

The YAC

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



September/October 2017

Upcoming Events:

- 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>

- Picture Book Month - November
<http://picturebookmonth.com/>
- International Games Week - October 29 - November 4
<http://games.ala.org/>
- YALSA's Young Adult Services Symposium in Louisville, KY - November 3-5
<http://www.ala.org/yalsa/yasymposium>

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

Occasions for Special Displays/Program Themes in November:

- Aviation History Month
- "Look for Circles" Day - 2
(a silly excuse to look for circular shapes in photos or around the library)
- Birthday of Neil Gaiman - 10
- America Recycles Day - 15
<https://americarecyclesday.org/>
- Button Day - 16
<http://www.nationalbuttonsociety.org/Home.html>
- Birthday of Marc Brown - 25



Occasions for Special Displays/Program Themes in December:

- Birthday of Jan Brett - 1
- Birthday of Munro Leaf - 4
- Mitten Tree Day - 6
(decorate a tree with orphaned mittens?)
- Crossword Puzzle Day - 21
(first crossword puzzle appeared on this date in 1913)
- Birthday of Mercer Mayer - 30



Storytime Thoughts

The ability to recognize **patterns** is an important part of learning to read. Build early literacy skills at storytime with activities that practice comparing/contrasting and pattern recognition.

- Sorting: Sort small balls, plastic lids, etc. by color and size.
- Same versus different: Print pictures of items that can be labelled as "same" or "different." (For example, pictures of the same car in red and blue would demonstrate "different.")
- Guessing game: Line up a set of blocks or other simple objects (or pictures of shapes, etc.). Ask a series of questions to lead children to select one particular

item from the group. (For example, "The block I want is red. It is square. It has a blue sticker on it." The more similar the items are, the more difficult the game!)

Resources:

- Shapely fish to sort: Visit <http://www.inmyworld.com.au/ocean-preschool-centers/> and scroll down to the fish shape sorting activity. Click on the picture for a printable pdf of the fish and fish bowls. You will find a similar activity with bunnies and carrots at <http://www.inmyworld.com.au/spring-preschool-centers/>. (Note: There are several other cute printables on the site as well!)
- Giant Shape Match Activity: Simply draw around assorted blocks, lids, etc. on large sheets of paper. Have kids match up the actual items to their drawing. See: <http://busytoddler.com/2017/01/giant-shape-match-activity/>.
- Cute bugs to print and sort: <http://www.themeasuredmom.com/a-math-game-for-a-preschool-insect-theme/>.

Summer Library Program Preparation for 2018!

There will be some changes in how we are introducing the 2018 Summer Library Program manuals this year!

First, there will be a webinar for each section of the manual: October 10, 10:00-11:00 am will cover the Early Literacy section, October 12, 10:00-11:00 am will preview the Children's portion, and October 24, 10:00-11:00 am will deal with the Teen manual.

In addition, there will be an in-person roundtable discussion in each of the six Districts:

- Southwest -- November 1 at Halverson Center for Education (Council Bluffs AEA)
- Northwest -- November 2 at Prairie Lakes AEA, Pocahontas
- Southeast -- November 15 at Coralville Public Library
- North Central -- November 29 at Mason City Public Library
- Central -- December 4 at Urbandale Public Library
- Northeast -- December 8 at Keystone AEA, Elkader

These roundtables will include craft displays, door prizes, and an opportunity to share ideas with your colleagues. Each will be 3 hours -- devoting a portion of time to each of the age groups from the manuals: Early Literacy, Children, Teens and Adults.

Books to Movies

Below are a few books for children and young adults that have movies in the works. You may wish to have copies of these titles on hand.

- *A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeleine L'Engle (3/9/2018)
- *Ready Player One* by Ernest Cline (3/30/2018)
- *The Tale of Peter Rabbit* by Beatrix Potter (new live action/animation version)

- *The Death Cure* by James Dashner
- *All the Bright Places* by Jennifer Niven
- *Break My Heart 1,000 Times* by Daniel Waters
- *Let It Snow* by John Green, Lauren Myracle and Maureen Johnson
- *Ophelia* by Lisa Klein
- *London's Bridge and the Three Keys* by Denis H. Christen (2019)
- *Illuminae* by Amie Kaufman and Jay Kristoff
- *Looking for Alaska* by John Green
- *Sorta Like a Rock Star* by Matthew Quick
- *The House of Tomorrow* by Peter Bognanni



A Multicultural Thanksgiving

Below are a few books with some non-traditional Thanksgiving themes. These would make an interesting display and some are good for storytime!

