



YOUTH SERVICES NOTES

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Gloucester County Public Library Rocket Explores the Library



Signing up for Summer Reading



Exploring the storytime area

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From Enid's desk

It's Been a Busy Month!

VALIB Listserv

There was a bit of a problem with the VALIB listserv last week. It bumped everyone, including me, from the list. We are working to fix the problem. As you are reading this newsletter, you have been re-subscribed to the list, but, if you know of someone who should receive the *Youth Services Notes* and is not, please have him or her contact me and/or Rose (rose.schooff@lva.virginia.gov) to subscribe or re-subscribe to the VALIB listserv.



Summer Food Program

The kickoff to the **Summer Food Program** was held in Norfolk last week on June 5. Public libraries were listed in the Governor's announcement and the event as partners in the program. *Thank you for taking this project and incorporating it into your summer reading program plans and events!* I know that some libraries contacted the schools or colleges to become partners on this project. Others shared information with churches that are now offering a program. Others are promoting the programs in the library by posting the names of local organizations that are offering the summer food program. Even others are creating community gardens and partnering with Virginia Extension Services to teach agriculture and gardening.



Early Literacy Activity Centers

Krista Dawson is developing **activity cards** for the Early Literacy Activity Centers. The cards are 8½ by 5½ and include ideas for parents on extending play and promoting early literacy and school readiness. The activity cards include activities for all ages, plus activities for babies, toddlers and preschoolers. Currently the cards are in English, but we are planning to have the content provided in Spanish, too.

For those who have transported the early literacy activity centers in the original boxes you will be

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DayByDayVA



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Another Literacy Resource

All About Adolescent Literacy

<http://www.adlit.org/>

Looking for a title for your next book club selection? Need help choosing and teaching a book for a class unit? AdLit.org's discussion guides

http://www.adlit.org/books_authors/#guided

go beyond a booklist, offering plot synopses, discussion questions, extension activities, and related titles for further reading.



The following guides are available:

- **Biography**
- **Fantasy**
- **Historical Fiction**
- **History**
- **Other YA Fiction**
- **Performing Arts**
- **Science**

Thanks

for the photos!

- ◇ **Michelle Edwards**, Gloucester County Public Library.

Dates to Remember

Conferences

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

Impact of Summer Reading Program Study—Site Visits

Wednesday, June 18, 2014 Buchanan County Public Library Grundy
 Saturday, June 21, 2014..... Chesterfield County Public Library, Meadowdale Branch..... North Chesterfield
 Monday, June 23, 2014 Virginia Beach Public Library, Kempsville Branch..... Virginia Beach
 Monday, June 30, 2014 Augusta County Library..... Fishersville
 Wednesday, July 9, 2014 Roanoke City Public Library, Williamson Road Branch Roanoke

Training

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Rocket Explores Gloucester Library

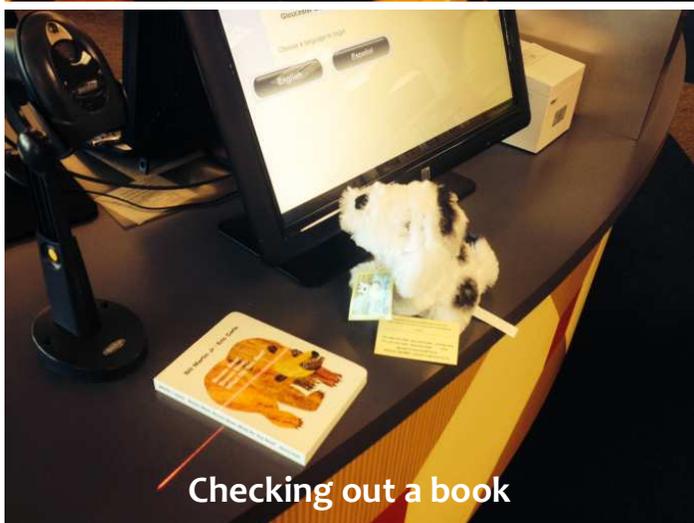
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Riding our huge rubber duck!



Finding a book on the kid's card catalog



Checking out a book

Submitted by Michelle Edwards, Children's Coordinator.

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pleased to learn that we will be replacing them with bags. Each bag will hold four boxes and has a zipper to keep everything together. **The bags should be delivered for the next early literacy center exchange, which will be in Richmond on September 3-4, 2014.**

Impact Study on Virginia's Summer Reading Programs

During June and July, there will be five site visits to libraries to glean even more information on how libraries are implementing the summer reading program. The libraries picked for the site visits are

- Augusta County Public Library,
- Buchanan County Library,
- Chesterfield County Library,
- Roanoke Public Library, and
- Virginia Beach Public Library.

The site visits will include interviews with library staff, parents, and observing a library program.



