Message From Merri Monks:

For the past eight years, I’ve had the pleasure and the privilege of serving Iowa’s libraries as your state-wide youth services consultant with the State Library of Iowa. In those eight years, I’ve seen a tremendous level of creativity, enthusiasm, and expertise among Iowa’s youth services librarians. Families and their children, especially those without the means to have homes full of books and the latest technology, depend on us for resources, early literacy education, and programming during the summer and throughout the year. I want to acknowledge the great work you do, and hope that the State Library has provided you with a level of support to help you meet the needs of your communities.

I’m retiring on October 4, 2018 so am using this column to bid you all farewell and to thank you for the wonderful experiences I have had while being of service to you these past eight years. Our summer library program workshops, the Performers’ Showcases, four Kids First conferences, online continuing education events, our annual Iowa Library Association conferences and YSS meetings, and various meetings with different youth services groups around Iowa have all given me the chance to get to know many of you, and to see firsthand the work that you do so well.

I will miss working with you and will miss the regular contact I’ve had with you for this stretch of time. Please know that I will keep you all in my thoughts and best wishes for continued success in your work with Iowa’s children and teens.

Merri Monks
SAVE THE DATE!

The Kids First Conference sponsored by the State Library is held every two years. The 2019 Conference has been postponed. The Youth Services Advisory Committee did not want to miss this much needed learning and networking opportunity for 2019 so we are planning a one conference on Friday, April 5, 2019 at the Ames Public Library. KIDS MATTER! More details to come.

Save the Date
Friday, April 5, 2019

ILA Conference
YSS Meeting

Going to ILA? You are invited to the Youth Services Subdivision Meeting on Thursday, October 4 at 1:25 p.m. in Room Taft A.
Sneak Peak: Upcoming New Books

Picture Books...

All You Need is Love
by John Lennon
9781534429819 1/2019

I Need a Hug
by Aaron Blabey
9781338297102 1/2019

Chicken Talk
by Patricia MacLachlan
9780062398642 1/2019

Who has Wiggle-Waggle Toes?
by Vicky Shiefman
9780823438648 1/2019

Duck on a Disco Ball
by Jeff Mack
9781503902923 11/2018

Winter is Here
by Kevin Henkes
978006277198 10/2018

I Don’t Want to Go to Sleep
by Dev Petty
9781524768966 10/2018

The Cars and Trucks Book
by Todd Parr
9780316506625 12/2018

I’m Tough
by Kate McMullan
9780062449252 10/2018
Upcoming Books

Chapter Books . . .

The End of the World and Beyond
by AVI
9781616205652  1/2019

The Friendship War
by Andrew Clements
9780399557590 1/2019

Squirm
by Carl Hiaasen
9780385752978  9/2018

Dog Man: Brawl of the Wild
By Dav Pilkey
9781338290929  12/2018

Dog Diaries: A Middle School Story
by Carl Hiaasen
9780316487481  12/2018

Fantastic Beasts: The Crimes of Grindelwald
by J. K. Rowling
9781338325591  9/2018

Blended
by Sharon Draper
9781442495005  10/2018

Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Meltdown
by Jeff Kinney
9781419727436  10/2018

LU
by Jason Reynolds
9781481450249  10/2018
Upcoming Books

Young Adult . . .

Bridge of Clay
By Markus Zusak
9781984830159 10/2018

Queen of Air and Darkness
by Cassandra Clare
9781442468436 12/2018

Kingdom of Ash
by Sarah Maas
9781616205652 10/2019

Dear Evan Hansen
by Val Emmich et al
9780316420235 10/2018

Swing
by Kwame Alexander
9780310761914 10/2018

What If It’s Us
by Becky Albertalli
9780062795250 10/2018

Dry
by Neal Shusterman
9781481481960 10/2018

Muse of Nightmares
by Laini Taylor
9780316341714 10/2018

On the Come Up
by Angie Thomas
9780062498564 2/2019
2018 Performers Showcase

Now sponsored by ILA’s Youth Services Division, the 2018 Performers Showcase is scheduled in three locations in September. This popular event delivers on its promise: it sets up an opportunity to see children’s performers—live and in person—as they present a preview of their summer shows. Attendees are then able to decide which performers to book, and just as importantly, attendees are able to partner with nearby libraries to share programming expenses.

