The YAC

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





Upcoming Events:

- Teen Tech Week March 4-10
- Summer Library Program Roundtables March 6-29*
- International Women's Day March 8
 International Day of Awesomeness March 10

 Freedom of Information Day March 16
 Tolkien Reading Day March 25

 National Library Week April 8-14
 - also http://www.ilovelibraries.org/national-library-week
- "Libraries at the Table: The Campaign for Grade Level Reading" (webinar at 2:00 pm) -April 18*
- Money Smart Week April 21-28
- Children's Book Week April 30-May 6
- Children's Day/Book Day El día de los niños/El día de los libros (Día) April 30th.
- June is GLBT Book Month

^{*}See the Continuing Education Catalog at https://statelibraryofiowa.lmscheckout.com/Course/index for registration information.

Earth Day 2018 - April 22

On that first Earth Day on April 22, 1970, millions of Americans gathered to demonstrate for awareness of environmental issues. A major oil spill in Santa Barbara was the impetus for Senator Gaylord Nelson of Wisconsin to found the new

annual event.

Today Earth Day is a day to celebrate nature, clean up our environment, and educate young people about ecology. After 48 years of Earth Day celebrations, however, it may be difficult to come up with something "new" for your library displays or programs.



So, here are a few display or program themes you may not have tried:

- Our Pale Blue Dot
- Endangered Species
- "It's a Green Day Plant Something!"
- Adopt the Planet
- Restore the Earth
- Trash Bashers (recycling)
- The 3 R's: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

You might also try a narrower subject like "trees" as a focus for your Earth Day celebration. For example, you might use the Tree Benefit Calculator at http://www.treebenefits.com/calculator/ to determine the value of trees around your library or at a nearby park. Or, combining Earth Day and Poetry Month themes, you might create a poet-tree display: Draw a large tree shape on a bulletin board or set up a small holiday tree. Print short poems about nature or ecology to hang on the branches. Check Pinterest for examples.

Suggested Tree Books:

- Bertolt by Jacques Goldstyn
- Night Life of Trees
- Tree Lady by Joseph Hopkins
- Wangari's Trees of Peace by Jeanette Winter

- The Tree Suitcase by David Suzuki
- Miss Maple's Seeds by Eliza Wheeler
- Tap the Magic Tree by Christy Matheson
- The Family Tree by David McPhail
- A Tree is Nice by Janice May Udry
- The Giving Tree by Shel Silverstein
- Our Tree Named Steve by Alan Zweibel
- Luna & Me by Jenny Sue Kostecki-Shaw
- Planting the Trees of Kenya by Claire A. Nivola

Assorted Earth Day resources you may have missed:

- Official Earth Day Site: https://www.earthday.org/
- Iowa's Threatened and Endangered Species:
 http://www.iowadnr.gov/Conservation/Iowas-Wildlife/Threatened-and-Endangered
- Earth Day Themed Bookmarks from 3 Dinosaurs blog:
 http://www.3dinosaurs.com/wordpress/index.php/earth-day-themed-bookmarks/
- NASA's "Adopt the Planet" -- https://climate.nasa.gov/adopt-the-planet/#/
 (Hopefully this site will be updated soon for 2018!)
- Earth Day Mini-Posters from NASA -- https://science.nasa.gov/toolkits/earth-day-posters -- Watch for a 2018 addition to these cool printables!
- Printable Earth Day Infographic from NOAA -https://oceanservice.noaa.gov/ocean/earthday.html
- Earth Day Vocabulary Posters to illustrate frequently-used terms -https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B4OtVd-_h6yoNmhnOThkSDJPUVE/view

Summer Library Program Notes

I hope that many of you will be attending the Summer Library Program Round Table in your area:

- Green Hills AEA Council Bluffs on March 6
- Prairie Lakes AEA Pocahontas on March 7
- Urbandale Public Library on March 8
- Coralville Public Library on March 13
- Mason City Public Library on March 28
- Keystone AEA Elkader on March 29



Finding the CSLP Manuals:

- Go to the Collaborative Summer Library Program website at https://www.cslpreads.org/.
- Log in or create an account.
- When logged in, click on the "hamburger" menu in the upper right.
- Look for "Proprietary Downloads."
- [Use the "Shop" link to get to products and incentives from Demco.]
- Click on "Obtain 2018 Online Access Codes" in the green bar.
- Select Iowa as your state and complete the simple form. A code will be emailed to you.
- If you have your code, click on "2018 Online" in the green bar.

