



YOUTH SERVICES NOTES

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Montgomery-Floyd Regional Library

Meadowbrook Library Display

This is the current display at the Meadowbrook Library. Staff Member Denise Lane made the bunnies' lunch out of clay. — Paula Alston, Director. ■



From ALSC Blog

Mandatory Reporting

As librarians we know that April is 'National Poetry Month' but did you know that it's 'Stress Awareness Month' or 'National Donate Life Month'? With so many monthly designations it's hard to keep up. We become saturated with "awareness" and can overlook educational opportunities that are important in our profession.

April is 'National Child Abuse Prevention Month', a time to be aware that we all play a part in the emotional and physical well-being of the children around us. As librarians many of us are considered employed in "positions of trust" and are subjected to background checks and periodic drug screenings. But as our relationships with our communities expand we should always be aware of our expanded responsibilities. Do you meet regularly with your law enforcement agencies? Do you have a clear process for incident reporting and follow up? Can you recognize the signs of abuse in children and families? Do your local health departments offer training in this area? Are you a mandated reporter? These are things that you should be asking yourself and your administration.

Mandatory reporting efforts began as early as the 1960's when the U.S. Children's Bureau sponsored a conference aimed at the growing concerns around the effects of child abuse. Between 1963 and 1967 every state and the District of Columbia passed a child abuse



April News

Build a Happier, Healthier Kid — Celebrate Healthy Kids day with Virginia's YMCAs

On **Saturday, April 26, 2014** YMCAs across Virginia are celebrating the **YMCA's Healthy Kids Day®**, the Y's national initiative to improve the health and well-being of families. Healthy Kids Day will include fun active play and educational activities to keep kids moving and learning, in order to maintain healthy habits and academic skills to achieve goals and reach their full potential. This is a free event open



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From IMLS

Children Who Visit Museums Have Higher Achievement in Reading, Math, and Science

IMLS Senior Statistician **Deanne W. Swan** highlights findings that show the educational benefits of museum visits for kindergarten children. Read full post online at <http://blog.imls.gov/?p=4792>. ■



Summer Reading 2014

Dates to Remember

Regional Early Literacy Activity Center Exchanges, Spring 2014

Friday, May 2, 2014..... Prince William County Library System..... Bull Run Regional Library, Manassas

Conferences

May 18-20, 2014..... Virginia Library Association Paraprofessional Conference..... Richmond
 June 26–July 1, 2014..... American Library Association Annual Conference..... Las Vegas
 September 18-20, 2014..... Association for Library Service to Children National Institute..... Oakland
 October 22-24, 2014..... Virginia Library Association..... Williamsburg

Training

Wednesday, April 23, 2014..... Evanced Summer Reader Training..... Richmond
 Thursday, May 15, 2014..... Evanced Summer Reader Training..... Covington
On request— Call or email Enid..... Evanced Summer Reader Training..... At Your Library

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to all members of the community!

As a leading nonprofit committed to youth development, healthy living and social responsibility, the Y is addressing critical gaps in kids' health and education. For more than 20 years, Healthy Kids Day has celebrated kids' health and continues to teach healthy habits for kids and families, encourage active play, and inspire a lifetime love of physical activity.

Contact your local YMCA for details on the date, time and activities offered for their Healthy Kids Day event! ■

Wellness: Reframing Prevention – The Power of Working Together for Healthy Communities

The Center for School-Community Collaboration within the School of Education at Virginia Commonwealth



University is partnering with 12 state agencies, as well as community coalitions and others to host another 1-day training conference on the topics of substance abuse prevention, community collaboration and positive youth development. The event is being held in the greater Richmond area on **Monday, May 12, 2014**.

Please click here:

<http://www.dcs.virginia.gov/vscs/training/healthycommunities/2014/> for more information about the wide range of break-out sessions, keynote speakers and registration information. Registration for the day is \$25 and includes continental breakfast and lunch. All are welcome to register. ■

Click2Science

Busy schedules and limited resources can make it tough to provide high-quality professional development for frontline staff of out-of-school programs.



Click2Science makes it simple.

