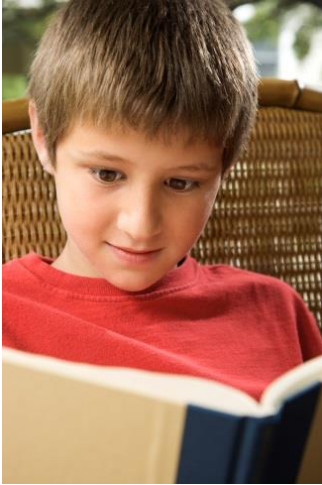# The YAC

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

January 2017

Upcoming Events:

- "How to Deal with Problem Parents, Unattended Children, and Disruptive Patrons" webinar – January 5*
- ILOC (Innovative Libraries Online Conference) – January 19*
- Teen Tech Week is March 5-11
- National Library Week is April 9-15, 2017.
- Money Smart Week is April 22-29, 2017.
- Children's Day/Book Day - El día de los niños/El día de los libros (Día) is April 30th.
- **Kids First Conference** – May 1-3 – save the dates!
- Children's Book Week is May 1-7, 2017.

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

Occasions for Special Displays/Program Themes in March:

- 2 – Dr. Seuss Birthday
- 16 – National Library Week was first celebrated in 1958 (see the first NLW poster at https://americanlibrariesmagazine.org/2016/04/13/national-library-week/)
- 22 – Wonder Woman was "born" in 1941

Occasions for Special Displays/Program Themes in April:

- 7 – World Health Day
  http://www.who.int/campaigns/world-health-day/2017/en/
- 9-15 -- National Wildlife Week
  http://www.cwf-fcf.org/en/events/national-wildlife-week/
- 12 – D.E.A.R. (Drop Everything and Read) Day
  http://dropeverythingandread.com/index.html
- 22 – Earth Day

❄ILOC 2017 – January 19:

ILOC stands for **Innovative Libraries Online Conference**, a winter education event that showcases Iowa library programming, practices, and accomplishments. The theme is **"Lean Mean Library Machine!"** Sessions will demonstrate how Iowa libraries are finding process improvements and time-saving practices -- all-around time management tips worth replicating.

Brand new for **ILOC 2017** will be **Library Hacks!** A **library hack** is any procedure or action that saves time and/or money while still increasing awesomeness. These presentations will be very short 5-6 minute segments sharing what libraries are doing to make life a little easier.

Sign up today in the Continuing Education Catalog at
http://www.statelibraryofiowa.org/cgi-bin/cecat/

❄Summer Library Program Notes

I hope that many of you were able to attend a Summer Library Program workshop in November. All die cut bulletin boards sets are now available to order on the State Library website at http://www.statelibraryofiowa.org/ld/c-d/diecuts/bulletin-board. Below are the thumbnail versions. If you have questions, contact sue.gruber@lib.state.ia.us.

Important websites for the 2017 Summer Library Program – to help you get started.

- A special "Build a Better World" website created by Merri Monks, Sarah Day, Angie Pilkington, Cathy Shaw and Samantha Helmick:
  http://buildabetterworld2017.weebly.com/
- The Cooperative Summer Library Program website: http://www.cslpreads.org/. Create a free account to gain access to materials provided by the creators of your CSLP manual.

- A great Pinterest board created by Christie Fox of [The Book Farm](https://www.pinterest.com/christief26/build-a-better-world-summer-reading-2017/):
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Free Coloring Pages -- because coloring has come back into fashion, here are some free coloring page sources that go along with the 2017 theme:

- Advanced coloring pages featuring buildings: http://www.coloring-pages-adults.com/architecture-living/
- Earth Day coloring pages for younger kids that work with the 2017 theme: http://crystalandcomp.com/kid-color-pages-earth-day-for-boys/ or http://crystalandcomp.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/04/Kid-Color-Pages-Earth-Day-Girl-Pack.pdf

Odds & Ends

•The Public Library Development Team at the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction is proud to announce a new professional development course about the role of apps and devices in the lives of young children and their families. **Digital Storytime: Kids, Apps, and Libraries** is a FREE online tool designed for public library staff serving youth and other educators.

To access the course, visit: https://media.dpi.wi.gov/pld/digital-storytime/story.html

For complete information about the course, visit the Wisconsin Libraries for Everyone blog: https://wilibrariesforeveryone.blogspot.com/2016/11/digital-storytime-kids-apps-and.html

Once you have completed the course, you can submit a Learning Activity Written Summary for CE credit: http://www.statelibraryofiowa.org/ld/c-d/continuing-ed/learning-activity-written-summary

~Merri M. Monks

•**January Webinars** from the Texas State Library and Archives Commission:

* CSLP 2017 Teen Programming Manual -- Thursday, Jan 05, 2017; 1-2 pm CST
* Preschool Storytime Basics - Tuesday, Jan. 10, 2017; 2-3 pm CST
* Science and Math in Storytimes - Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2017; 2-3 pm CST
* Storytime Crafts - Tuesday, Jan. 24, 2017; 2-3 pm CST
* The Magic of Music in Storytimes - Tuesday, Jan. 31, 2017; 2-3 pm CST

To register for the webinars, see www.tsl.texas.gov/ld/workshops/webinars/index.html

•**Another webinar that may be useful for planning your 2018 Summer Library Program** (with the theme "Libraries Rock"):   "Music Play: Before You Play Music, You Must Play WITH Music!" on Wednesday January 25, 2017 @ 1:00 pm. See the edWeb website at http://home.edweb.net/webinar/music-play/.

•**Books for Babies** – A blog just about books for your youngest patrons (written by an Iowan): https://booksforbabiesblog.com/. You might link to it from your website so that parents can read the posts each week!

•**"Yoga for the Youngest! Mindfulness and Movement for Shifting Culture and Practice"** webinar from Early Childhood Investigations is coming up on January 4th. For details, see http://www.earlychildhoodwebinars.com/presentations/

•The Pilcrow Foundation **Children's Book Project** helps smaller rural libraries purchase books. Check the website for the next application deadline. See https://thepilcrowfoundation.org/childrens-book-project/

•A recent article about **Digital Literacy** from *Education Week* covers some good basic information: http://www.edweek.org/ew/articles/2016/11/09/what-is-digital-literacy.html

•**"Fake or Real? How to Self-Check the News and Get the Facts"** – use these suggestions to help young people recognize "fake" news stories on social media: http://www.npr.org/sections/alltechconsidered/2016/12/05/503581220/fake-or-real-how-to-self-check-the-news-and-get-the-facts

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