- *Duck for Turkey Day* by Jacqueline Jules (Vietnamese family)
- *Milly and the Macy's Parade* (about the first Macy's Parade)
- *Squanto's Journey: The Story of the First Thanksgiving* by Joseph Bruchac (November is also Native American Heritage Month!)
- *Balloons over Broadway: The True Story of the Puppeteer of Macy's Parade* by Tony Sarg
- *How Many Days to America?: A Thanksgiving Story* by Eve Bunting (Caribbean refugees)
- *Gracias, the Thanksgiving Turkey* by Joy Cowley (Puerto Rican family)
- *Molly's Pilgrim* by Barbara Cohen (Jewish family from Russia)
- *Rivka's First Thanksgiving* by Elsa Okon Rael (Jewish family from Poland)
- *The Thanksgiving Door* by Debby Atwell (Thanksgiving dinner at a café run by an immigrant family)
- *'Twas the Night Before Thanksgiving* by Dav Pilkey (a group of children take a field trip to find out where Thanksgiving turkeys come from)
- *Four Seasons of Corn* by Sally M. Hunter (Winnebago traditions)
- *The Circle of Thanks* by Joseph Bruchac (Native American)



Craft suggestions for the Thanksgiving holiday:

- Turkey Tail Feather Garland (lots of possible variations!) -- <http://www.iheartnaptime.net/paper-feather-garland/>
- Origami Pumpkins -- <http://mypoppet.com.au/makes/2014/10/origami-pumpkin-garland.html>
- Shape Turkey -- use the t-shirt idea from <http://www.artsyfartsymama.com/2011/11/turkey-shirt.html> but cut shapes from paper and glue on brown squares



Teen Read Week -- October 8-14



Teen Read Week will be here before you know it! The official theme for this year is "Unleash Your Story" which features superhero artwork. Here are just a few simple ideas for celebrating with teens:

- As a humorous take-off on the theme, display books featuring dogs as major characters. Pick titles such as *Underwater Dogs* by Seth Casteel and *The Dogs* by Allan Stratton.
- Related display themes might be: "Unleash your superpower," "Unleash your creativity," or "Unleash your true self."
- Play Superhero BINGO: <http://www.firefliesandmudpies.com/superhero-bingo-game/> or Book Cover BINGO: <http://annatyszka.blogspot.com/2016/01/book-cover-bingo.html>
- Make Comic Book Magnets: <https://craftsbyamanda.com/superhero-comic-book-magnets/>
- Extend library hours one evening just for teens. You might offer board games, video games, simple snacks, a movie, etc.
- Set up a Facebook page just for teen library news -new YA books, special events, etc.
- Set up a display to encourage voting for the Teens' Top Ten - see <https://www.dogobooks.com/voting/2017-teens-top-reads>.
- Look for more activity ideas on the website at <http://teenreadweek.ning.com/> -- under "Planning."
- Download the Teen Read Week logo for mini-posters or flyers [HERE](#).

Odds & Ends

■ Plan to Attend 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

Showcases will run from 9:30-3:00 and 5.5 CE credits are awarded. Watch for more schedule details as the dates approach. Registration will be on-site at each showcase -- there is no pre-registration. A recording will be made for those unable to attend.

If you have questions, please email Kelly Stern, Youth Services Subdivision Chair, at kellymstern@gmail.com.

▪ **2018 Summer Library Program Manuals:** The State Library will be providing 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.

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.

▪ Check out the **Book Release Calendar** at <http://mrschureads.blogspot.com/2012/01/book-release-calendar.html> to keep up on the latest children's books.



▪ Future Summer Library Program Themes:

- 2018: Theme/Music; Slogan/"Libraries Rock"; Artist/Brian Pinkney
- 2019: Theme/Space; Slogan/"A Universe of Stories" Artist/Leeza Hernandez
- 2020: Theme/Fairytales, Mythology, Fantasy; Artist/LeUyen Pham

▪ The "**Let's Move in Libraries**" website at <http://www.letsmoveinlibraries.org/> offers ideas for movement-based programs for all ages. Just look under "Resources" for the age group you are working with. Many Iowa libraries have added their programs to the Map section, too!

▪ **Easy Sunshine Shadow Activity:** <http://premeditatedleftovers.com/naturally-frugal-mom/letter-s-activity-sunshine-shadows-tracing/>

▪ September 15 is **International Dot Day!** See <http://www.thedotclub.org/dotday/> for more information.

▪ **Corner Bookmarks How To and Designs:** <http://www.redtedart.com/corner-bookmarks-designs/>

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