<http://www.click2sciencepd.org/about-click2sciencepd>

A free, online resource, **Click2Science** uses skills frontline staff already possesses to make teaching science fun and rewarding, with minimal time commitment. Register now to access this free, easy STEM teaching resource:

http://www.click2sciencepd.org/user/register?utm_source=email&utm_medium=body&utm_campaign=naa%20email

And watch (and share) this 1-minute video to see how Click2Science creates "moments that click."

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jbJLnZ2cmkM>

Click2Science will be launching new, customizable video tools all through 2014, so follow us on Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn to be the first to access each new STEM teaching skill. ■

Youth for Youth: Online Professional Development and Technical Assistance for 21st Century Community Learning Centers



This online community was developed to help create engaging afterschool programs. The site will help you connect and share resources with your colleagues, provide professional development and technical assistance opportunities, and offer tools for improving your program practices.

Click here: <http://y4y.ed.gov/> for Online Professional Development for Out-of School Time Programs. ■

Lunar and Planetary Institute

LPI Earth and Space Science News

The LPI Earth and Space Science News is available on our website, and also through a regularly updated RSS feed.

<http://www.lpi.usra.edu/education/resources/news/>

Included in this issue:

- Link to International Dark Sky Week, Earth Day, Astronomy Day, and more in **Calendar**
- Learn about a marine debris webinar series, a Mars summer workshop for high school teachers, a free solar system pre-service teacher institute, and more at **Workshops and Courses**
- Check out NASA's Earth Day "#GlobalSelfie" event, a Houston lecture on contact with an alien race, a NASA Education webinar series, and more in **Events**
- Participate in gathering data for the GLOBE program, the Kepler Art of Discovery contest, the Thatcher Environmental Research Contest for high school students, and more in **Get Involved**
- Apply for K-12 Energy/ Environment education grants, the National Weather Association grants, the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching, the Houston

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Mandatory Reporting

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reporting law. But as awareness and conditions expanded so did policies and statutes and by 1987 almost every state included sexual assault as part of the abuse, as well as mental and emotional abuse as well as neglect. (1)

Mandatory Reporting is becoming a hot topic in light of recent high profile abuse cases. Here in the District of Columbia, where I am a librarian, city council legislation passed in 2012 requires any adult who knows – or has reason to believe – that a child age 16 or younger is being abused is required to report the incident to the police or the city’s Child and Family Services Agency. This is a change from mandatory reporters being strictly “positions of trust”. In the wake of the Penn State scandal, More than 100 bills on the process of reporting of child abuse or neglect were introduced in 30 states and the District, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures, with 18 states instituting a universal reporting law. (2)

Take time this month to be proactive, make yourself aware of the laws and statutes of your state. Below are some valuable resources that can help inform you and your staff, as well as spark conversation between your library and other service agencies.

Resources to consider:

The Child Welfare Information Gateway

<https://www.childwelfare.gov/> promotes the safety, permanency, and well-being of children, youth, and families by connecting child welfare, adoption, and related professionals as well as the general public to information, resources, and tools covering topics on child welfare, child abuse and neglect, out-of-home care, adoption, and more. Make sure to click on their “state specific resource” link. They also produce valuable **fact sheets and handouts**.

Founded in 1959 by Sara O’Meara and Yvonne Fedderson, **Childhelp**® <http://www.childhelp.org/> is a leading national non-profit organization dedicated to helping victims of child abuse and neglect.

The Child Abuse Prevention Center

<http://www.thecapcenter.org/> is a national and international training, education, research and resource center dedicated to protecting children and building healthy families.

Family Resource Information, Education and Network Development Services (FRIENDS),

<http://friendsnrc.org/> the National Resource Center for Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention (CBCAP), provides training and technical assistance to Federally funded CBCAP Programs. This site serves as a resource to those

programs and to the rest of the Child Abuse Prevention community.

Don’t forget to reach out to your local Health Department and Child Services Agencies, they will have the most recent and local information for your community.