Summer Reading Program PSA

Below is a link to the **2014 summer reading program** Paws to Read PSA. It features Rocket.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dLl9FrwoALO>

Summer Reading Program 2015

While you are all in the mist of implementing the summer reading program, I am spending some time planning for the **2015 summer reading program**. The theme will be "**Read to the Rhythm**". There is already a Pinterest page for the program. You may access it at <http://www.pinterest.com/ireadprogram/read-to-the-rhythm-2015/>

At the Library Director's meeting at Graves Mountain and at the Regional Spring Workshops, I spoke of the **Chicago Summer of Learning** (<http://www.chicagosummeroflearning.org/>) and the **Great Reading Adventure**, a project of the **Maricopa County Library District** (<http://greatreadingadventure.com/>)

I am considering using the Great Reading Adventure project as a new way to offer the summer reading program in Virginia. It includes reading and tracking books read. It does have a gaming component and issues badges for participating and completing online and community based projects. If this is something that interests you, please contact me to begin a conversation.

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Winter Reading Program 2015

The artwork for the winter reading program will be images of **Curious George**. We are providing posters, bookmarks, certificates, sticker sheets/booklogs and stickers for the program. We will also have early literacy cards emphasizing Sing, Talk, Read, Write and Play. The Library of Virginia graphics department will be doing the layouts for these materials. We will be taking orders for the winter reading program later this summer in August. Materials will be delivered in November/December.

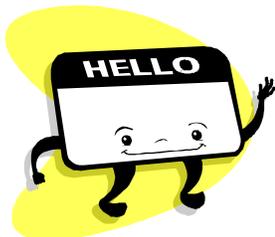
Coaching Project for Youth Services Staff

We have yet to receive any applications for the coaching project – deadline is June 15. So this is a gentle reminder that if you are interested in developing your coaching skills or being coached, please submit an application by **June 15, 2014**. A copy of the application is attached to this issue of the newsletter.

A Coaching Program Workshop will be held **September 23, 2014, beginning at noon and ending at noon on September 24, 2014**. This workshop is for those wishing to be coaches.

Youth Services Fall Conference 2014

The dates for the Youth Services Fall Conference will be **September 3-4, 2014**. The conference will begin with lunch on Wednesday, September 3rd and conclude with lunch on Wednesday, September 4th. We have **Rosemary Agoglia** from the Eric Carle Museum making a presentation at the workshop. Ms. Agoglia received rave reviews from librarians in Pennsylvania who attended her workshop. We will begin taking registration for the conference once the conference rooms have been confirmed.



Upcoming Online Training

Dr. Betsy Diamant-Cohen will be presenting an online workshop on the importance of play this September.

Katie (Cunningham) Scherrer will be presenting an online workshop on planning and presenting bilingual storytimes.



Measuring the Impact of Preschool Storytimes

We know we do good things in preschool storytime, but measuring the impact on the child is a bit problematic. This is one reason that *Every Child Ready to Read* focuses on measuring the impact of the parent. I met with **Tom Santangelo**, English and Reading Specialist in Virginia's Department of

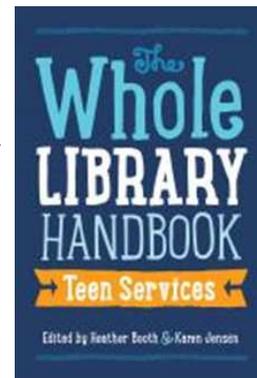
Education, to begin a discussion of finding/creating a good tool to measure the impact of preschool storytime programs. I would also want find a fun way to measure the impact. The report "*Measuring Children's Progress from Preschool through Third Grade*" prepared for **The National Early Childhood Accountability Task Force** addresses most of the challenges and provides recommendations when creating a measurement tool.

The Virginia Foundation Blocks for Early Learning: Comprehensive Standards for four-Years-Old along with the *Milestones for Child Development: Guide to Young Children's learning and Development from Birth to Kindergarten* provided an excellent framework and activities for this project. I plan to have a conversation with **Aleta Lawson**, Virginia Head Start, and to follow up with what evaluation tools/procedures were developed by the Washington State Library. In the meantime, if you have any thoughts on this, I encourage you contact me as I would enjoy hearing what you have to say. ■

From ALA Editions

The Whole Library Handbook for Teen Services

ALA's popular and respected Whole Library Handbook series continues with "**The Whole Library Handbook: Teen Services**," published by **ALA Editions**. Specifically geared towards those who serve young adults, in this volume editors **Heather Booth** and **Karen Jensen** gather stellar articles and commentary from some of the country's most innovative and successful teen services librarians. Sections focusing on practice, theory and the philosophical underpinnings of the profession are supported by current research and historical perspectives. Both instructive and reflective in scope, this essential handbook:



- provides a comprehensive introduction to the background and day-to-day realities of teen librarianship for LIS students and those new to the field;
- offers expert tips and wisdom invaluable to those already working with teens;
- highlights trends, challenges and opportunities in the changing world of how teens interact with libraries and what they expect;
- emphasizes advocacy across all spectrums, including in local communities and among fellow staff who may be anxious about teens in the library;

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Youth Services News from Other States

Colorado State Library

CLEL (Colorado Libraries for Early Literacy) just added 8 new **StoryBlocks** videos, including 2 in Vietnamese! It's their first foray into a language other than English and Spanish, and there's a large Vietnamese population in Colorado. **StoryBlocks** are short videos (about 1 minute each) of Colorado librarians demonstrating simple songs and rhymes, and each comes with an early literacy tip. They're meant for parents, caregivers, childcare providers, preschool teachers, volunteers, library staff, etc., and are in categories of babies, toddlers, and preschoolers, along with English, Spanish, and now Vietnamese. They're filmed and produced by our statewide PBS station so they're very high quality, and several of them are on the national PBS's Learning Media site. Check 'em out and share the link in your state!

