

# The YAC

*A Newsletter for Iowa Library Staff Who Work with Youth and Children  
Brought to You by Iowa Library Services*



## Upcoming Events:

February 22 - Youth Services Roundtable: Advocacy for Youth Services Librarians -- Online \*

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.statelibraryofiaowa.org/cgi-bin/cecat/>).

## Occasions for Special Displays/Short Programs in February:

- 2 - Ground Hog Day.
- 6 - B-day of Babe Ruth.
- 7 - The Beatles made their first appearance on the Ed Sullivan Show in 1964; Charles Dickens B-day; Laura Ingalls Wilder B-day.
- 9 - U.S. Weather Bureau established in 1870. Weather-related materials could be combined with Ground Hog Day items for a month-long display. Include some old weather adages like those found at <http://tww.id.au/wea/forecast.html> or <http://www.cmos.ca/weatherlore.html>.
- 12 - B-day of Abraham Lincoln
- 14 - Valentine's Day
- 15 - B-day of Galileo
- 20 - President's Day
- 29 - Leap Year! Display something about calendars (Gregorian calendar named for Pope Gregory XIII was introduced in 1582; Jewish calendar (<http://www.hebcal.com/>); Chinese zodiac; end of the Mayan calendar in 2012, etc.).



## Featured Youth Services Librarian - Ted Anderson of Glenwood Public Library:

I asked Ted Anderson to share a bit about himself so that we could all "get to know" him and his ideas about working with youth. I hope that many of you caught Ted's contribution to the panel on teen spaces at the ISLOC conference!

"I was born and raised in Minneapolis, so I grew up with a great library system. I got my English degree from the University of Chicago in 2007, and finished my Master's in Library & Information Science from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, this past December (2010). Being Glenwood's Youth Services Librarian is my first library job, and it's been a doozy so far! As with a lot of other small towns, the library is the first thing on the chopping block when funds are tight, so I've got plenty of ideas and enthusiasm, but almost no resources. But the community loves us--and the teens are excited to have a youth librarian who owns an Xbox, watches anime, and loves comics!--so we've got plenty of support. The next few years are going to be very interesting for the Glenwood Public Library and 'Mister Ted' (my professional name, you understand).

(Interesting note: I'm pretty sure that, since the Glenwood library was formed in 1907, I am its very first male employee!)"

> *What is your favorite picture book?*

"That's a tough question. I'm a big fan of Chris Monroe's *Monkey With a Tool Belt*, partly because she's a local Minneapolis artist, partly because it's just so lovably ridiculous. *How My Parents Learned to Eat* was a childhood favorite of mine. And Shaun Tan's *The Arrival* is great, though it's really more of a graphic novel without words. But in the end, I think *Space Case* by Edward and James Marshall is probably my all-time favorite picture book, or at least what I think is the funniest."

> *Do you read YA literature? What is your current YA recommendation?*

"Absolutely! I'm a big fan of the YA stuff--I get lots of teens at my library, so I have to keep up with them. The *Hunger Games* are definitely high on my list (but I haven't finished them, so no spoilers!). *The Book Thief* was an amazing read, though it was hard to get through. We just got Amy Lynn Reed's *Clean*, which is about a group of teenagers in a rehab facility, told in the form of interview transcripts and writing assignments--again, it was hard to get through, but a fantastic piece of literature. And like a lot of libraries, we're trying to build our graphic novel collection, particularly shojo (girls') manga--I highly recommend series like *Ouran High School Host Club*, *Honey & Clover*, and *Here is Greenwood*."

> *Have you read the Twilight series?*

"The first two, and I've seen the first movie. I was actually interested in them for quite some

time, only because people had been talking about how terrible they were, but that wasn't enough of a reason for me to read them. But in my master's program, I took a class on modern YA lit and *Twilight* was one of the assigned books, so I finally had an excuse to see if they were as terrible as everyone said! (And yes, if you're curious: they *are* that bad.)"

> *What programs do you have planned for the near future?*

"I've got a group of teens for fundraising, occasional book discussions, recommendations, and so forth--we're called the Library-Using Really Cool Honchos, or LURCH. I'll be starting a "screen club"--for anime, movies, live-actions series and so forth--later this month. We don't have much of a "teen area," so I'm trying to start a blog where the teens can share opinions and recommendations in a "virtual" space, but that's been slow going. Maybe during Teen Tech Week I'll promote it more heavily."

