspot.com/2013/07/cedar-valley-hunger-games-2013-is.html>)

September 20-22 - Story! Festival in Story City

September 22-28 - Banned Books Week

(<http://www.ala.org/advocacy/banned>)

October 13-19 - Teen Read Week (<http://teenreadweek.ning.com/>)

October 29 through November 7 - Summer Library Program workshops

November is Picture Book Month (<http://picturebookmonth.com/>)

November 16 - International Games Day (<http://ngd.ala.org/>)

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

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

- 6-12 - Fire Prevention Week
- 7 - Birthday of Sherman Alexie
- 12 - International Observe the Moon Night (<http://observethemoonnight.org/>)
- 13-19 - Teen Read Week
- 14 - Birthday of Lois Lensky
- 27 - "Teddy Bear Day" in honor of Theodore Roosevelt's birthday
- 31 - Halloween

Gaming Day Resources

November 16th is International Games Day (formerly National Gaming Day). This might be a good time to introduce games to your library. Games are a great way to inspire community interaction and intergenerational fun! Games may bring in some new library users. They also teach a variety of skills (counting, spatial awareness, problem-solving). Whether you want to offer electronic games or classic board games, the links below offer some program ideas.

To advertise your event, you might request the lettering below for a bulletin board display. The District Offices have several die cut shapes to add to your display: dominoes, a game spinner, train engine (Monopoly), magnifying glass (Clue), candy hearts (Candy Land), numbers, red & black circles for checkers, and additional "Scrabble" tiles (4" squares with 3" letters).



Gaming Links:

- "International Games Day @ your library" blog: <http://igd.ala.org/>
- Printable game board templates: <http://www.squidoo.com/board-game-templates>
- One librarian's experience with life-sized Candy Land (useful tips!): <http://storytimewithmissmollie.blogspot.com/2013/03/life-sized-candy-land.html>

- Swimming pool noodles made into lollipops and a few other ideas for life-sized Candy Land decor: <http://pinterest.com/queenmarytapia/candy-party/>
- Print your own Monopoly money (use for games or decorating):
<http://www.zieak.com/2008/08/19/print-your-own-monopoly-money/>

Games recommended by Youth Services Librarians:

- Apples to apples by Mattel (there is Junior and Disney version of this)
- Headache by Hasbro
- Sorry by Hasbro
- Yahtzee by Hasbro (also Junior version)
- Uno (also Junior version) or Uno Attack by Mattel
- Pictureka
- Scrabble Slam
- BINGO
- Connect 4

HALLOWEEN @ your library

•Iowa librarians have shared their ideas on the Iowa Library Services website:

<http://www.statelibraryofiaowa.org/ld/t-z/tell-library-story/ttls-ideas/ttls-ideasg>

•Set up a photo “booth” and take digital photos of children who stop by in costume. Create a scary background for staging the photos. You might try filling a shelf with some old, brown books and cover them in spider webs!

•Easy Garland Templates: <http://papercrave.com/paper-crave-halloween-freebies-halloween-garland-two-ways/>

•Halloween Mandalas (and a few coloring pages):

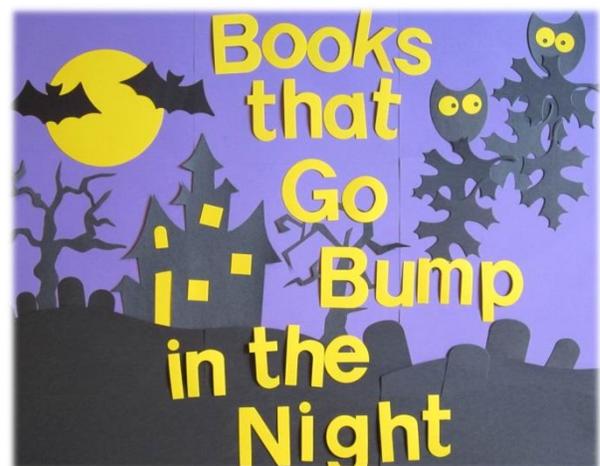
<http://www.woojr.com/halloween/>

•Set up this bulletin board/display board next to a selection of your scariest books! We will send you the bats, moon, owls, leaves, lettering and tombstones along with patterns for cutting the trees and the haunted house. Contact:

