

The YAC

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

July/August 2017



Upcoming Events:

- Solar Eclipse - August 21
<http://www.starnetlibraries.org/2017eclipse/>
<https://eclipse.gsfc.nasa.gov/SEgoogle/SEgoogle2001/SE2017Aug21Tgoogle.html>
- September is Library Card Sign-Up Month [Teen Titans are honorary chairs for 2017!]
<http://www.ala.org/conferencesevents/celebrationweeks/card>
- ARSL Annual Conference - September 7-9
<http://arsl.info/>
- September 15 - October 15 is Hispanic Heritage Month
<http://www.hispanicheritagemonth.org/> +
<http://www.programminglibrarian.org/latinoamericans>
- Performers' Showcase at Milford Public Library -- September 20
- Performers' Showcase at Marshalltown Public Library -- September 21
- Performers' Showcase at Mt. Pleasant Public Library -- September 22
- Banned Books Week - September 24-30
<http://www.bannedbooksweek.org/>
- [Teen Read Week](#) - October 8-14

- ILA Annual Conference in Coralville - October 18-20
<https://www.iowalibraryassociation.org/index.php/conf-info>
- International Games Week - October 29 - November 4
<http://games.ala.org/>

*See the Continuing Education Catalog at <https://statelibraryofiowa.lmscheckout.com/Course/index> for registration information.

Occasions for Special Displays/Program Themes in September:

- National Honey Month
- Jack Prelutsky and Jon Scieszka Birthdays - 8
- International Dot Day - 15
- Constitution Day - 17
- <http://www.constitutionday.com/>
- Talk Like a Pirate Day - 19
- Hobbit Day (birthday of Bilbo and Frodo) - 22
- Comic Book Day - 25
- Shel Silverstein Birthday - 25



Occasions for Special Displays/Program Themes in October:

- 75th Anniversary of Little Golden Books - 1
<http://www.littlegoldenbooks.com/>
- World Space Week - 4-10
<http://www.worldspaceweek.org/>
- Winnie the Pooh published 10/14/1926 (Bring your teddy bear to work and school day) - 14
- National Grouch Day - 15
- Teddy Bear Day (Teddy Roosevelt birthday) - 27
- International Observe the Moon Night - 28
<http://www.observethemoonnight.org/>



A Word about Wordless Picture Books

Talking and listening to others talk builds early literacy skills - "narrative skills" from describing what is seen, "vocabulary" as the adult adds to the description, and "phonological awareness" as the child listens for different sounds in speech. Wordless books encourage children to be involved in the process of storytelling and allow them to "read" to the adults for a change. They are good for encouraging imagination in older children as well. Plus, the books are the same in any language!

You can print out a tip sheet for parents about "reading" wordless picture books from the Colorín Colorado website at <http://www.colorincolorado.org/article/sharing-wordless-picture-books>.

Some favorite wordless books:

- *10 Minutes Till Bedtime* and *Good Night, Gorilla* by Peggy Rathmann
- *A Ball for Daisy* by Chris Raschka
- *Anno's Journey* by Matsumaso Anno
- *Beaver is Lost* by Elisha Cooper
- *Chalk and Fossil* by Bill Thomson
- *Flashlight* and *Inside Outside* by Lizi Boyd
- *Flotsam, Tuesday* and *Sector 7* by David Wiesner
- *Pancakes for Breakfast* by Tomie de Paola
- *Rainstorm, The Secret Box* and *The Red Book* by Barbara Lehman
- *Red Sled* by Lita Judge
- *The Flower Man* by Mark Ludy
- *The Snowman* by Raymond Briggs
- *Where's Walrus* by Stephen Savage
- *The Sidewalk Circus* by Paul Fleischman
- *Truck* by Donald Crews
- *Flora and the Flamingo* by Molly Idle

Passive Programming for Summer's End

Scrap bugs

Scraps of paper and glue sticks turn into imaginative insects with a minimum of preparation and table space. You might provide a foam board for displaying insects that patrons wish to share.

Dear Diary . . .

Encourage teens and tweens to start a diary with a display of popular books that include diary entries: *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*, *Perks of Being a Wallflower*, *I Capture the Castle*, *Princess Diaries*, *Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian*, *Artichoke Hearts*, *The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole*, etc.

You might provide weeded books for starting an altered book diary or paper and instructions for making a simple mini-diary. [Here is an example using rubber bands and paper clips: <http://imaginationsoup.net/2013/02/24/easy-diy-books-for-young-writers/>.]

Literary Travels

Post a large world map and encourage library visitors to post the places that they've "visited" through reading over the summer. Provide push-pins and strips of paper to write books titles on. This could be an all-ages activity!