> *What has been your favorite youth program (that you planned or participated in)?*

"I haven't done very much programming--this is my first library job, actually! So I guess I'll have to say my LURCH group. I've gotten a bunch of cool kids who would never normally hang out at the library--all those old ladies who tell you to be quiet!--to come together and talk about the books, movies, video games, and anime they love. It's really encouraging!"

### Featured Die Cuts for Spring:



The District Offices have shamrock bookmarks, shamrock shapes, recycle symbols for Earth Day, lamb, eggs, rabbits, duck, rain drops, butterfly shapes and butterfly bookmarks. The complete list is available at

<http://www.statelibraryofiowa.org/ld/c-d/diecuts>. Contact your District Office

to request any die cut items. Please plan ahead and order early!

### Teen Tech Week:

Teen Tech Week is coming up on March 4-10. See the website at <http://teentechweek.ning.com/> for ideas. Create a "GEEK OUT @ your library" bulletin board with die cut letters: contact your district office to request letters ("GEEK" in 5 inch blue and white; "OUT" in 5 inch blue; "at your library" in 3 inch blue - similar to the website logo), then add your own photos or clip art. You may wish to talk with teens about safe use of social media.

See <http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/edu/pubs/consumer/tech/tec14.shtm> or

<http://www.microsoft.com/security/online-privacy/social-networking.aspx>

for tips to share.





## Zoo Passes!

If you would like to order zoo passes for next summer, please contact Doreen Buls, Library Resource Technician at the Central District Office either by phone or email. The phone number is (866)-642-7917; email is [doreen.buls@lib.state.ia.us](mailto:doreen.buls@lib.state.ia.us). In your email please give your name, your library name and the number of passes you want.

Thank you, Doreen, for handling the zoo passes!

## Odds & Ends:

- Walter Dean Myers has been named the **new National Ambassador for Young People's Literature** by the Library of Congress. Listen to an interview at <http://www.readingrockets.org/books/interviews/myersw/>. You might also want to check out Myers' "Second Chance Initiative" at [http://www.adlit.org/second\\_chances/](http://www.adlit.org/second_chances/). Possible book discussion?
- YARN** (Young Adult Review Network) at <http://www.yareview.net/> is an online literary journal that publishes short fiction, poetry and essays for Young Adults.
- The **unRequired Reading** website at <http://un-requiredreading.com/> (Hyperion/Disney) offers book trailers and your YA may want to enter the create-your-own-cover contest (deadline February 20). Thanks to Shannon at Evansdale for posting this to the iowalib list!
- Interesting **article from *School Library Journal*** -- "No Difference Between Kids' Comprehension of Ebooks, Print Books, Study Says" at [http://www.schoollibraryjournal.com/slj/home/893368-312/no\\_difference\\_between\\_kids\\_comprehension.html.csp](http://www.schoollibraryjournal.com/slj/home/893368-312/no_difference_between_kids_comprehension.html.csp) . [Recommended by Maryann Mori of the Central District office.
- PLA is presenting "**Every Child Ready to Read**" **training webinars** on Thursdays February 16, March 8 and April 12. There is a fee for the webinar. Details are here: <http://www.ala.org/alsc/every-child-ready-read%E2%80%94new-conversations-research-relationships-and-partnerships> .
- The Iowa Small Libraries Online Conference (**ISLOC**) included some great presentations related to youth services - teen spaces, teen program ideas, book trailers, animals in the library and more! You will find recordings of the sessions at <http://www.statelibraryofiowa.org/ld/c-d/continuing-ed/isloc/islocresources>.

·Just a reminder . . . **Wordless books** can be a great way to build "Narrative Skills" (the ability to tell stories or recount events). Colorín Colorado has a handy list that you might want to add to your collection at <http://www.colorincolorado.org/read/forkids/wordless/>.

·Check out the newly-announced **Youth Media Award** winners -- including the Caldecott, Newbery and Printz at <http://americanlibrariesmagazine.org/news/ala/american-library-association-announces-2012-youth-media-award-winners>. Below is a photo taken by Merri Monks of Iowa Library Services who attended the ceremony in Dallas.



·Start planning for your **Summer Library Program** by reviewing materials from the fall workshops with Jerri Heid and Val Donnell of Ames Public Library posted at <http://www.statelibraryofia.org/ld/t-z/youthservices/slp/2012-Collaborative-Summer-Library-Program>.



*The YAC Newsletter is distributed through the ys\_talk email list. To subscribe, go to <http://lists.silo.lib.ia.us/mailman/listinfo> and click on the list you would like to subscribe to. If you need detailed instructions, they are available online: <http://www.statelibraryofia.org/ld/q-s/silo/lists/subscribers/subscribe>.*