

# The YAC

*A Newsletter for Iowa Library Staff Who Work with Youth and Children  
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## April 2012

### Upcoming Events:

April is Poetry Month

April 8-14 -- National Library Week

April 12 - Support Teen Literature Day

April 12 - D.E.A.R. (Drop Everything And Read) Day (see <http://dropeverythingandread.com/>)

April 22 - Earth Day

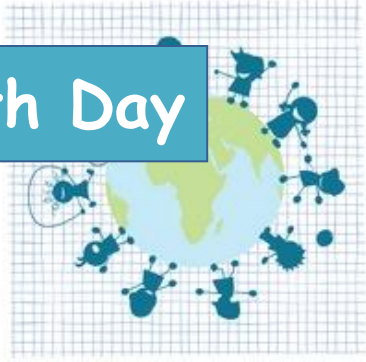
May 7-13 -- Children's Book Week (see <http://www.bookweekonline.com/>)

\*see the Iowa Library Services CE Catalog for details, registration and even more CE opportunities: (<http://www.statelibraryofiowa.org/cgi-bin/cecat/>).

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

- 6 - Graeme Base's Birthday
- 12 - Beverly Cleary's Birthday
- 14 - Webster's Dictionary first published in 1828 (Play the dictionary game: find unusual words and make up false definitions; read these made-up definitions along with the correct one and have participants guess which is the true meaning. Game might be played in teams.)
- 23 - First motion picture shown in public in 1896
- 24 - Library of Congress established in 1800

# Earth Day



Earth Day has been observed on **April 22<sup>nd</sup>** since 1970. Libraries can encourage awareness of "green" issues by displaying books, pamphlets and websites that patrons can use to find more information. You will still find some suggested activities and printable bookmarks (in Word format so that you can edit them) on the old SWILSA website at [http://www.swilsa.lib.ia.us/holidays\\_events/EarthDay.htm](http://www.swilsa.lib.ia.us/holidays_events/EarthDay.htm).

More ideas/resources:

Go to Pinterest (pinterest.com) and search for "earth day."

Get started on your "kitchen owls" ("library owls"??) -- see <http://findmakedo.blogspot.com/2010/08/focus-on-art.html> -- to use as decorations for the summer library program.

## Summer Library Program Links:

Owl Poems - useful for summer storyhours: Go to <http://www.readinglady.com/> and search for "owl poems."

A mandala with stars for "advanced" coloring:  
<http://www.coloringcastle.com/pdfs/mandalas/mandala-07.pdf>

Starry Night craft:  
<http://www.education.com/activity/article/van-goghs-starry-night/>



## National Library Week:

"The Library is a great place to get together with your peeps" - borrow this display idea as a YA project: <http://www.sullivanfreelibrary.org/NationalLibraryWeek2009Peeps.html>.

For "Support Teen Literature Day" on the 12<sup>th</sup>, you might post a list of recent Michael L. Printz award winners from the YALSA website at <http://www.ala.org/yalsa/printz>. (Or make simple bookmarks!)

**Williamsburg Public Library** held their open house on Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup>. Young patrons enjoyed the new furniture in the Children's area and some balloon creations.



### **Money Smart Week -- April 21-28:**

The student poster contest for grades 2-6 is still open! Entries are DUE APRIL 21!

Students should use an 11" x 17" paper to illustrate the theme "There's a lot to know about money. What should you know now?"

See the flyer about the contest at this link:

[http://www.chicagofed.org/digital\\_assets/others/education/msw/kid\\_ambassador/iowa\\_poster\\_contest.pdf](http://www.chicagofed.org/digital_assets/others/education/msw/kid_ambassador/iowa_poster_contest.pdf)

Additional information about Money Smart Week (including posters, postcards and flyers) is available online at

<http://focusonfinancialed.com/2012/02/03/help-find-the-2012-money-smart-kid/>

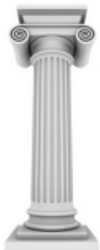
You may also want to visit [www.moneysmartweek.org/iowa](http://www.moneysmartweek.org/iowa) .

[Thanks to Maryann Mori, Central District Office, for sharing this information.]

