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1) Olympics in Rio and @ Your Library: Last Friday was the opening ceremonies of the 2016 Summer Olympics hosted in Rio de Janeiro. NBC carries Olympic coverage for the next two weeks; closing ceremonies happen on Sunday August 21. So why not make room for another display table, this time emptying your shelves of sports books, magazines, and movies.

Here's an assortment of titles and with a movie license, your library could show these Olympic-themed movies this month:

DVDs

Race
Unbroken
Miracle
Munich
Cool Runnings
Chariots of Fire

Books

The Boys in the Boat by Daniel James Brown
The Games: A Global History of the Olympics by David Goldblatt
The Olympics: Moments That Made History by Time-Life Editors
Guide to Rio 2106 Summer Olympics by Yoni Binstock
Olympic and World Records by Keir Radnedge

And if the library has a TV, consider moving it front-and-center and tune into the coverage during these dog days of summer. Detailed information about the 2016 Rio Games found here <https://www.olympic.org/> and here <http://www.nbcolympics.com/>



2) ILA Conference Preview: Dubuque will be decked in autumn colors by mid-October when the city welcomes back the **Iowa Library Association's** fall conference. ILA's annual education event is scheduled for **October 12-14** at the **Grand River Center**.

Wednesday has three pre-conferences to choose from:

- Music and Literacy in the Lives of Children
- Mental Health and First Aid
- Zen and the Art of Library Management

Thursday and Friday boast keynote speakers and many concurrent sessions, among them

- Library Employee Safety
- Robotics in the Library
- Kits and Games and Puzzles, Oh My!
- Google Apps
- Innovation on a Shoestring
- Guys Read

Dubuque is Iowa's oldest city, so planners have arranged for a trolley tour of historic places. Trivia Night is also back—be sure to sign up for the Thursday night meal to be included in Trivia Night fun.

The **July-August** issue of **The Catalyst** is now available on the ILA website here; look to this issue for the conference schedule of speakers and topics <http://www.iowalibraryassociation.org/index.php/members-only/catalyst-newsletter> Registration is open via ILA's website. Make plans to number among ILA conference-goers in Dubuque!

3) RAGBRAI Riders Meet Blakesburg Library: Cheryl Talbert, Blakesburg PL Director, posted this RAGBRAI recap on IOWALIB. It's a wonderful example of how public libraries contribute in very meaningful ways to community life. Worthy of a reprint—thanks to Cheryl for this story!

"...Four hundred and fifty-six RAGBRAI visitors signed the guest book at Blakesburg Public Library as one of their first stops in our small town. That is more guests in one day than we

sometimes get in a month!! Guests from 38 of 50 states, as well as visitors from DC, Puerto Rico, Winnipeg Canada; Edinburgh Scotland, and Istanbul Turkey.

It was funny watching bikers ride past the first entrance to the library/school grounds, then see the sign listing our available services and decide to turn around and come back through the second entrance. Guests were thrilled to have access to restrooms, water fountains, air conditioning, and Wi-Fi. 'We haven't had internet or Wi-Fi access for four days,' was a common refrain. Another said they thought this RAGBRAI was 'More about finding 'Wi' than finding 'Pie.'



Visitors used the library to read the paper or magazines, find a book, get online, charge their phones, catch a nap in a cool place, or play a game of chess. We had one couple who needed to make a work-related conference call, so offered them our phone. Another rider needed to print some emailed documents then FAX them to California.

RAGBRAI riders were all gracious, friendly, and so appreciative. They were patient...very neat and picked up all of their trash. And they donated \$140.00 to the library just to thank us for providing some basic services. . If you get the chance to participate, we would suggest that you go for it !!



4) Save the Date—Summer Library Workshops in November: Merri Monks sends this announcement regarding **Summer Library Workshops** this fall. They're scheduled for the first three weeks in November this year. Look for registration to open in the c.e. catalog by September; for now—save the date for the location nearest you. Here's the itinerary:

- ✓ November 2 @ Council Bluffs Public Library
- ✓ November 3 @ Cherokee—Western Iowa Tech building
- ✓ November 9 @ Mason City Public Library
- ✓ November 10 @ Fayette—Upper Iowa University building
- ✓ November 16 @ Coralville Public Library
- ✓ November 17 @ Johnston Public Library

Merri provides this description: "...this year, we are offering two modules at each location: **Teens & Adult Programming** in the morning, **Early Literacy and Children** in the afternoon. Librarians who do adult programming may want to consider attending the morning sessions—the adult programming section of the summer manual will be facilitated by District Consultants. We are doing the workshops in November this year so that anyone who plans to attend the ARSL conference in Fargo (Oct. 27-29) may do so without a conflict with these workshops. Likewise, none of these workshops will conflict with the Nov. 8 Presidential Election, since many of our libraries serve as polling places..."

Look to the c.e. catalog in September for more details and to register—save the date and register to save a seat!

5) Meetings / Events This Week: “One Book, One Community Book Discussions” webinar happens **tomorrow Aug 9** (9:30-11:00AM) Also this week: **BRIDGES User Groups** kick off with two sessions: choose from **Tuesday August 9th** (9:30-11:00AM) **OR Thursday August 11th** (1:30-3:00PM) There are more choices next week, simply choose the date/time most convenient.

These user groups are intended to help shape future directions and decisions. Responses in these meetings will help the State Library plan the best ways to use **BRIDGES** funding in the future. But please note that these meetings are non-binding, advisory-only. Attendees will hear about the current parameters of the service and budget. But most importantly, attendees will field questions on these topics:

- Adding more streaming video content
- Decreasing hold ratios
- Collection Development (broader vs. deeper collection)
- Changing the percentages of how the collection budget is spent
- Increasing the cost of service for materials budgets
- Patron feedback

District Offices will be closed on Wednesday Aug10 due to the monthly staff meeting in Des Moines; you're welcome to call Des Moines with any questions. **Also note that Amanda and I have overlapping vacation days Thursday-Friday this week**; phone calls will be picked up by other District staff, otherwise drop off voice mail or email messages for us...thanks!

MMEO will be on vacation—like me—next Monday, **look for the next issue on 8/22/16...**

Enjoy national webinars in August, find registration info and more at this link—<http://www.statelibraryofiaowa.org/ld/c-d/continuing-ed/other-conted>

August 9. 1:00-2:00PM. *YA Announcements: Fall 2016* sponsored by Booklist
<http://www.booklistonline.com/webinars>

August 9. 2:00-3:00PM. *Cultural Literacy Programs in Your Library: Connecting with Diverse Children & Families* sponsored by Infopeople <https://infopeople.org/training/view/webinar>

August 10. 10:00-11:00AM. *SLJ Teen Lives* sponsored by School Library Journal
<http://mediasource.actonservice.com/acton/rif/10574/s-09f3-1605/-/l-00ac:1b27a/l-00ac/showPreparedMessage?sid=ipJERXkDO>

August 11. 2:00-3:00PM. *Beyond the Job Description: Ten Practical Tips for the New Rural Library Director* sponsored by WebJunction & ARSL
<http://www.webjunction.org/events/webjunction.html>



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