A letter from your YSS President:

Hello and Happy Spring to you all! I hope everyone is finally thawing out and ready to enjoy this season before the biggest season of all starts. It is coming faster than I would like! Recently, eighteen members of the combined Children’s Librarians’ and Teen Services’ Advisory Councils met to have our annual meeting in Des Moines. It was a great day of planning Kids First and talking about our libraries and what exciting things we are doing across the state. Speaking of Kid’s First, I hope everyone has turned in their registrations! It is going to be a fun-filled and excellent learning conference, one that I personally look forward every other year. If you would like to donate an item to our Silent Auction, please contact Katie Dreyer or myself. All proceeds from the silent auction are used to bring speakers to future ILA conferences. Get your stories ready, so you can participate in the Storytellers event happening Monday evening and thanks to Rick Brammer for putting together a video contest. Lip sync or sing your own tune and act it all out on camera for a chance to win a giant puppet donated by Rick!

Remember you can always post pictures of your events and ideas on our IaYaYa Hush Facebook page. https://www.facebook.com/groups/573795529383431/

Well its back to planning a booth of science experiments to present at a local Kids Day event here in Burlington and to continue on finalizing plans for summer reading!

Sincerely,

Angie Pilkington, YSS Chair
Programming Ideas

Sometimes, it’s easy to get stuck when it comes to programming and display topics. Here are some ideas from your fellow librarians.

From Lydia Kenyon at the Manchester Public Library:

“I have a small display set up with books that tackle tough issues teens might face. It hasn't seen a whole lot of checkout action yet, but perhaps someday!”

“PLAYING IS LEARNING DISPLAY” AT THE IOWA CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Iowa City Public Library has a brand new exhibit in the Children's Room, and they would love to show it to you! ICPL has worked in partnership with the DeLTA Center at the University of Iowa to showcase an initiative called Playing is Learning, focusing on the power of play. Since playing is also an important early literacy practice, library staff and researchers at the university have worked together to study how children play in the library and what they are learning from it. The goal of the exhibit is to educate caregivers about what children are learning, how they learn, and ideas to extend the learning at home. They have created a card deck, the Game of Games, which features "play-starters," or ideas for games families can play together. Join them for an open house to hear about this project and explore the exhibit!

April 23, 2-4 pm

Iowa City Public Library, Meeting Room A and the Children's Room

2:30 pm--"Play Like a Champion," Guest Speaker Professor John Spencer, UI DeLTA Center

If you have any questions, please call Vickie at (319)887-6019.
Sneak Peak
Upcoming New Books
Compiled by Danielle Day, Youth Services Manager

FICTION

On a field trip to Washington, DC, Theo spots a familiar face on the Metro: Duffy, who jumped bail and was never seen again. Theo’s quick thinking helps bring Duffy back to Strattenburg to stand trial. But now that Duffy knows who he is, Theo is in greater danger than he’s ever been in before. Theodore Boone will stop at nothing to make sure a killer is brought to justice. May 2015

Captain Awesome Goes to Superhero Camp by Stan Kirby. ISBN: 9781481481431545
When Eugene goes to sleep away camp, it’s superheroes—and supervillains—galore in the fourteenth adventure of Captain Awesome and the Superhero Squad! The Squad can’t wait to venture into the woods and get some real superhero training at Camp Ka-Pow. That is, until they meet the Cloudy Heights Super Crew. Could these campers be supervillains in disguise? May 2015

Magic Tree House #53: Shadow of the Shark by Mary Pope Osborne.
ISBN: 978-0553510812
It’s a dream vacation for Jack and Annie—or is it? The brother-and-sister pair wish for a trip to a beach paradise, and the magic tree house whisks them off to the coast of Mexico. Everything starts out perfectly as they raft around a coral reef. But then a hungry shark attacks! And their dream vacation turns into a nightmare! July 2015

Big Nate: Say Good-Bye to Dork City by Lincoln Peirce. ISBN: 9781449462253
Can Nate Wright get any cooler? Not according to Nate himself. He’s already P.S. 38’s rockin’est drummer, finest poet and deepest thinker—in his own mind. But does Nate have what it takes to hang with Marcus, leader of the school’s most notorious posse? Or will he decide that being cool isn’t all it’s cracked up to be? March 2015