☐ In addition, here are just a few resources to add to your cache of ideas:

"Time Warp" music for teens: feature music from the past 50 years or so that kids may recognize from remakes, movies, or artists in the news. This website has suggestions for the 60s, 70s and 80s: http://wcbsfm.cbslocal.com/top-lists/20-songs-from-the-60s-that-your-kids-should-know-by-heart/

As a trivia game, play a clip from selected "time warp" songs and have participants supply the next line of the song (most will have to hum or sing to themselves to get the answers!).

Feature children's books based on popular songs.

See https://bookriot.com/2017/12/17/words-music-popular-songs-turned-childrens-books/ or https://www.pinterest.com/kenbrock/songs-made-into-picture-books-for-new-readers-chec/ for lists.

Music Mandala to color:

I searched through many coloring pages to find a free, quality example, and here is the best one: https://www.justcolor.net/coloring-mandalas/?image=mandalas_coloring-mandala-adults-mandala-music 1

Passive Program Idea: "Can you identify these classic record album covers?"

Print and display famous album covers with the artist/band name covered or cut off. [If you want to make it a contest, number the items and provide an answer sheet.] Here is one good source: https://www.billboard.com/photos/6715351/best-album-covers-of-all-time

A cool interactive Music Timeline by Google Research:

https://research.google.com/bigpicture/music/. Teens might enjoy exploring this site. Even though the site is selling music through Google Play, it does illustrate the popularity of different genres and it includes album covers and artist biographies.

✓ Watch for more ideas (gathered from the upcoming Round Tables) on a special **Iowa Summer Library Program website** at https://iowasummerreading2018.weebly.com/. We are just getting started on the site, so check back later for updates!

Odds & Ends

- Article "Babies Understand When Words are Related" -- https://today.duke.edu/2017/11/car-stroller-juice-babies-understand-when-words-are-related.
- •Jacqueline Woodson author of the Newberry Honor book *Brown Girl Dreaming* is the New National Ambassador for Young People's Literature

Early this year, Woodson was inaugurated as the sixth National Ambassador for Young People's Literature by the Library of Congress. The post is co-sponsored by the Children's Book Council and Every Child a Reader. Over the next 2 years, Woodson will travel the United States encouraging young people to think about the ways reading can help them create the hope and change they want to see in the world under the theme "READING = HOPE x CHANGE (What's Your Equation?)."

- •If your library subscribes to **Credo Reference**, you might want to print these promotional mini-posters and bookmarks: https://toolbox.credoreference.com/credo-online-reference-service/promotional-materials.html
 Some of these are especially geared toward students who need materials for research papers.
- •If you missed Samantha Helmick's presentation at the recent ILOC Conference, you will want to watch the recording posted at http://www.statelibraryofiowa.org/ld/c-d/continuing-ed/conted-ials/archives-webinar. Samantha spoke about "Marketing Library Services for Increased Impact." Her talk is filled with useful ideas!
- •Also from ILOC, Sarah Clendineng presented "Take it to the Teachers" about connecting students with library resources through school contacts. A recording is posted in the same location.

- •"Fly Away with Books" a cute printable mini-poster from Harper Collins at http://harpercollinschildrens.com/feature/social%20downloads/flyawaywithbooks.pdf
- •AEA Purchasing and IASL have awarded the 2018-2019 IASL Book Award bid to Perma-Bound. To order your award sets visit https://www.perma-bound.com/corp/iasi/ and click the State Library of Iowa's logo to access an order form.
- •The YALSA 2018 lists of **Best Fiction for Young Adults** and **Great Graphic Novels for Teens** have just been released. See http://www.ala.org/yalsa/2018-great-graphic-novels-teens respectively.