

The YAC

*A Newsletter for Iowa Library Staff Who Work with Youth and Children
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September 2014

Upcoming Events:

September - Library Card Sign-Up Month

September 15 - October 15 - Hispanic Heritage Month:

<http://www.hispanicheritagemonth.org>

September 16 (9:30 to 11:00) - "Turn Dreams into Reality @ Your Library: Books, Programs and Resources for Teen Read Week" Webinar*

September 21-27 - Banned Books Week:

<http://www.bannedbooksweek.org>

October 12-18 - Teen Read Week:

<http://teenreadweek.ning.com>

October 22-24 - Iowa Library Association Conference in Cedar Rapids:

<http://www.iowalibraryassociation.org/index.php/conference>

November is Picture Book Month:

<http://picturebookmonth.com/>

November 15 - International Games Day:

<http://igd.ala.org/>

*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 November:

- November is Aviation History Month
- 10 - Birthday of Neil Gaiman
- 12 - Birthday of Kevin Henkes
- 14 - Birthday of Astrid Lingren & William Steig
- 15 - America Recycles Day (<http://americarecyclesday.org/>) & Birthday of Daniel Pinkwater
- 16 -22 - Geography Awareness Week (<http://geographyawarenessweek.wordpress.com/>)
- 18 - Mickey Mouse "Birthday" (*Steamboat Willie* released)
- 25 - Birthday of P. D. Eastman & Marc Brown
- 29 - Birthday of Louisa May Alcott, Madeleine L'Engle & C. S. Lewis



Last Minute **Halloween** Ideas:

Decorating:

🕸 Decorate a door! Adapt one of these ideas to suit a door in your library:

<http://honeyandfitz.com/2011/10/27/diy-halloween-front-door-mummy/>

<http://www.pinterest.com/pin/17944098486484026/>

🕸 Wrap books with gauze bandages to look like mummies! (Add google eyes.)

🕸 Cute monsters to use for coloring and decorating:

http://www.coloringcastle.com/cute_monsters_coloring_pages.html



Crafts/Activities:



🕸 Monsters activity/coloring page (children add features, etc. to complete the monsters): <http://dabblesandbabbles.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/10/Monsters.pdf>

🕸 Handprint Spiders in a Lacing Card Web:

<http://funfamilycrafts.com/handprint-spider-in-a-lacing-card-web/>

🕸 Marble Painting Spider Webs:

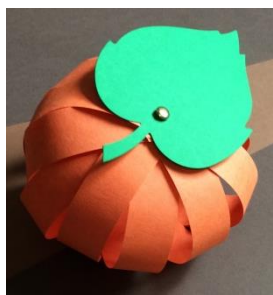
<http://artfulparent.com/2011/10/marble-rolling-for-more-halloween-spider-webs.html>

✦ Easy Paper Bag Monsters and Gargoyles:
<http://discoverexplorelern.com/paper-bag-monsters/>
<http://spoonful.com/crafts/paper-bag-gargoyles>

✦ Use scraps to decorate simple triangle shapes for Halloween. I saw something like these online, strung together as a banner. The triangles and some scraps for features are available from our die cut collection. Contact sue.gruber@lib.state.ia.us.



✦ Paper Strip Pumpkins



I've seen several versions of this craft on the web. For each pumpkin, I used 12 strips measuring 8 x 1". Use a small punch to make a hole about $\frac{1}{2}$ " from each end of the strips. Use a brad to fasten the group of strips together at both ends (don't fasten the brad too tightly). Then carefully fan out the strips to form a ball. I added a leaf from our die cut collection

to one end. Strips from weeded books might be substituted for some of the strips, and magazine pages showing food would make this a good craft for Thanksgiving.



Day of the Dead ideas for older kids:

First, learn a bit about "el Día de los Muertos" from the Smithsonian website:

<http://latino.si.edu/DayoftheDead/>

✦ Printable skulls: <http://spanglisbaby.com/finds/a-day-of-the-dead-calaca-printable/> or http://www.coloringcastle.com/diadelosmuertos_coloring_pages.html (Search for more online!)

✦ A more elaborate skull project:
<http://kidworldcitizen.org/2012/10/20/a-fancy-skull-craft-for-day-of-the-dead/>



✦ If you want a bit of a "head start" on making your skulls, those pictured above are made from die cut circles (6" and 4") and decorated with pencil erasers used as rubber stampers. [You may order the large circles, eyes, and nose from your District Office.]

✦ Make paper marigolds. For example:

<http://thehungrytxn.blogspot.com/2010/10/paper-flowers.html>

✦ Easy Papel Picado instructions:

<http://www.doverpublications.com/zb/samples/489949/sample4e.htm>



Iowa Library Commons - A Place to Share Ideas

Iowa Library Commons is a new web site provided by Iowa Library Services for libraries of all types to share ideas. Library staff will be able to upload documents, photos, videos, audios, brochures, programming ideas and more to make the items available to other libraries.

Site users will be able to search or browse for ideas, solutions and templates. It will also be used as a library listing service for selling, giving, or buying new or used library items.

Find the site at: <http://commons.statelibraryofiowa.org>

Registration is easy and each library staff member can create their own account. Watch a short video that explains how to use the site, how to get an account and how to add an item: <http://www.statelibraryofiowa.org/go/commons>

The success and usefulness of Iowa Library Commons depends on your contributions!

Contact your District Office if you need assistance:

<http://www.statelibraryofiowa.org/contact-us>

Better Storytimes

Vocabulary Learning is Messy

Last year, researchers at the University of Iowa released the results of a study about the way toddlers learn words for nonsolid materials such as oatmeal. Toddlers readily learn to identify solid objects because



they don't change shape, but gooey matter is different. In order to experience the various textures of things, kids need to feel the differences - hence the need to play with messy foods, finger paints, shaving cream, etc. Click on the link to learn more: <http://neurosciencenews.com/messy-children-better-learners-633/>

Handouts for Parents and Caregivers:

From time to time, the *YAC* features early literacy materials that you might provide as handouts for parents and caregivers. You might choose something for each age group from the following list:

- Free Parent Brochures and Guides from ZERO TO THREE (Spanish versions available):
<http://www.zerotothree.org/about-us/areas-of-expertise/free-parent-brochures-and-guides/>
- Every Child Reads from the Iowa Department of Education (scroll down the page for brochures):
<https://www.educateiowa.gov/pk-12/early-childhood/every-child-reads-birth-three>
- Nice tri-fold brochure from Carroll County Public Library in Maryland:
<http://kids.carr.org/documents/readtalkplay.pdf>
- Literacy Cards based on "Every Child Ready to Read @ your library":
<http://www.earlylit.net/booklists/LiteracyCards.pdf>



Odds & Ends

- Ideas for a **Picture Book Month** display in November:
<http://www.npr.org/blogs/monkeysee/2014/01/26/263119783/8-picture-books-that-make-us-wish-we-were-kids-again>
- "Libraries are for Making" is the theme chosen for **Teen Tech Week** - March 8-14, 2015. This event is an opportunity to show your community what the library has to offer teens - a space to learn, explore, create and share. Start thinking now about events featuring Wii gaming, video making, QR code scavenger hunts, digital photography, jewelry made from old keyboards, crafts using old CDs, etc.
- Among our fall **die cut shapes**: leaves; fire engine and firefighter (for Fire Prevention Week - October 5-11); football (new!); pumpkin; pilgrim man and woman; sailing ship (Columbus Day); squirrel; turkey; apples (5" and 1"). Order from your District Office. See the complete list at: <http://www.statelibraryofiowa.org/ld/c-d/diecuts>