Story-Walking Through the Library

Turn a picture book into library tour by posting pages in a path. Encourage young patrons and their caregivers to visit every corner of the library with this project. You will need 2 copies of a short picture book and foam board or other material to mount the pages on. For more ideas, see <http://libraryvillage.blogspot.com/2015/01/lets-go-on-storywalk.html> or <http://www.rubberbootsandelfshoes.com/2015/03/story-time-story-walk-outside.html#more>.

[By the way, StoryWalk® is copyrighted by creator Anne Ferguson and the Kellogg-Hubbard Public Library in Montpelier, Vermont (<http://www.kellogghubbard.org/storywalk>).]

Book Cover Guessing Game

Create a bulletin board display of well-known book covers with the title and author hidden. Invite patrons to guess the titles. You might include several childhood favorites like *Corduroy*, *Charlotte's Web* and *The Giving Tree*. Provide sheets for writing down the answers [and a box to submit entries, if you wish]. Post the answers after a couple of weeks.

Inchies Collaborative Art

Inchies are just small squares decorated in any way you wish. All you need is a table, small paper squares of the same size (1-2" - could be re-purposed paper), glue sticks, a few markers and lots of scrap materials. Provide a foam board or bulletin board for displaying creations (you will want to post a few examples to get the project started). For some examples, see <https://www.craftster.org/forum/index.php?topic=355409#axzz2nYducnBb> and <http://craftsbysinjah.blogspot.com/2011/03/inchies-inchies-everywhere.html>.

More Resources

Several projects for teens: <https://www.expressiveartworkshops.com/how-to-start-your-own-art-program/spontaneous-art-therapy-activities-for-teens/>

Cheap Crafts

Spent all of your money on a summer library program? Here are just a few really-low-budget crafts:

Hats from paper strips: Start with a basic headband strip and add as many thin strips of colored paper as you wish. Show children how to curl and fan-fold the strips for creative effects. You might even use recycled paper for a really cheap project. I used a paper shredder for



some strips. Add whatever other scrap pieces you wish! See more examples at <http://cahierjosephine.canalblog.com/archives/2017/02/09>

Crayon Rocks:

On a hot day, warm rocks in the sun and decorate with old crayons. [You can warm rocks in an oven, too -- just be careful handling hot rocks!]

Locker magnets for Back-to-School:

With some inexpensive magnets (or magnetic sheets), a few sharpies, and some yellow circles you can create cool emoji magnets for decorating lockers. The yellow circles might be cut from fun foam, plastic lids, old plastic binders, or whatever you can think of!

You can also create a magnet clip for lockers by gluing magnets to inexpensive clothespins. Then decorate the clothespin with a variety of bling (leftover paints, stick-on gems, etc. - use what you have!).

Odds & Ends

▪ Don't Forget to Save the Dates for the 2017 Performers' Showcases:

The showcases are sponsored this year by the Youth Services Subdivision of the Iowa Library Association and brought to you by Rick Eugene Brammer:

- Wednesday, September 20 -- Milford Public Library
- Thursday, September 21 - Marshalltown Public Library
- Friday, September 22 -- Mt. Pleasant Public Library

▪ Summer Reading Challenge **Bookmark:** <https://www.weareteachers.com/summer-reading-challenge-bookmark/>.

▪ **Die Cut** Re-Distribution: You have probably heard that the State Library will no longer provide the die cut service for Iowa libraries. We are sorry that budget constraints and changes in District Office staffing and office space make it impractical for the State Library to provide this service any longer. The die cut machines and dies are being given to a library in each district. It will be up to these libraries to negotiate any sharing of the die cuts from here on.

- Southwest - Shenandoah
- Northwest - Laurens
- Central - Newton
- Northeast - Fayette
- Southeast - Washington
- North Central - Garner

■ This year marks the 75th anniversary of the **Boxcar Children** series by Gertrude Chandler Warner. See the websites at <https://www.boxcarchildren.com/> for ideas to use in creating a display.

■ **2018 Summer Library Program Manuals:** For next summer, the State Library will provide access to the digital, **online** manual for each library. The manual will be available this fall on the CSLP website at <https://www.csllpreads.org/>. Training for using the online manual will be part of the State Library's summer library program workshops in the fall.

Libraries who wish to purchase a print copy of the manual (with a DVD) or a flash drive will be able to do so directly from Demco through the CSLP website.

Watch for more news about the fall workshops on the LibraryTalk online discussion forum at <https://lt.silo.lib.ia.us/>. If you haven't signed up to participate in LibraryTalk yet, find out how at <http://www.statelibraryofiowa.org/ld/g-s/silo/lists/librarytalk/>.



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