

The YAC

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

Upcoming Events:

September - **Library Card Sign-Up Month**

September 30 - October 6 - **Banned Books Week**

October 7-13 - **Fire Prevention Week** (www.nfpa.org)

October 14-20 - **Teen Read Week**

October 16 -26 - **Summer Library Program Workshops**

January 18, 2013 (Johnston Public Library) and Saturday, January 19, 2013 (Waterloo Public Library) - **Performers' Showcases**

April 29-30, 2013 - Kids First, Des Moines

Occasions for Special Displays/Program Themes to Plan for in October:

14 - Lois Lensky's Birthday

15 - National Grouch Day

16 - Dictionary Day

21 - Ursula K. Le Guin's Birthday (<http://www.ursulaklequin.com/>) & "Count Your Buttons" Day (according to Hallmark)

24 - United Nations Day

27 - Teddy Bear Day (in honor of Teddy Roosevelt's birthday)

30 - National Candy Corn Day



Planning for Halloween:

Recycled crafts : <http://www.thecraftycrow.net/2010/10/13-recycled-halloween-crafts.html>

Fancy pipe cleaner spiders: <http://www.sheknows.com/holidays-and-seasons/articles/811320/halloween-craft-ideas-for-kids>

Día de los Muertos coloring pages (calaveras/skulls):
http://www.coloringcastle.com/diadelosmuertos_coloring_pages.html

More Day of the Dead crafts: <http://www.azcentral.com/ent/dead/articles/dead-crafts.html>

More Halloween coloring pages (including some scary mandalas):
<http://www.woojr.com/halloween/>. Scroll down for some printable masks (I think that printable masks and pumpkin carving patterns make quick and easy decorations!) and other Halloween ideas.

Organize teens to do a Poe-etry reading. Pick a few poems by Edgar Allan Poe [see http://www.poetryloverspage.com/poets/poe/poe_ind.html] to read aloud (the more dramatic, the better!).

Organize a "reverse trick-or-treat" event to collect food for a local food pantry or hats and mittens for a charity that distributes them to those in need.

You will find a preschool storytime program "kit" for Halloween on the Iowa Library Services website at <http://www.statelibraryofiowa.org/ld/t-z/youthservices/early-child-lit/earlyliteracyinlibraries/earlyliteracy>. This "kit" includes rhymes, flannel board artwork, take-home sheets and coloring pages.

Featured Die Cut Shapes for Fall and Back-to-School:

The following shapes are available through your District Office for bulletin boards, name tags, etc.:

- Apples - 4" and 1" sizes
- Crayons - 5"
- Bookmarks: Pencil, ghost, award (like a blue ribbon from the Fair)

- Autumn leaves: birch, maple and oak
- Backpack - 5"
- Bat
- School bus
- School house
- Pilgrim man and woman
- Witch
- Turkey

Contact your District Office and we will arrange to cut what you need.

Iowa Libraries Dreaming Big:

• Marion Public Library had a very successful Star Wars Party in June. As kids arrived they went through "Jedi Trials" to become a Jedi Knight. To succeed, they had to use a lightsaber (pool noodle) to keep a balloon afloat; jump across "lava;" use chopsticks to pick up small objects; complete a Star Wars word-search; and make a craft. As a reward, they were served yummy snacks like Wookie Cookies, Chewy Bars, and Jedi Juice. Finally, they had a chance to destroy the Death Star (a homemade piñata).



Here is a link to the complete facebook album:

<http://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.10151856023115858.870295.253002540857&type=3>

~from Olivia Stoner, MLS, Children's Services Coordinator, Marion Public Library

Odds & Ends

• **65 Favorite Read-Aloud Books for Boys** - compiled by the mother of quadruplets -- <http://www.4tunate.net/2012/05/65-favorite-read-aloud-books-for-boys-readers-choice/>.

•James Patterson's **READKIDDOREAD** website at <http://www.readkiddoread.com/home/> offers book suggestions and tips for parents. ~Thanks to Becky Heil at the Southeast District Office for this tip.

•Celebrate "Talk Like a Pirate" Day on September 19th with some high seas tales like *How I Became a Pirate* by Melinda Long, *Shiver Me Letters* by June Sobel, or *Do Pirates Take Baths?* by Nadine Bernard Westcott. Learn to draw a cartoon pirate at <http://www.how-to-draw-funny-cartoons.com/cartoon-pirates.html> or make newspaper pirate hats at <http://www.busybeekidscrafts.com/Newspaper-Pirate-Hat.html>. Your District Offices have die cut pirates, treasure chests, sailing ships, and skull & crossbones.

•The **Sioux Center Public Library** is inviting all area Children's Librarians to come for a morning of sharing on Tuesday, **August 21** at 10 am at the Sioux Center Public Library. This will be a time when Children's Librarians can meet and share successes from the summer, ideas for the fall, and more! Send RSVP's or topic ideas to Judy Dirkse at jdirkse@siouxcenter.lib.ia.us. (CE credits may be requested through Iowa Library Services.) Contact Becky Bilby, Director, Sioux Center Public Library at 712-722-2138 with questions.



•The Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA) is initiating a new **Badges for Lifelong Learning** project. A core function of YALSA is to provide continuing education to librarians and library workers serving teens. Badges for Learning will increase YALSA's capacity to deliver professional development and extend its reach so that more librarians and library workers have not only the skills and knowledge they need but gain recognition for the new competencies, capacities and skills they are developing in a nontraditional setting.

To learn more about YALSA's Badges for Lifelong Learning, you can listen to a short (5 minutes) interview conducted by Linda Braun (former YALSA president and coordinator of the project) with Jack Martin, current YALSA president, at:

<http://yalsa.ala.org/blog/2012/07/03/badges-meets-connect-create-collaborate/>

In addition to the interview, there is also a link to a short survey at this webpage, and links to learn more about YALSA's Badge project and about badges in education.

~Merri M. Monks, Iowa Library Services/State Library, Youth Services Consultant

•Build-A-Bear Workshop Literacy and Education **grant applications** are due August 31st. These grants may be used for summer library programs. For more information, see <http://www.buildabear.com/shopping/contents/content.jsp?catId=400002&id=700010>.

•**If you liked *The Hunger Games*** The Lawrence (Kansas) Public Library has put together a chart to help teens select another book when they finish the *Hunger Games* series. See <http://www.lawrence.lib.ks.us/wp-content/uploads/2012/07/DYSTOPIANFLOWCHART.pdf>. ~Thanks to Shannon Jensen at Evansdale Public Library for this suggestion.

WEBINARS

•The archive of the webinar "Grant Writing for Libraries Serving Children" is now available at http://www.webjunction.org/events/webjunction/Grant_Writing_for_Libraries_Serving_Children.html.

•Make Plans for Teen Read Week! Get some fresh ideas by attending the webinar offered by Colorado State Library on August 15 from 1:30-2:30 pm.

For more information visit: <http://cslinsession.cvlites.org/>

CRAFTS

•59 Hand & Foot Print Art Projects --

<http://www.creatingreallyawesomefreethings.com/59-hand-foot-print-art-projects/>.

Hand and footprints turn into great summer craft projects. This site will give you ideas for adapting them to fit a variety of themes.



•Need some craft inspiration? Check out the Tot School Tumblr archive at <http://totschool.tumblr.com/archive>. Lots of ideas!

•Read a BOOK, then do a CRAFT - 14 crafts just made to go with selected picture books at <http://www.littlefamilyfun.com/2012/04/book-craft.html>.