Dork Diaries 9: Tales From a Not-So-Dorky Drama Queen by Rachel Renee Russell.
ISBN: 9781442489697
Nikki’s diary is up to the month of April, and springtime is sure to bring more wacky adventures with Nikki and her friends Chloe, Zoey, and Brandon! June 2015
Young Adult

The Heir by Kiera Cass. ISBN: 9780062349859
Twenty years ago, America Singer entered the Selection and won Prince Maxon's heart. Now the time has come for Princess Eadlyn to hold a Selection of her own. Eadlyn doesn't expect her Selection to be anything like her parents' fairy-tale love story...but as the competition begins, she may discover that finding her own happily ever after isn't as impossible as she's always thought. May 2015

The Isle of the Lost by Melissa de la Cruz. ISBN: 9781484720974
Years ago, all the evil villains were banished from the kingdom of Auradon to the Isle of the Lost. Stripped of their magical powers, the villains now live in total isolation, forgotten by the world. Mal learns from her mother, Maleficent, that the key to true darkness, is the Dragon's Eye. The eye is cursed, but Mal has a plan to capture it. With her friends in their quest for the Dragon's Eye, these kids begin to realize that just because you come from an evil family tree, being good ain't so bad. May 2015

Saint Anything by Sarah Dessen. ISBN: 9780451477404
After her brother’s accident, Sydney is cast adrift, searching for her place in the family and the world. Enter the Chathams, a warm, chaotic family who run a pizza parlor, and pitch in to care for their mother, who has multiple sclerosis. Here Sydney experiences unquestioning acceptance and meets Mac, who makes Sydney feel seen for the first time. May 2015

Dangerous Deception by Kami Garcia. ISBN: 9780316370349
After a disastrous car crash, Ridley Duchannes has gone missing. Her wannabe rocker boyfriend, Wesley "Link" Lincoln, was driving, and when he comes to, Ridley is nowhere to be found. The only clue is the giant raven emblazoned on the hood of the truck that hit them, which can mean only one thing: Silas Ravenwood is back. And he has Ridley. May 2015

Maximum Forever by James Patterson. ISBN: 9780316207508
Legions of Max fans won't be disappointed by this encore episode in the beloved series about the incredible adventures of a teenage girl who can fly. As Maximum Ride boldly navigates a post-apocalyptic world, she and her broken flock are roaming the earth, searching for answers to what happened. All will be revealed in this last spectacular "ride"- a brand-new grand finale featuring all of the nonstop action, twists and turns that readers can rely on in a blockbuster Patterson page-turner! May 2015

Off the Page by Jodi Picoult. ISBN 9781250066022
Meet Oliver, a prince literally taken from the pages of a fairy tale and transported into the real world. Meet Delilah, the girl who wished Oliver into being. It’s a miracle that seems perfect at first—but there are complications. May 2015
Picture Books

**Whose Shoes?** By Eve Bunting. ISBN: 9780544302105

A mouse comes across a shoe and sets out to find its owner. The mouse asks an unlikely assortment of animals if the shoe belongs to them, hears about their own shoes, and receives a surprising reward at the end. **June 2015**

**Duncan the Story Dragon** by Amanda Driscoll. ISBN: 9780385755078

Duncan the Dragon loves to read. When he reads a story, his imagination catches fire! Unfortunately, so does his book. Fire breath is great for roasting marshmallows, but it’s not so great for reading. Duncan just wants to get to those two wonderful words, like the last sip of a chocolate milk shake: The End. Will he ever find out how the story ends? **June 2015**

**Your Baby’s First Word Will be Dada** by Jimmy Fallon. ISBN: 9781250009340

Everyone knows that fathers wage a secret campaign to ensure that their babies' first word is "Dada!" But how does it work? One of the most popular entertainers in the world and NBC’s *The Tonight Show* host, Jimmy Fallon, shows you how. **June 2015**

**Where are my Books?** By Debbie Ridpath Ohi. ISBN: 9781442467415

A boy investigates a squirrelly situation to track down his missing stories in this charming ode to book lovers of all kinds. Spencer loves to read. He reads a book every night. But one morning his favorite book goes missing, and in its place is a tulip. Spencer searches high and low, but he can’t find his book. The next morning another book is missing, a nut in its place. What is happening to Spencer’s books? When he finds out, Spencer devises a surprising solution that will delight readers (and librarians) everywhere. **May 2015**

