Hello! We here at the YSS are sure you’ve finished off yet another amazing summer reading program and we’d like to say, “CONGRATULATIONS!” Whatever the number of programs (active or stealth), large crowds or small, science explosions or toddlers gone awry, we know you made a difference in the lives of someone in your community. Thank you and keep up the good work!

Speaking of SRP and good work, it’s time to think about next summer. The dates for the summer reading program workshops and performers showcase have been announced, and registration opens in September. Here is the schedule:

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 Public Library

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

**Performers’ Showcases**

Friday, November 14 - Cedar Rapids, Cedar Rapids Public Library

Saturday, November 15 - Carlisle, Family Life Center

Other important dates to remember can be found on the second page of the newsletter. We are sponsoring several sessions at ILA this year, and look forward to connecting with you in Cedar Rapids!

DFTBA!

~YSS officers
Dates to Remember (thanks to Sue Gruber and the YAC)

**September** – Library Card Sign-Up Month
http://www.ala.org/news/mediapresscenter/factsheets/librarycardsign

**September 15** – October 15 – Hispanic Heritage Month:
http://www.hispanicheritagemonth.org

**September 21-27** – Banned Books Week:
http://www.bannedbooksweek.org

**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

Nobody loves a book like a kid loves a book ~ Anne Ursu, author of Breadcrumbs and The Real Boy
**ILA Conference, 2014**

This year’s annual Iowa Library Association conference will be held in Cedar Rapids. Below are some of the sessions that may be of particular interest to those of us working with children and young adults. * indicates sessions sponsored by YSS

**New Books For Children Grades 3-6** Thursday at 11:05 a.m.

**Reader’s Advisory Outside The Box** Thursday at 11:05 a.m.

**Iowa Core And 21st Century Skills** Thursday at 11:05 a.m.

**Promoting Your Services With Pinterest** Thursday at 2:00 pm.

**Hangin’ With My Homies: The Public Library And Homeschool Connection** Thursday at 2:00 p.m.

**RA Sneak Attack!** Thursday at 3:30 p.m.

**AASL’s Best Websites And Apps For Teaching & Learning** Friday at 10:05 a.m.

**Closing The App Gap** Friday at 10:05 a.m.

**Makerspace With No Space** Friday at 11:20

**The Nine Elements Of Digital Citizenship** Friday at 11:20 a.m.

You can read more details about each session in the June/July *Catalyst* available [here](#).

ILA is also a great way to connect with people you know, and meet other librarians you don’t know, or only know virtually.
Iowa Library Association
http://www.iowalibraryassociation.org/index.php/youth-services-subdivision

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Other fun stuff...

Have you checked out ABC Mouse yet? www.abcmouse.com/libraries
This is a great option for promoting early literacy skills if you can’t afford an AWE station. It’s FREE!

Even monks had trouble with their patrons: http://bit.ly/1qhhKnj

GreenBeanTeenQueen, a blogger you might follow, is starting a “Tune in Tuesday” post about how and what music to use in library programs. Go here for more information!

Need (another) Pinterest account to follow? There are some really awesome libraries with very cool accounts on Pinterest worth checking out. Here are some to look at:

Mid-Continent Public Library
Awful Library Books (not an actual library, but so much fun)

New York Public Library

Spartanburg, South Carolina has an account just for keeping teens occupied. SCPL Teens

Send in any item you wish for inclusion in the next newsletter to Erin Silva, kplyouth@kctc.net (book reviews, program ideas, fun stuff, pictures, articles of interest…)

The 3rd annual IT CAME FROM A BOOK teen art contest has been announced. For more details, click here. This is a fun way for your teen artists to show off their work!