(1) Hutchison, E. D. (1993). Mandatory reporting laws: child protective case finding gone awry?. *Social Work*, 38 56-63

(2) Craig, T. (2012, Nov 16). Council advances bill expanding rules for reporting child sex abuse. *The Washington Post*. Retrieved from <http://search.proquest.com/docview/1152062603?accountid=46320>

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Posted April 5, 2014. ■*

LPI Earth and Science News

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Museum of Natural Science’s Excellence in Science Awards, and ING Unsung Heroes grants in **Grants and Awards**

- Connect to the DIY Sun Science app, online resources about plate tectonics, a video for students about the polar vortex, and more, in **Resources**
- Read about the first Earth-sized planet found in its star’s habitable zone, the growing Arctic melt season, a possible new moon forming around Saturn, a deep underground ocean on Enceladus, volcanic explosions on Mercury, the most distant object observed in our solar system, and new measurements of how much Mercury has shrunk, in **Mission News and Science**

Source: *Christine Shupla email, April 21, 2014 ■*

Thanks

for the photos and poster!

- ◇ **Paula Alston**, Montgomery-Floyd Regional Library
- ◇ **Bess Haile**, Essex Public Library



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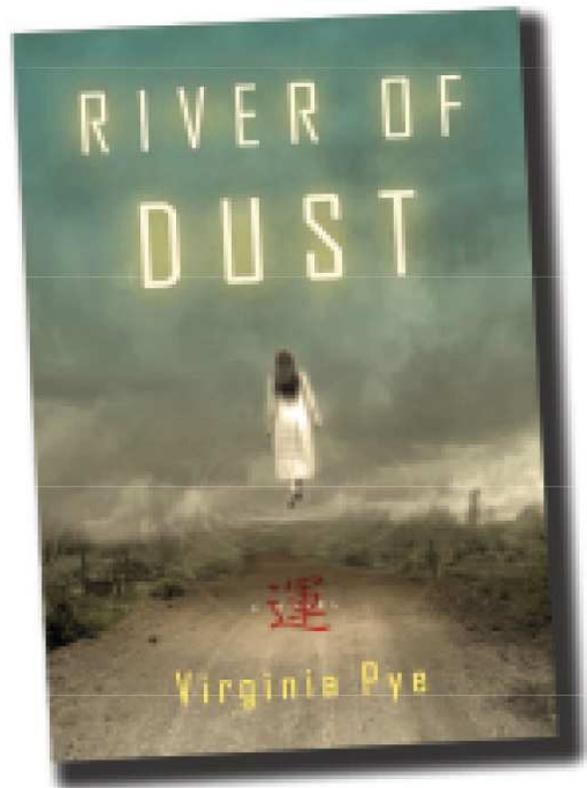
RIVER OF DUST, a story of retribution about an American missionary couple in rural China in 1910 whose toddler son is kidnapped by Mongol bandits and whose search for him across a dangerous land comes to haunt them, changing not only what they believe but who they are.

FRIDAY, MAY 2, 2014
AT 6:30 P.M.

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What PUBLIC LIBRARIES do for teens

from the Public Library Association's 2012 PLDS Statistical Report

BASICS/BACKGROUND

According to the 2010 US census, there are

OVER 42 MILLION

young people in the US between the ages of 10–19



There are more

PUBLIC LIBRARIES IN THE U.S.

than McDonald's restaurants or Starbucks.



EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

95%

of public libraries offer summer reading and learning programs for youth

82%

of public libraries offer afterschool programs including career planning & computer skills

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

46 PERCENT

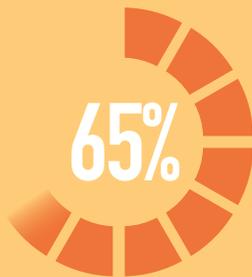
of public libraries offer teens **LEADERSHIP ROLES** via Teen Advisory Groups

RESOURCES

97%

OF PUBLIC LIBRARIES offer a dedicated section for teen books and materials.

of libraries provide Internet access



of public libraries have a special section on their web site for teens

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

In 2012, public libraries

SPENT AN AVERAGE OF \$3.94

on each teen in their community



67%

 of public libraries provide support to youth serving organizations in their community

66%

 of public libraries made visits to schools to distribute resources & library cards