

# The YAC

*A Newsletter for Iowa Library Staff Who Work with Youth and Children  
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## January/February 2015

### Upcoming Events:

February 2 - Youth Media Awards will be announced

[<http://www.ala.org/yma>]

March 8-14 - Teen Tech Week

[<http://teentechweek.ning.com/>]

Digital Learning Day - March 13

(<http://www.digitallearningday.org/>)

April 1 - ILOC Conference (see article below)

April 12-18 - National Library Week

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

[<http://www.patmora.com/whats-dia/>]

May 4-6 Kids First Conference in Des Moines (see article below)

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

- National "Let's Go Fly a Kite" Month
- National Umbrella Month
- 2 - Birthday of Dr. Seuss & NEA's Read Across America Day
- 5 - Birthday of Mem Fox
- 10 - Harriet Tubman Day (Underground Railroad theme)
- 11 - Birthday of Ezra Jack Keats
- 16 - Freedom of Information Day
- 17 - St. Patrick's Day
- 20 - Birthday of Lois Lowry & Louis Sachar
- 22 - Birthday of Randolph Caldecott

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

- April is Poetry Month
- 2 - Birthday of Hans Christian Anderson
- 4 - 404 Day (A protest of censorship of the Internet in libraries - named for the "Page Not Found" error message)
- 6 - Birthday of Graeme Base
- 12 - Birthday of Beverly Cleary & Hardy Gramatky
- 22 - Earth Day
- 23 - First motion picture shown in public in 1896
- 24 - Arbor Day

### Celebrating Dr. Seuss' Birthday - March 2:

- Iowa Library Services has a new die to cut "Cat in the Hat"-type hats  
(<http://www.accucuteducation.com/Assets/ProductImages/shapes/H1067.gif>). Order them in white and color the red stripes!
- Make Truffula Trees with pipe cleaners and tulle:  
<http://missloviereactions.blogspot.com/2012/03/truffula-tree-kids-craft-tutorial-and.html>
- Put a Wocket in your pocket! This makes a good lacing craft as shown on the right.  
Printable Wockets:  
<http://www.southernplate.com/files/WocketFinal.pdf>





## Teen Tech Week Webinars

Get ready for Teen Tech Week - March 8-14 - with these presentations from YALSA:

- **Tuesday, January 20 12pm EST**  
[Targeted Teen Tech Week Activities for Older Teens](#)
- **Tuesday, February 10 12pm EST**  
[Leveraging Local Experts for Maker Activities and Programs](#)
- **Tuesday, March 24 12pm EST**  
[Using Data to Demonstrate Your Program's Punch!](#)

See the Teen Read Week website for details: <http://teentechweek.ning.com/>

## Introducing the Iowa Reading Research Center:

The purpose of the IRRC is to apply current research to the development and dissemination of best practices in literacy instruction so that every child in Iowa will achieve reading proficiency. Included in this mission is a strong focus on facilitating effective school, parent, and community partnerships to improve student literacy.

Launched in October, 2014, the new IRRC website offers a collection of online resources for families to support literacy development with children at home. These high quality videos, articles, and activities are suitable for use with children from birth to 6th grade. All have been carefully reviewed and evaluated by both parents and educators to ensure quality and accessibility, and they can be sorted by key word, skill, age group, and resource type. Our website also includes links and information to help families connect to other literacy resources and services throughout the state and the nation.

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A variety of other resources and links are also available on our website. Visit us now!

Resources include:

- Videos
- Activities
- Articles
- Apps (Coming Soon!)



Search by:

- Key Words
- Literacy Skills
- Age Group
- Resource Type
- Language (Coming Soon!)
- Iowa Core and Early Learning Standards (Coming Soon!)

Visit the website @ [www.iowareadingresearch.org](http://www.iowareadingresearch.org)

### Quick Valentine Ideas:

♥ Read & Make – Valentine's Day Books and Crafts (picture books with crafts to go with):

<http://www.notimeforflashcards.com/2014/02/read-make-valentines-day-books-and-crafts.html>

♥ 3 (Non-Mushy) Valentine's Day Coloring Pages (robot theme that allows for some creativity as well!):

<http://kidsactivitiesblog.com/24779/valentines-day-coloring-pages>

### KIDS FIRST:

The 2015 Kids First Conference will be held May 4-5, with a post-conference on May 6, at the Holiday Inn

Airport/Conference Center, 6111 Fleur Drive, Des Moines. The

general theme will be, "Youth Services Librarians: Bridges to Literacy." The conference Registration for each of the two days

of the conference is \$50.00. If you register for both days,

registration is \$95.00. (Registration for the all-day workshop on Wednesday, May 6 with early literacy specialist Saroj Ghoting is \$60.00).



There will be a storytelling festival (Monday evening), a maker-space/crafting room (including an altered books contest), and casual get-togethers in the evenings.

Some break-out sessions (50 minutes long) are already lined up, but there are many slots yet to fill. Please consider proposing a session! Merri Monks has provided a form that you can fill out and send back. The proposed sessions will be reviewed by the members of our two youth services advisory councils (the Children's Librarians' Advisory Council and the Teens' Librarians' Advisory Council). Please submit your proposals by Friday, February 20.

The registration and breakout session proposal forms are here:

<http://www.statelibraryofiowa.org/ld/t-z/youthservices/kidsfirst%202011/kids-first-2015>

### Innovative Libraries Online Conference:

ISLOC has a new name and a new date! Returning for its 8th year, the previous "ISLOC" (Iowa Small Libraries Online Conference) is now unveiling itself as ILOC (Innovative Libraries Online Conference)! Along with its new name, the conference has a new date: **April 1, 2015**. Mark your calendars now and plan to spend the entire day with us as we focus on the theme of "Public Libraries: Invest & Engage."

ILOC will still be entirely online, and it will still be free. There will be multiple breakout sessions of interest to youth services staff, so watch for details as the date approaches!

### Odds & Ends

\*Monthly Theme Calendars to print out:

<http://www.booksbythebushel.com/monthly-theme-calendars-2015/>

\*Webinar: "Celebrate reading with Día!" on Wednesday, Jan. 28 from 2-3 pm.



Join Día founder Pat Mora, and Mark Smith, Director and Librarian of the Texas State Library, for a lively discussion about El día de los niños/El día de los libros -- Children's Day/Book Day. Sponsored by the Texas State Library and Archives Commission.

For more information and to register for this program,

visit: <https://www.tsl.texas.gov/ld/workshops/webinars/index.html>

\*The June 2014 issue of the *YAC* featured crafts and resources for Hispanic Heritage Month - you might use some of these in your Día celebration.

\*Check back in March for more news and ideas about Earth Day and Kids First!