

The YAC

*A Newsletter for Iowa Library Staff Who Work with Youth and Children
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October 2014

Upcoming Events:

October 12-18 - Teen Read Week

[<http://teenreadweek.ning.com>]

October 22-24 - Iowa Library Association Conference in Cedar Rapids

[<http://www.iowalibraryassociation.org/index.php/conference>]

October 28-November 5 - Summer Library Program Workshops around the State*

November is Picture Book Month

[<http://picturebookmonth.com/>]

November 14 & 15 - Performers' Showcases in Cedar Rapids and Carlisle*

November 15 - International Games Day

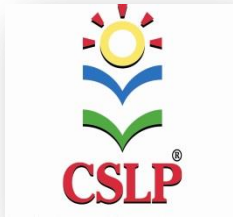
[<http://igd.ala.org/>]

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

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

- 1 - Birthday of Jan Brett
- 4 - National Cookie Day
- 5 - Birthday of Walt Disney
- 10 - Birthday of Melvil Dewey
- 16-24 - Hanukkah
- 26 - Kwanzaa begins
- 30 - Birthday of Mercer Mayer

Summer Library Program Workshops Coming Up:



Here is the schedule for the dates and locations of the Summer Library Program Workshops and the Performers' Showcases:

SOUTHWEST -- Tuesday, October 28 - Atlantic - Cass County Community Center

NORTHWEST -- Wednesday, October 29 - Cherokee - Northwest Iowa Technical College

NORTH CENTRAL - Thursday, October 30 - Mason City - Music Man Square

NORTHEAST - Tuesday, November 4 - Waterloo - Waterloo Center for the Arts (NOTE: This is the mid-term Election Day, so plan accordingly).

SOUTHEAST - Wednesday, November 5 - North Liberty - North Liberty Community Library

CENTRAL - Thursday, November 6 - Des Moines - Des Moines Area Community College, Southridge Mall

Performers' Showcases Scheduled:

The dates and locations for this year's Performers' Showcases are:

- Friday, November 14 - Cedar Rapids, Cedar Rapids Public Library
- Saturday, November 15 - Carlisle, Family Life Center



Merri will be video-recording the Performers' Showcases again this year. Continuing education credits will be given to people attending the live events, but for those unable to attend, the videos will again be available on YouTube following the Showcases for viewing, but not for CE credit.

Plan Now for Teen Tech Week:

Teen Tech Week always takes place during the second week in March. For 2015, the dates are **March 8 through 14**. The theme will be "Libraries are for Making." Watch for updates on the website at: <http://teentechweek.ning.com/>

Better Storytimes:

Turtle Talk - One way to build phonological awareness is to say selected words very, very slowly. After demonstrating, you might hold up a picture of a familiar item and ask the group to say the name of the item as a turtle would. This will help the children hear each individual sound more clearly and make sure that they are hearing every syllable that makes up a longer word. (You might substitute snails for turtles if you have a picture book or other materials that would tie in better.) As a craft, you might have children decorate the shell of a turtle cut-out. Die cut turtles are available from your District Office.

Holidays Ahead!

❄️ **Space-Saving Trees** - Here are a couple of ideas for two dimensional holiday trees from simple circles or triangle shapes. These might be done with children as a group art project. You can also make these trees any size that suits your library space. Start with our die cut shapes to make it easy. Your District Office can supply 4" triangles and assorted circles from 1" to 6". Then add stickers, rubber stamping, paper punching, glitter, or whatever you wish for decorating.



❄️ **Decorate your tree with books!** Create ornaments using pages from your weeded books or magazines. You can make a lot of ornaments with a single weeded book! For the ornament pictured, I used 8 strips (from a children's book) measuring 5" x 1/2". Simply punch small holes in each end and fasten with a brad. I added a decorative circle at each end.



Or, cut book and magazine pages into 4" squares, roll each square around a pencil on the diagonal. Secure the tip (end) with glue or tape. I pinched several in the center and fastened with a brad, but the possibilities are endless! You can glue them to a cardboard circle for a wreath, "fringe" the ends, etc.



Follow the links below to more suggestions for "altered book" ornaments.