### **Celebrate Poetry Month:**

A few links to use for poetry-related displays and activities --

- National Poetry Month from Scholastic --  
[http://teacher.scholastic.com/lessonrepro/k\\_2theme/poetry.htm](http://teacher.scholastic.com/lessonrepro/k_2theme/poetry.htm)
- <http://www.librifoundation.org/bks-apr.html#DAY24> - list of poetry books by the Libri Foundation
- Haiku Straw Painting -- <http://www.kinderart.com/across/haikustrawpainting.shtml>
- Poetry Pebbles activity -- <http://www.kinderart.com/across/poetry.shtml>
- Giggle Poetry -- <http://www.gigglepoetry.com/>
- Kristine O'Connell George's website -- <http://www.kristinegeorge.com/>
- April 26, 2012 is designated as "Poem In Your Pocket Day" for 2012 -- encouraging everyone to make a copy of a poem to carry in their pocket and re-read throughout the day.



### **April is Also Architecture Month!**

Architecture Month is sponsored by the Iowa Chapter of the American Institute of Architects (<http://www.aiaiowa.org>).

The history of architecture would make an interesting display for your youth area. Find pictures of famous buildings such as the Great Pyramids, Parthenon, Taj Mahal, Eiffel Tower, Tower of London, Guggenheim, Chrysler building, Sydney Opera House, and Leaning Tower of Pisa. Books like *13 Buildings Children Should Know*, *Steven Caney's Ultimate Building Book* and *Buildings in Disguise: Architecture That Looks Like Animals, Food, and Other Things* would be perfect for display.

Kids might be interested in the Canstruction competition photos posted at <http://www.aiaiowa.org/displaycommon.cfm?an=1&subarticlenbr=130> (look for the red photo gallery links). You might even sponsor a canned food drive and see what your young adult group can do to arrange them creatively! [If the thought of falling cans is worrisome, keep your display low and cut paper circles for the tops of cans to create patterns!]

## El día de los niños/El día de los libros

El día de los niños/El día de los libros (Children's Day/Book Day), is a celebration of children, families, and reading observed every year on (or around) April 30th. The website at <http://dia.ala.org/> has lots of resources including webinars, activity sheets and a printable brochure with book list.

This is a good time for libraries to feature bilingual books and materials for children and to host family literacy events. You might host a bilingual storyteller, do Latin American crafts, invite a group of Latin dancers, or sample international foods.



Washington Learning Systems at <http://www.wlearning.com/> offers many printable resources in several languages including Spanish. Many of these are ideal for distributing to parents/caregivers.

Other useful sites: The National Latino Children's Institute -- <http://www.nlci.org/El-Dia-de-Los-Ninos.html>; Spanish Language Activity Pages -- <http://www.enchantedlearning.com/themes/spanish.shtml>; songs, rhymes and fingerplays - <https://www.tsl.state.tx.us/ld/projects/ninos/songsrhymes.html>; ¡Colorín Colorado! -- <http://www.colorincolorado.org/>; monthly activity calendars from Reading is Fundamental -- <http://www.rif.org/us/literacy-resources/activities/monthly-activity-calendars.htm>; a printable children's version of the Lotería game -- <http://www.enchantedlearning.com/lotto/>.

### Youth Services Roundtables - coming to a site near you!

Join your colleagues from around the State on April 25<sup>th</sup> as we re-energize for the summer library program. This CE event will begin with an ICN presentation by Jerri Heid and Val Donnell who did the Summer Library Program workshop last Fall. After lunch, there will be time for roundtable discussion of summer program plans and concerns.

Register in the CE Catalog at <http://www.statelibraryofiowa.org/cgi-bin/cecat/>.



## Odds & Ends:

- **North Liberty Community Library Shares Spring break Ideas -**  
Along with doing a Legos program and showing a movie during Spring Break we also had a One week, One Book program. If the kids read one book during the week of Spring Break they could come in on Friday and get a dish of ice cream as a reward.  
  
~Dee Crowner, Library Director, North Liberty Community Library
- **Summer Reading Program Ideas -**  
An e-mail went out requesting ideas for the summer reading program (outside of those shared in the notebook and at the workshop). If you would like to see the list of ideas go to:  
<http://www.statelibraryofiowa.org/ld/t-z/youthservices/slp/2012ideas>  
**Please continue to send ideas so we can add to the list!**
- **We Would Like to Welcome the Following New Youth Services Staff -**  
Vickie Pasicznyuk, Children's Services Coordinator, Iowa City Public Library, 03/26/12. Vickie has worked with children and teens in Texas and Colorado before moving to Iowa when her husband, Bob Pasicznyuk, was hired as the director of the Cedar Rapids Public Library. Since moving to Iowa Vickie has worked at the Ely Public Library and Kirkwood Community College. We look forward to working with Vickie. Her Iowa City email will be: [Vickie-Pasicznyuk@icpl.org](mailto:Vickie-Pasicznyuk@icpl.org)  
  
~Susan Craig, Library Director, Iowa City Public Library

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