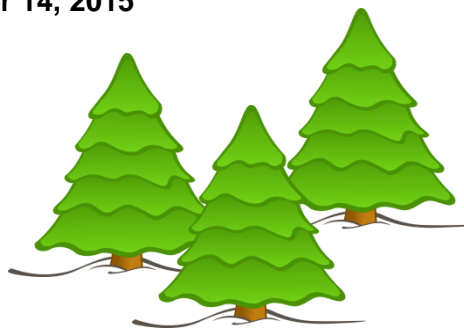


Good Morning! Today in EYE-OPENER December 14, 2015

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1) Christmas Gifts For Your Library Part2: Still working your way through your shopping list? There's still time to include Christmas gifts for your library! And happily, the elves at Iowa Library Services have some more gift-giving suggestions that your library would love.

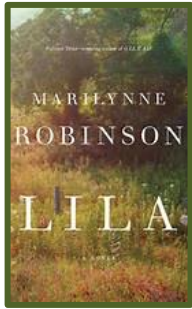
Christmas came early for Hull Public Library with the gift this fall of a beautiful outdoor sculpture. A 450lb sculpture, to be exact: it's an open book featuring Alice in Wonderland stepping through the looking glass. Measuring 4'tall by 8'long, the metal sculpture was an artistic collaboration between 2 area artists. Library director Matt Hoehamer explains that a local family gave a memorial to the library Friends Group, asking to do something unique and lasting with it. The new Alice in Wonderland sculpture is certainly all that: not just an early Christmas present, but a gift that keeps on giving. This story made the Sioux City Journal...thanks to Matt for sharing the photo.



Maryann Mori has this idea: Magna Tiles. *"...two libraries in Central District are using these tiles as part of their makerspace corners, and both libraries think the sets are fabulous. If Santa is really generous, a light table to go with the tiles would be nice, too! Cost for the light table is around \$250. And while the table is not required, it really makes the tiles easier to view..."*



Look for more Christmas Gifts For Your Library next week!



2) All Iowa Reads Webinar in January: Following Robin Martin's retirement, Iowa Library Services is pleased to see Helen Dagley succeed Robin as Iowa's Center for the Book Coordinator. Helen assumed her new duties last month and this month shares this announcement about an important January webinar:



Helen Dagley

"...Registration is now open for the 2016 All Iowa Reads Webinar on January 27! This Webinar is designed to help library staff, trustees and community discussion leaders plan a discussion of the 2016 All Iowa Reads (AIR) selection, "Lila", by Pulitzer Prize winning author Marilynne Robinson. The AIR Webinar segments include:

- ✓ *Mini reviews of books that were AIR 2016 finalists*
- ✓ *Review of the criteria used to select "Lila"*
- ✓ *In-depth exchange between Susan Craig (Director Iowa City PL) and George Minot (English Professor Kirkwood Community College) They will summarize the story, introduce the characters, and identify topics and themes important to librarians planning their own discussions*
- ✓ *Participant chat and Q&A throughout*
- ✓ *Resources available on the Iowa Center for the Book Website such as publicity materials, tips for successful book discussions, reserving multiple copies of the book"*

This webinar will be held in an Adobe Classroom. Registration is open in the c.e. catalog <http://www.statelibraryofia.org/cgi-bin/cecat/index.cgi> You're welcome to contact Helen with any questions; in her new capacity, reach her at Iowa's Center of the Book iacenterbook@lib.state.ia.us



3) Best Buy Offers Teen Tech Week Grant: Teen services librarians can apply for a \$1,000.00 grant through Best Buy to *"help bridge the digital divide and knowledge gap for underserved or marginalized teens as part of **Teen Tech Week**..."* **Teen Tech Week** is set for March 6-12, 2016.

From the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA) *"...this grant is designed to encourage outstanding **Teen Tech Week** activities by providing financial assistance...grant applicants must plan and present an outline for a **Teen Tech Week** activity geared toward teens in your community who are underserved or marginalized. YALSA encourages innovative proposals that help teens gain skills in using digital media, whether to help with school work, explore personal interests, or prepare for careers..."*

Best Buy is offering a total of 20 grants for \$1,000.00 each. Grant funding may be used to purchase digital media, build the library's collection, or support a particular activity. Funds may not be used for salaries or for food / beverages.

Application deadline is coming up fast—January 1. The online application form is here <http://teentechweek.ning.com/page/grants-funding> Winners will be announced the week of January 25, 2016. Thanks to Merri Monks for this news. And visit the **Teen Tech Week** website to begin thinking ahead ☺ <http://teentechweek.ning.com/>



4) ILOC Conference Preview: The **2016 ILOC Conference** is just over six weeks away, set for **January 21, 2016**. **ILOC** stands for **Innovative Libraries Online Conference**, a proven and popular event, drawing hundreds of Iowa library staff and trustees together for full day of learning online. Still six weeks out, there's plenty of time to plan your schedule accordingly so you can participate. And plenty of time to promote the many sessions that we've lined up!

The **ILOC Team** has chosen "**Digital Citizenship**" as the theme for 2016. The concept of digital citizenship can be complex, but essentially it encourages people of all ages to be responsible and savvy users of today's social media, websites, and digital products. With these ideas in mind, the **ILOC Team** is planning for the conference to include sessions on online etiquette, cyber safety, digital health and wellness, and more. For a preview of 2 breakout sessions:

Christine Barth with Scott County Library System will present "**Your Community Online: Low Budget Digital Products.**" Description: *"...Many libraries have unique and irreplaceable local history items that are some of the best kept secrets in the community. The Scott County Library System embarked on a mission to both preserve and increase access to these items. In the past few years, Christine Barth has spearheaded the efforts to create an online cemetery index and digitize the local high school yearbooks. From these examples, you can learn how to get started on your own digital projects and how to leverage community resources to put your own history online..."*

Expect to read more **ILOC promotions** in the weeks to come. And why not avoid the Christmas rush and register early—here's the registration link <http://tinyurl.com/pslp8fb>

5) Meetings / Events This Week: On Thursday this week (Dec17) join a webinar titled **“Library Horizons: What’s New From ARSL?”** Hear some of the ideas that Iowa librarians brought back from the ARSL Conference in September (Association for Rural & Small Libraries) Becky Heil and Jet Kofoot will host a panel of conference attendees, sharing what they learned in Little Rock. **Registration closes tomorrow**, click here to register <http://www.statelibraryofiowa.org/cgi-bin/cecat/index.cgi>

More national webinars this month from a variety of education providers. Find registration instructions here <http://www.statelibraryofiowa.org/ld/c-d/continuing-ed/other-conted>

December 16. 10:00-11:00AM. *Taking Time to Teach Technology to Technophobes* sponsored by Nebraska Library Commission <http://nlc.nebraska.gov/scripts/calendar/eventlist.asp?Mode=ALL>

December 16. 1:00-2:00PM. *15 Ways to Improve Your Library's Facebook Page* sponsored by TechSoup <https://cc.readytalk.com/r/g6ijne10q7gj&eom>

December 17. 10:00-11:00AM. *Improving Service for People with Disabilities* sponsored by Librarian411 https://attendee.gototraining.com/7f237/register/4447937218881609730?training_5_register=Register



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