- Miniature books: <http://www.marthastewart.com/341472/miniature-books>
- A simple version of the ornament pictured: <http://www.funezcrafts.com/Easy-Christmas-Crafts-Paper-Sphere-Ornament.html>
- Make standard paper-ring chains from weeded book pages or more complicated "gum-wrapper" chains as shown here: <http://artprojectsforkids.org/paper-chains-gum-wrapper-style/>

❄️ Snowflake masks (for older children): <http://www.colorbookmasks.com/snowflake-masks>

❄️ Print-and-color gift tags: <http://www.raggedyscrappin.com/fpdb/images/tags1.jpg>

❄️ Construction paper wreath tutorial:

<http://andrewrachelashmore.blogspot.com/2011/11/construction-paper-wreath-tutorial.html>

❄️ Greener Holidays: Encourage kids to think "natural and recycled" for the holidays. Examples include making natural decorations such as stringing cranberries or bird seed ornaments; giving no-waste gifts such as theater tickets and edibles; using recycled gift wrap made from old maps or newsprint; helping their family send e-mail greetings instead of paper cards. Below are links to a few ideas & instructions:

- Alternative Christmas Trees: <https://inspirationgreen.com/eco-christmas-trees.html>
- Bird Feeder Ornaments: <http://eighteen25.blogspot.com/2011/08/bird-feeders.html>
- Use **natural materials** for crafts. Of course, you can make pine cone ornaments and string popcorn, but you can also just remember to use materials that are natural, reuseable or recyclable. For example, use colored salt in place of glitter. (Combine 1/4 cup of salt with a 1/2 teaspoon of food coloring. Spread on a baking sheet and bake for 10 minutes at 350 degrees.)

- ❄️ Die cut shapes for decorating your library (contact your District Office): mitten, stars, snowflakes, gingerbread man & boy, candy cane, fir tree (4"), ice skate, ornament, snowman, Christmas light. (These are recyclable!) See the complete list: <http://www.statelibraryofiowa.org/ld/c-d/diecuts>

❄️ Have a favorite holiday activity or craft? Please share your ideas in the November issue of the YAC. Just email a summary or photos to: sue.gruber@lib.state.ia.us

Odds & Ends:



▪ The nominee list for the 2014-15 **Iowa Teen Awards** is now available: <http://www.iasl-ia.org/p/iowa-teen-award.html>

▪ The **2015 Bridge to Reading Picture Book Award** nominees are now on the Bridge to Reading website, at <http://www.bridgetoreading.com/>.

Please participate by reading these ten picture books in your story times and letting the children choose their favorite, tallying the children's votes prior to April 30, 2015 (voting procedures are explained on the website).



The Bridge to Reading Book Award is administered by the Youth Services Subdivision of the Iowa Library Association.

▪ The **pigeon is driving the bus** at Red Oak Public Library! They used a school bus cookie cutter, blue peeps and candy eyes. Thanks to Kathi Most for sharing this photo!

▪ Information about the "**Letters about Literature**" contest is found on the website: <http://read.gov/letters/>

High School entries must be postmarked by December 15!

▪ October Webinars:

- Tuesday, Oct. 7 (1-2 pm)

Beyond 3D Printers: Strategies for Makerspace Success (Booklist)

While digital fabrication tools can be a robust part of a library makerspace, they're not



the only options. From lanyards to laser cutters and crochet to coding, all kinds of crafts and skills are welcome in makerspaces. In this webinar Kristin Fontichiaro, clinical assistant professor at the University of Michigan School of Information, will discuss strategies to help create a maker culture in your library that welcomes and supports all patrons and their creations.

For more information and to register for this program, visit: <http://www.booklistonline.com/webinars>

- Wednesday, Oct. 15 (2-3 pm)

Books for Boys 2014 (School Library Journal).

For more information and to register for this program, visit: <http://www.slj.com/category/webcasts/>

- Thursday, Oct. 16 (1-2 pm)

Let's Read! New Books for the Newest Readers (Booklist)

An impressive array of picture books and early readers from Capstone Publishing, HarperCollins Children's Books, and Holiday House.

For more information and to register for this program, visit: <http://www.booklistonline.com/webinars>

- Thursday, Oct. 16 (2-3 pm)

Engaging the Reluctant Middle Grade Reader (School Library Journal)

A sneak peak at intriguing new books about life in prison, the mysteries of the Mawangdui tombs, and the fascinatingly gross side of science, from Charlesbridge and Darby Creek.

For more information and to register for this program, visit: <http://www.slj.com/category/webcasts/>

- Tuesday, Oct. 21 (1-2 pm)

Serving the Underserved: Children with Disabilities at Your Library (WebJunction)

All library communities serve patrons with special needs. Developing an awareness of and sensitivity to children with disabilities is crucial for providing top-notch library services. This webinar shares inspiring programming and innovative ideas for new services to target this special population. Learn about what online resources are available for staff to serve children with special needs more fully, and explore strategies to reevaluate and make new accommodations in existing youth programs for an inclusive audience.

For more information and to register for this program, visit: <http://www.webjunction.org/events/webjunction.html>