There are three Performers’ Showcases this year, each one running from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Check-in starts at 9:00 a.m. Please pre-register so that organizers can email you more information about the site, lunch plans, and eventually the program evaluation.

- Wednesday Sept 19 @ Le Mars Community Center
- Thursday Sept 20 @ Pella Community Center
- Friday Sept 21 @ Monticello Community Center

Register here:  https://tinyurl.com/ybwhxusl

Contact Katie Dreyer at kdreyer@cityofpella.com if you have any questions.
Guerrilla Storytime

Looking for great Storytime tips and tricks? Look no further! Rebecca McCorkindale of Hufubati hosted a training and invited special guests and Storytime bloggers including Jbrary, Bryce Don't Play, and Miss Meg's Storytime to share their insights. At just over an hour, this is a great training for when you need fresh ideas to keep storytime engaging, fun, and unpredictable in a good way! Watch the video: https://tinyurl.com/y7qbz63c

Five tips for using puppets in Storyime

Video: https://tinyurl.com/yaumdqmo

International Games Week

International Games Week is an initiative run by volunteers from around the world to reconnect communities through their libraries around the educational, recreational, and social value of all types of games. Libraries can host a gaming event during or near November 4-10, 2018 to be eligible for registration. Learn more at: http://games.ala.org/international-games-week/

Storytime Tools: Selected Resources

Check out this list of YouTube videos and more from a Florida library webinar prepared by Jill Burket Ragase: https://tinyurl.com/ycksjrije
YALSA Position Paper

Check out YALSA’s new position paper, The Value of Continuous Teen Services, which promotes year-round services for teens. From the abstract: “All teens have the capacity to learn, grow, and develop into knowledgeable, caring, and contributing adults, but to do this they must have access to the very best services and programs school and public libraries can offer all year long.” Read the short position paper to learn why YALSA considers continuous teen services and programs important, and how you can address continuous teen services at your library: bit.ly/2F91Szd

Free Training: Service to Teens

Our friends at the Colorado State Library have created A Teen Walks Into the Library, a brand new asynchronous training module for front-line staff, especially those new to serving teens or without any formal training. In this self-directed course, learners will gain a beginning-level understanding of working with teens in the library setting.

Take the course for free anytime: https://create.coloradovirtuallibrary.org/a-teen-walks-into-the-library/

Get your teens involved—Teens vote for YALSA’s 2018 Teen Top Ten

Teens’ Top Ten is a “teen choice” list, where teens nominate and choose their favorite books for the previous year! Voting is open from August 15 through Teen Read Week, which is October 7-13. The Top Ten titles will be announced the week of October 15, so check back to see the winner. See and share a video of nominations at: https://tinyurl.com/y993pg67

Vote for up to 3 books—THIS VOTING IS FOR TEENS ONLY! https://www.dogobooks.com/voting/2018-teens-top-reads
Teens, Social Media & Technology

The Pew Research Center just released a report titled Teens, Social Media & Technology 2018. If you are wondering how to reach teens, program for teens, and what teens are up to, this is a must read. If you just want to quickly view the highlights, check out David Lee Kind’s recent post about the report.  https://tinyurl.com/y7tvbjy9

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YouTube, Instagram and Snapchat are the most popular online platforms among teens

% of U.S. teens who ...

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YALSA has announced the theme and dates for this year’s Teen Read Week Celebration. Visit http://teenreadweek.ning.com/ for more information.
Looking ahead to 2019 — A Universe of Stories

Here is a preview of the poster design for early literacy, children’s, teen and adult programs. Other promotional products and manual artwork will include similar/related designs. Leeza Hernandez is the creator of the artwork. 2019 is the 50th anniversary of one giant leap for mankind, the Apollo moon landing.

