

The YAC

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



July 2013

Upcoming Events:

July 8 - Google's Virtual Summer Camp/Maker Camp begins

(<http://www.makezine.com/go/makercamp>)

July 24 - *School Library Journal's* online Summerteen Conference

(<http://tinyurl.com/pwd7ehk>)

September is Library Card Sign-Up Month

(<http://www.ala.org/conferencesevents/celebrationweeks/card>)

September 19-22 - Story! Festival in Story City

September 22-28 - Banned Books Week

(<http://www.ala.org/advocacy/banned/bannedbooksweek>)

October 13-19 - Teen Read Week (<http://teenreadweek.ning.com/>)

October 29 through November 7 - Summer Library Program workshops

November is Picture Book Month (<http://picturebookmonth.com/>)

November 16 - International Games Day (<http://ngd.ala.org/>)

*See the Continuing Education Catalog at <http://www.statelibraryofiowa.org/cgi-bin/cecat/> for registration information.

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

- September is Hispanic Heritage Month
- 8 - Birthday of Jack Prelutsky and Jon Scieszka; Grandparents' Day
- 15 - Birthday of Tomie dePaola
- 19 - Talk Like a Pirate Day
- 25 - Birthday of Shel Silverstein

Iowa Library Services Summer Library Program Fall Workshops:

Tuesday, October 29 -- **Atlantic:** Atlantic Community Center (Southwest District)

Wednesday, October 30 -- **Cherokee:** Western Iowa Tech Community College (Northwest District)

Thursday, October 31 -- **Mason City:** Music Man Square (North Central District)

Tuesday, November 5 -- **Waterloo:** Waterloo Center for the Arts (Northeast District)

Wednesday, November 6 -- **Burlington:** Burlington Public Library (Southeast District)

Thursday, November 7 -- **Urbandale:** Urbandale Public Library (Central District)

Save the date for the workshop nearest you. Registration will open in the Iowa Library Services CE catalog in late August. Iowa Library Services will not be offering an ICN broadcast this year.

The presenters this fall will be Anna Hartmann, Teen Librarian at the Council Bluffs Public Library, and Sarah Day, Youth Services Librarian at the Alden Public Library.

Back to School Die Cuts

The die cut shapes for September/back-to-school include: crayon, crayon box, pencil bookmark, school bus, school house (old-fashioned), backpack, apples (large and tiny), letters, numbers, books (open and closed), globe with stand, and math symbols. Contact your District Office if you would like to order some of these shapes for your library.

Just a reminder: Each library is allowed 500 die cut shapes per fiscal year. The new year begins July 1st. You might want to look at the list of shapes at <http://www.statelibraryofiowa.org/ld/c-d/diecuts> to plan what you will need for the coming year. The bulletin board sets that we offer contain about 30-50 pieces.

Here is our new, simple set for Library Card Sign-Up Month in September:



Banned Books Week - September 22-28

Banned Books Week reminds us how important it is to have the freedom to read what we choose and to have free access to information. It is a good time to remind patrons that many of their favorite books have been banned or challenged. A display of banned and challenged books from your library collection demonstrates the library's commitment to provide a variety of materials -- with something for everyone.

Your teen group might enjoy helping with a display. They might use the resources below to investigate why certain books have been banned/challenged and label them accordingly.



Some online resources:

- The Banned Books Week website: <http://www.bannedbooksweek.org/>
- Lists of banned and challenged books: <http://www.ala.org/advocacy/banned/frequentlychallenged>
- Lawrence (Kansas) Public Library did a "Banned Books Week Trading Card Project" last year: <http://www.lawrence.com/photos/galleries/2012/sep/30/banned-books-week-trading-card-project/>
- The Pinterest board of Somers Library in Somers, New York, features the covers of many banned or challenged books: <http://pinterest.com/somerslibrary/banned-books-week/>
- YALSA offers advice for dealing with challenges to YA literature: <http://www.ala.org/yalsa/profdev/yachallenges>

Odds & Ends:

- **Digital Flannelboards:** <http://mrkenthelibrarian.wordpress.com/>
An idea for those who like to play with computer graphics!
- **Video Interviews with Top Young Adult Authors:** <http://www.adlit.org/authors/>
- **"Literacy in the Sciences":** http://www.readingrockets.org/extras/stem_series/
This article from Reading Rockets includes links to tip sheets for parents (to print and distribute), booklists, and more!

• **Widgets** for your web page from Reading Rockets:

<http://www.readingrockets.org/sharing/widgets/>

• Alison Gopnik, author of *The Philosophical Baby: What Children's Minds Tell Us About Truth, Love, and the Meaning of Life*, has demonstrated how babies know and can learn much more than we previously thought. Steven Colbert's interview of Dr. Gopnik is fun and informative. See:

<http://www.colbertnation.com/the-colbert-report-videos/251996/october-07-2009/alison-gopnik>

• Lots of **activity and craft ideas** for kids from Nurture Store: <http://nurturestore.co.uk/>. Some inspiration for story hours - or post some of these ideas for parents. Notice the science and math activities!

• An "Eric Carle" Pinterest page by Margaret Melton:

<http://pinterest.com/margaret6614/eric-carle/>. A great collection of crafts and activities to use with Eric Carle books.

• Remember that **LearningExpress** offers reading and math skills improvement materials for elementary and middle school students as well as for teens and adults. Remind parents of this great free resource! Do you have the LearningExpress logo on your website?

• *School Library Journal* **Summer Teen Webinar** - July 24 (10-4pm)

SummerTeen features popular YA authors talking about their writing and their newest titles. This presentation will cover the hottest trends in YA literature including mystery/thriller, historical fantasy, technology and diversity.

For more information and to register for this program, visit:

<http://www.slj.com/summerteen/program/>

• **Getting Ready for School**: A website for parents of preschoolers from the Department of Education: <http://www.gettingreadyforschool.com/>



In the next issue of the *YAC*, we will share ideas for Teen Read Week, Halloween and International Games Day!