sue.gruber@lib.state.ia.us

•Borrow ideas from our “Halloween” storytime kit

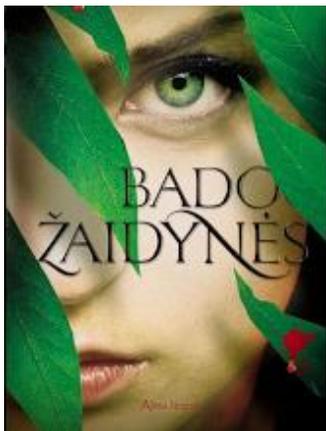
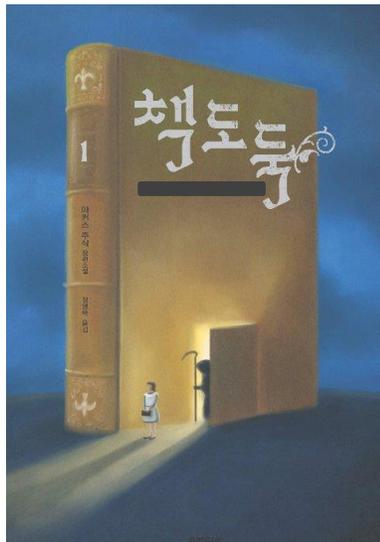
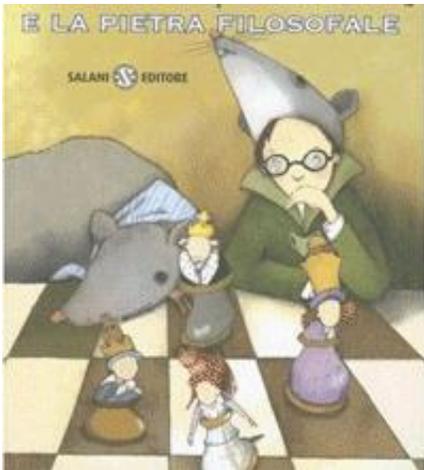
- on the Iowa Library Services website at <http://www.statelibraryofiaowa.org/ld/t-z/youthservices/early-child-lit/earlyliteracyinlibraries/earlyliteracy>.



More Teen Read Week Ideas

Be sure to attend the webinar on September 19 (see "Upcoming Events" above) for lots of ideas!

•Foreign Book Covers Display: Find pictures of foreign editions of popular teen titles and print them out in "life" size. Cover the title and author - especially if this would be a give-away. Number each one and post on a display board. Challenge teens to guess the corresponding English title. You will find some examples at <http://hidateen.blogspot.com/2013/06/musing-monday-foreign-book-covers.html> and <http://www.tianasmith.com/2012/02/judging-books-by-their-covers.html>.



Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone in Italian.

The Book Thief by Markus Zusak in Korean.

The Kite Runner by Khaled Hosseini in Arabic.

The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins.

The Chocolate War in Chinese.

•Voting for YALSA's Teens Top Ten begins August 15th. See the website at <http://www.ala.org/yalsa/teenstopten> for more information and a list of the nominees. Create a display and ask teens to vote!

•Check Out an Unknown Book: Wrap a selection of YA books in plain paper. Choose a variety of books (graphic novels, non-fiction, sci-fi, etc.) that go along with this year's theme (UFOs, outer space, distant lands, etc.). Ask teen participants to pick an unknown book, read at least 2 chapters or 50 pages, and share their thoughts about the selection.

A Few **Blogs** to Follow:

Librarianism Chronicles: <http://librarianismchronicles.blogspot.com/>

Stacked (YA): <http://www.stackedbooks.org/>

The ALSC blog: <http://www.alsc.ala.org/blog/>

Mel's Desk (early literacy, storytimes, flannelboards): <http://melissa.depperfamily.net/blog/>

Read It Again (for ages 2-5; includes "Flannel Friday"):
<http://misssarahsstorytime.blogspot.com/>

So Tomorrow: <http://www.sotomorrowblog.com/>

*There are a lot of book review blogs on the web. The blogs above feature more programming ideas and discussion of youth services topics. If you are looking for YA book reviews, check the lists at <http://yabookblogdirectory.blogspot.com/p/ya-book-blogger-list.html> or <http://hidateen.blogspot.com/> (on the left).

A couple of great posts from "Mama Scout" --

25 mini adventures in the library: <http://mamascouts.blogspot.com/2012/12/25-mini-adventures-in-library.html> and kids kind bombing the library: <http://mamascouts.blogspot.com/2012/10/querrilla-art-kind-bombing-with-kids.html>