What is on the horizon for CSLP?

2020: Theme/Fairytales, Mythology, Fantasy; Slogan/ “Imagine Your Story” Artist/LeUyen Pham

2021: Theme/Animals; Slogan/ “Tails and Tales” Artist/Salina Yoon

2022: Theme/World-Social Justice-Unity-Kindness-Inclusion-Change-Diversity-Equity-Make a difference-Embrace different cultures; Slogan/ “All Together Now” Artist/Sophie Blackall

2023: Theme and Slogan/TBD; Artist/Frank Morrison

Check this out!

2018 Best Apps and Websites for Teaching and Learning

The American Association of School Librarians (AASL) announced its 2018 Best Apps and Best Websites for Teaching and Learning. The annual lists honor 25 apps and 25 websites that provide enhanced learning and curriculum development for school librarians and their teacher collaborators. These technology resources are chosen for their ability to foster the qualities of innovation, creativity, active participation, and collaboration.

See the list here: https://tinyurl.com/ybq5es8f
2018 Bridge to Reading Excitement in Ames!

The Ames Public Library decided to promote and solicit votes for this year’s Bridge to Reading award at the start of 2018. Through storytimes and displays, over 1300 votes were collected and submitted from kids all around Ames.

Highlights include:

- Upon entering the youth section of the Library, patrons see our Little Theater. The diorama display has been in the library since 1939 and was given a prominent spot upon our renovation in 2014. Every couple months the display and featured book/character changes. “Go Sleep in Your Own Bed!” was the featured book during the first months of 2018 with all ten books atop the display ready to be shared with visitors. Parents and children could read the books and then grab a voting sheet right then to vote on their favorite.

- We made two weeks worth of our in-library storytimes focused on the Bridge to Reading books. We described what a vote is and how voting works, and then encouraged kids to cast their own votes after reading the books.

- Our outreach program (Project Smyles) visits 94 daycares and preschools throughout Ames every month for storytimes. We focused two visits on the Bridge to Reading award books and collected votes for those children after reading through the group.

- Many children were very passionate about their favorite and had fun hearing about how their votes would be added to children’s all over Iowa to pick the winner. They are all waiting anxiously for the announcement in May!

**Ames Public Library’s final vote numbers:**

This is NOT a Cat!- 279
Where is Bear?- 185
The Giant Jumperee- 175
Go Sleep in Your Own Bed!- 150
Is that Wise, Pig?- 121
There’s a Bear on My Chair- 115
Walter’s Wonderful Web- 101
Do NOT Take Your Dragon to Dinner- 96
Everybunny Dance!- 91

Submitted by Brianne Anderson
Ames Public Library
Join local schools, libraries, and child care providers across the state of Iowa in voting for the Bridge to Reading Picture Book Award. This award was created to encourage reading aloud, school readiness, early literacy skills and the lifelong love of reading. Children kindergarten age and younger can vote for their favorite from February 1 to April 30. Ballots can be picked up at the Carnegie-Stout Public Library or online at www.bridgetoreading.com. The winner will be announced in May.

Bridge to Reading Picture Book Nominees 2019

Agee, John
Life on Mars

Higgins, Ryan
We Don’t Eat our Classmates

Beaumont, Karen
Pretty Kitty

Rees, Douglas
Rex vs Edna The Very First Chicken

Berger, Samantha
Monster’s New Undies

Rex, Michael
Eat Pete

Fenske, Jonathan
Plankton is Pushy

Sauer, Tammi
Knock Knock

Fuller, T. Nat
Good Day for a Hat

Marchini, Tracy
Chicken Wants a Nap
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http://www.iowalibraryassociation.org/index.php/youth-services-subdivision

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