

# The YAC

*A Newsletter for Iowa Library Staff Who Work with Youth and Children  
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## Upcoming Events:

August 13 - Summer Teen Virtual Conference

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

September is Library Card Sign-Up Month

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

September 15 - October 15 is Hispanic Heritage Month

September 30 is Banned Websites Awareness Day

<http://www.ala.org/aasl/advocacy/bwad>

September 27-October 3 is Banned Books Week

<http://www.bannedbooksweek.org/>

October 18-24 - Teen Read Week

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

November 21 - International Games Day

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

## Occasions for Special Displays/Program Themes in September:

- September is National Honey Month
- 8 - Birthday of John Scieszka and Jack Prelutsky
- 13 - Grandparents Day
- 15 - International Dot Day  
Named for the storybook by Peter H. Reynolds (<http://www.thedotclub.org/dotday/>)
- 17 - Constitution Day  
(<http://www.constitutionday.com/>)
- 19 - Talk Like a Pirate Day & Birthday of illustrator Arthur Rackham  
(search online for examples of his illustrations!)
- 25 - Birthday of Shel Silverstein



## Occasions for Special Displays/Program Themes in October:

- 4-10 - Fire Prevention Week  
(<http://www.nfpa.org/safety-information/fire-prevention-week>)
- 7 - Birthday of Sherman Alexie
- 14 - Bring Your Teddy Bear to Work and School (or Library?) Day & *Winnie-the-Pooh* was first published in 1926
- 21 - Apple Day
- 24 - Make a Difference Day  
(<http://makeadifferenceday.com/>)
- 30 - Frankenstein Day (Birthday of Mary Shelley)



## Kids First in Review - Part II

Here are a few more crafts from this year's Kids First Conference:

### INCHIES

Inchies are small (1 inch or 2 inch) squares decorated to fit a variety of themes. Glue several on a sheet of paper as a collage or glue them to a display board and a group project.

Cathy Van Maanen of Huxley Public Library shared this photo of a board she is using as passive programming this summer. Notice the variety of materials!



## GET IN SHAPE

Kids can create all sorts of artwork from basic shapes. This is especially easy if you have a handy source of scrap materials. Your District Office can provide many basic die cut shapes (triangles, circles, squares, ovals, etc.). See the complete list at <http://www.statelibraryofiowa.org/ld/c-d/diecuts>.



## CATERPILLAR BOOKLET



This is another all-purpose craft -- it can be expanded and adapted for various ages and purposes. Use it as a reading record, a mini-journal, or just an art project. All you need are uniform-size squares of paper (4" squares work well) and some glue sticks. Fold, assemble and decorate with stickers, markers, etc. This caterpillar example incorporates some weeded book pages as background for the poem "Dora Diller" by Jack Prelutsky. Find detailed folding instructions at <http://blog.creativekismet.com/2010/02/17/open-paper-bag-inspiration-booklet/>

## Better Storytimes - Expressive Reading

Expressive reading is one simple tool anyone can use to make storytimes more fun and meaningful. Good use of expression adds interest, helps convey the meaning of the words, and it models ways that caregivers might read aloud more effectively at home (and it makes it look fun!).



Volume, rhythm or timing, tone and pitch are the key components of expressive reading. As you read over the books you've picked for storytime, first pay attention to punctuation marks as guides to rhythm. Practice changing your tone of voice to emphasize the key parts of each sentence. Ask yourself if there are spots where you might slow down, speed up, shout, or

speak in a near-whisper to create a mood. Are there spots where a harsh tone might be used to show anger or frustration?

Expressive reading also includes using facial expressions, gestures and moving around. Don't be afraid to "over-act" a bit.

Listen to some professional actors reading aloud to children on the Storyline Online website at <http://www.storylineonline.net/> for good examples of expressive reading. You might share that link with caregivers, too. RIF provides some printable articles that encourage reading aloud to young children at <http://www.rif.org/us/literacy-resources/articles/reading-aloud.htm> -- you might provide some of these for caregivers, too.

Let's read it **once again, with feeling!**

## Odds & Ends

### SummerTeen Virtual Conference

School Library Journal is again offering SummerTeen, a free all-day online virtual conference on Thursday, August 13. The conference will offer sessions with YA authors and panel discussions on important teen issues. There will also be sessions for teen services staff on programming, organizing teen volunteers, and more. See the program and registration information at:

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

### September is "Library Card Sign-Up Month"

Snoopy is the Honorary Chair for the event. Sample press releases, free PSA's, and logos for your website are available at:

<http://www.ala.org/conferenceevents/celebrationwebsites/card> -- the largest logo would make a cute mini-poster for displays.



## Reader's Advisory Bookmarks Shared on Iowa Library Commons

Joy Stortvedt from Shenandoah Public Library recently posted several **teen reader's advisory bookmarks** on Iowa Library Commons. They are in Publisher format. Many of them relate to this summer's theme of heroes. You are invited to customize them by substituting books from your own collections.

Be sure to check out these and other shared materials for youth services on Iowa Library Commons by visiting the website at <http://commons.statelibraryofiowa.org/> and look under "Browse Subjects" for "Reader's Advisory" and "Children's Services."

And, while you are visiting Iowa Library Commons, think about what **you** might be able to share!

## Hero/Villain Matching Game

Vicki Christensen of the Anita Public Library had a great idea for a Summer Library Program game: Match superheroes and heroic characters with their nemeses! Below is a partial list. Add as many as you can think of from literature and movies. This might be a fun display theme as well!

- Thor/Loki
- Batman/Joker
- Wolverine/Magneto & Mystique
- Captain America/Red Skull
- Spiderman/Doc Ock
- Superman/Lex Luthor
- Fantastic Four/Doctor Doom
- Hansel & Gretel/Stepmother & Witch
- Jerry Mouse/Tom Cat
- 3 Billy Goats Gruff/Ugly Troll
- Bugs Bunny/Elmer Fudd (Hunter)
- The Lorax/The Once-lers
- 101 Dalmatians/Cruella Di Vil
- Luke Skywalker/Darth Vader
- Sleeping Beauty/Maleficent
- Little Red Riding Hood/Big Bad Wolf
- Snow White/Wicked Queen
- Cinderella/Wicked Stepmother
- Dorothy/Wicked Witch of the West
- Horton Hatches the Egg/Elephant Hunters
- 3 Little Pigs/Big Bad Wolf
- Rapunzel/Sorceress
- Jack-in-the-Beanstalk/The Giant