**The Cow Tripped Over the Moon: A Nursery Rhyme Emergency** by Jeannie Willis. ISBN: 9780766367402

Jumping over the moon is fine as long as you don’t trip and end up needing cow-size bandages. Led along by bright, humorous illustrations and an energetic rhyming text, little readers will have fun guessing who the next Storyland victim might be, following hints like, "Who could be covered in egg?" and "Who went up and tumbled down?" Look out, here comes the ambulance! **May 2015**

**Bear Counts** by Karma Wilson. ISBN: 9781442480926

Numbers, numbers everywhere. Can you count along with Bear? Karma Wilson’s spirited text and Jane Chapman’s inviting illustrations make for a delightful introduction to numbers, perfect for young Bear fans. **May 2015**

**Touch the Brightest Star** by Christie Matheson. ISBN: 9780062274472

What happens while you’re sleeping? With lush, beautiful watercolors and cut-paper collage, Christie Matheson reveals the magic of the nighttime sky, using the same kinds of toddler-perfect interactive elements as her acclaimed *Tap the Magic Tree*. The gentle, soothing rhythm, makes *Touch the Brightest Star* a bedtime winner—no matter how many times you and your child read it. **May 2015**
**Getting to Know: Andrea Miedema and Lindsey Van Schepen– Orange City PL**

**How long have you worked in youth services?**
Andrea – 3 years  Lindsey – 1 ½ years

**Did you come to the library from another profession?**
Andrea – I taught middle school, K-8 resource room, and worked as social worker with adults recovering from mental illness and teens who had special needs
Lindsey – I worked in college admissions counselor traveling to the southern U.S., part of central Canada and in Iowa. I also substituted in a resource room and taught middle school and stayed at home with my children

**What inspired you to work in a library?**
Andrea – Honestly, I really wasn’t a great user of the library before I got the job, but I always had a peace settle over me when I walked into a library. I soon realized how much more a library had to offer besides books and Internet access.
Lindsey – Having children brought me to library more than I would use it personally and I love being able to contribute to families who do the same. It’s also a job that uses my education in a unique setting.

**What do you like best about your profession?**
Andrea – I enjoy the variety of programming and outreach. We present story times in the library and at daycares. We engage in play that encourages literacy with a Movin’ and Groovin’ story time. I come to work and every day is a new adventure with a balance of people and projects.
Lindsey – I enjoy getting to know the families and the opportunity to find new and exciting ways to get the community involved in the library, whether it be through the summer reading program, story times, or 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten.

**Kindle or paperback?**
Andrea – Paperback, but I really love listening to eaudiobooks on my iPhone.
Lindsey – Paperback.

**Who is your favorite author?**
Andrea – Roald Dahl & Dr. Kevin Leman.
Lindsey – Jan Thomas & Sarah Addison Allen (currently).

**If you get a chance to read for fun, what do you like to read?**
Andrea – Non-fiction spiritual growth books.
Lindsey – A great recommendation from peers.

**If you could have an ideal children’s department, what would it include?**
Andrea / Lindsey – We would like to have a reading corner with pillows and beanbags where parents and children could curl up with a good book together. We would like to add more interactive toys that encourage literacy skills. More space to set-up displays. We are working on story time kits/bags for in-home daycare providers and are excited to reach out and invest in the people who impact our children every day at such an early age.
Iowa Library Association
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Other News:
School Library Month- April 2015
D.E.A.R. (Drop Everything and Read)- April 2015
National Library Week- April 12-18, 2015
National Library Worker’s Day- April 14, 2015
Children’s Book Week- May 4-10, 2015
For more events, see the following website:
http://www.ala.org/conferencesevents/celebrationweeks

Kids First 2015 will be held May 4-5, 2015, at the Holiday Inn by the airport in Des Moines. May 6th there will be a post conference with Suroj Godi (currently this session is full.) Registration deadline is. Other speakers: David LaRochelle, Margi Preus, and Elizabeth Fama.
This is an awesome conference devoted to kids and teens in the library, so please plan to attend.

Bridge to Reading Picture Book Award
Don’t forget to have kids aged 5 and under vote for their favorite picture books as part of the Bridge to Reading Award. Voting ends April 30th, 2015.

Bridge to Reading Picture Book Voting 2015

Please submit by April 30, 2015.