

The YAC

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

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January 2012



Upcoming Events:

January 12 - ISLOC [Iowa Small Libraries Online Conference] (see notes below!)

January 20 - "Show and Tell" at Fort Dodge Public Library*

January 21 - "Show and Tell" at Washington Public Library *

February 22 - Youth Services Roundtable Online (watch for registration)

March 4-10 - Teen Tech Week - see <http://teentechweek.ning.com/>. *Geek Out @ your library!*

April 6-12 -- National Library Week

*see the Iowa Library Services CE Catalog for details, registration and even more CE opportunities:

[\(http://www.statelibraryofiowa.org/cgi-bin/cecat/\)](http://www.statelibraryofiowa.org/cgi-bin/cecat/).

Occasions for Special Displays/Short Programs in January:

3 - Birthday of J. R. R. Tolkien

4 - Birthday of Phyllis Reynolds Naylor

6 - Birthday of Sherlock Holmes

15 - Birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr. (officially celebrated on the 16th in 2012)

17 - Birthday of Robert Cormier

19 - Birthday of Edgar Allan Poe & Pat Mora

20 - Basketball was first played in 1892 in Springfield, MA

27 - TV was first publicly displayed in Scotland in 1926



ISLOC sessions of special interest to youth services staff

Join your colleagues from the comfort of your home or office for the Iowa Small Libraries Online Conference 2012 on January 12! The conference theme this year is "The CRUX of the Matter: **C**reating User **eX**periences That Matter." Of special interest to youth services staff:

"Cheap and Cool: Engaging Teens on a Shoestring" (Panel, moderated by Jennie Garner)

"Teen Spaces, Places and Faces: Creating a Teen-Friendly Environment at Your Library" (Panel, moderated by Maryann Mori)

"Welcoming Spaces for Children" (Panel, Moderated by Sarah Willeford)

Registration and additional details are available at <http://www.statelibraryofiowa.org/ld/c-d/continuing-ed/isloc>.

Statewide Youth Services Roundtable in February

Iowa Library Services will be holding a state-wide online Youth Services Roundtable on Wednesday, February 22, from 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. One hour of this two-hour session will be a continuing education unit on advocacy-both for your library in your community, and internally with other staff, about youth services.



The second hour will be a state-wide sharing session on programming ideas.

Watch for registration in the CE Catalog!

Teen Tech Week is coming March 4-10!

The theme is "GEEK OUT @ your library." See the YALSA website at <http://teentechweek.ning.com/> for some ideas. Your District Office can provide die cut lettering so that you can create a bulletin board with the theme.

YA Books for Adults

If your New Year's resolutions included reading some recent young adult literature, *Library Journal* has recommendations that adult readers will enjoy. Here is their list: *Chime* by Frannie Billingsley; *Bootleg: Murder, Moonshine, and the Lawless Years of Prohibition* by Karen Blumenthal; *Beauty Queens* by Libba Bray; *Dead End in Norvelt* by Jack Gantos; *The Piper's Son* by Melina Marchetta; *A Monster Calls: Inspired by an Idea from Siobhan Dowd* by Patrick Ness; *An Exploded Diagram* by Mal Peet; *Jasper Jones* by Craig Silvey; and *Daughter of Smoke and Bone* by Laini Taylor.

Die Cut Service

Die cuts are shapes, letters and numbers cut from pieces of cardstock or construction paper using a die cut machine. They can be used for library programs, bookmarks, bulletin boards and more. If you are interested in ordering die cuts, contact the Library Resources Technician at your District Office (see <http://www.statelibraryofiowa.org/ld/c-d/do>).

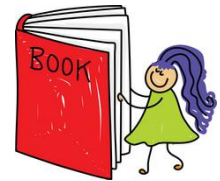
The list of die cuts available can be found at <http://www.statelibraryofiowa.org/ld/c-d/diecuts>.



Currently, we are featuring a bulletin board set with the letters "Read with Someone You LOVE" and assorted hearts in red and pink. You might also order some heart shapes for February craft projects or some heart bookmarks to give out on Valentine's Day.

Building Vocabulary:

Every now and then, we like to review one of the six Early Literacy Skills to include in library storytime programs. "Vocabulary," as we all know, means knowing the specific names of things. In a recent webinar about information literacy, Maryann Mori reminded me of a simple way to include **vocabulary** skill building: introducing the parts and features of a book. Just mentioning the *cover*, the *spine*, the *author*, the *artist* and the *illustrations* may introduce terms that are new to preschoolers. Repeat these terms often as you handle the books you are reading to your storytime patrons!



Teen Video Challenge

Iowa teens between the ages of 13 and 18 can participate in the 2012 Teen Video Challenge!

Teens create a video promoting summer reading at the public library, with their unique interpretation of the 2012 CSLP teen slogan "Own the Night." Participants are eligible to win \$275 and a \$150 award for their library. One winning video created by a teen or group of teens will be selected as the Iowa State Winner in the national Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP) "2012 Teen Video Challenge." All state winning videos will be official 2012 CSLP promotional videos and will be viewed by teens nationwide.

Get the Entry Form, the Model Release Form, and Teen Video Challenge Resources from the Iowa Library Services website at

<http://www.statelibraryofiowa.org/ld/t-z/youthservices/teen-video-challenge-2012>

The instructions and rules are provided on the entry form. Note that entry forms must be mailed to Merri Monks by March 5th.



Sites to See:

"Libraries Make Room for High-Tech 'Hackerspaces'" --

<http://www.npr.org/2011/12/10/143401182/libraries-make-room-for-high-tech-hackerspaces>.

Including the YouTube video http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HCXIJ36x-q0&feature=player_embedded#!.

Booklist Webinar -- "Young Love: YA Romances for Guys and Girls" at http://ala-publishing.informz.net/ala-publishing/archives/archive_200815.html. (Note: that date should be **January 10!**)

The "I Have a Dream" speech by Martin Luther King, Jr. at

<http://www.americanrhetoric.com/speeches/mlkihaveadream.htm> or

<http://abcnews.go.com/Politics/martin-luther-kings-speech-dream-full-text/story?id=14358231#.TvOtmWsUtnI>.

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