<http://www.storyblocks.org/>

Based on our findings from our **SPELL (Supporting Parents in Early Literacy through Libraries)** research that shows fines and fees on children's books often create a barrier for low-income parents to use their libraries, several libraries (and counting) in Colorado have officially changed their circ policies to remove overdue fines and lost/damaged fees for board and picture books. We're going to watch the trend and follow up to see if circ on those books and library card registration goes up in those libraries. We created many more recommendations for serving low-income parents of 0-3 year olds based on our research findings at http://spellproject.weebly.com/uploads/1/5/3/3/15331602/spell_blueprint.pdf.

Happy summer, everyone!

Beth Crist, Youth & Family Services Consultant,

Source: Email sent June 10, 2014 to YSCON List ■

From USDA

Help End Childhood Hunger During the Summer

Good Afternoon Partners. Thanks again for your interest in being a partner in ending childhood hunger in Virginia this summer. Attached you will find a brief explanation of the **Summer Food Service Program** and it's benefits. You will also find materials that can be sent electronically, included with a newsletter or printed in color and given to children, families and posted in stores, businesses, community rooms and churches. They are in both English and Spanish for your convenience. The summer rocks poster promotes the hotline number where families can call to find locations serving summer meals. The poster referring to the text campaign is great it allows individuals to use their cell phone to identify the nearest feeding sites. . . . Additionally I have included two links to sites filled with SFSP site location and promotion resources. Please do not hesitate to call me with any concerns or questions.

Follow this link to access the **WhyHunger** database: <http://nokidhungry.org/summersites>.

Numerous resources to promote SFSP: <https://www.nokidhungry.org/page/standup-resources>

Best Regards, Michael M. Walton, Program Specialist, CACFP/SFSP, Community Nutrition Programs, 609.259.5094, michael.walton@fns.usda.gov

Source: Email sent June 4, 2014 ■

The Whole Library Handbook for Teen Services

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- guides staff in providing readers' advisory to teens;
- includes ready-to-use marketing resources, templates and sample teen services and teen volunteer plans.

Booth has been a teen services librarian in the Chicago suburbs since 2002, currently at the Thomas Ford Memorial Library, in Western Springs. She is the author of "[Serving Teens through Readers' Advisory](#)" and several chapters on readers' advisory for teens in other professional works. She reviews books for youth and audiobooks for *Booklist*. Her article "RA for YA" won the feature article award from *Public Libraries* in 2006.

Jensen has worked with teens since 1993. She is currently a teen services librarian in Grand Prairie, Texas, where she is especially focused on using the "40 Developmental Assets for Adolescents" to advocate for teens in her library and community. She is the author of several articles in VOYA and wrote a chapter in the forthcoming book "**Intellectual Freedom for Teens: A Practical Guide for Young Adult & School Librarians.**" She is the creator and moderator of the website **Teen Librarian Toolbox**, where she blogs about pop culture, librarianship, and books.

ALA Press Release, June 3, 2014 ■



"Paws to Read" this summer!

Library of Virginia Coaching Program Application

The Library of Virginia is offering a coaching program for library staff. We are currently accepting applications for both coaches and people who wish to be coached. We are limiting the number of people who will be accepted into the program.

Coaches will be expected to attend two-day training in Richmond September 23-24, 2014. A half-day session will follow 3-4 months later.

Applications for people who wish to coach or be coached should be mailed, faxed, or emailed to:

Enid Costley
Children's and Youth Services Consultant
Library of Virginia
800 East Broad Street
Richmond, Virginia 23219
(804) 692-3771 Fax
enid.costley@lva.virginia.gov

The deadline for applications is **July 25, 2014**.
Confirmation of receipt of the application will be sent via email.

For participants who wish to be coaches, the application should include the following:

1. Application form
2. Resume
3. Letter of support from your direct supervisor
4. A separate sheet addressing the following questions:
 - a. Why do you wish to participate in the coaching program?
 - b. What do you hope to achieve?
 - c. What are your career goals?
 - d. How can you contribute to the program?

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Library of Virginia Coaching Program

- I wish to be a coach
- I wish to be coached

Name:

Email:

Phone number & extension:

Library System:

Address:

Position:

Mail to:

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 Richmond, VA 23219
 Fax: (804) 692-3771
 Email enid.costley@lva.virginia.gov

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Mark one word in each row which best describes you:

Forceful	Outgoing	Diplomatic	Passive
Adventurous	Generous	Analytic	Patient
Demanding	Sociable	Accurate	Calm
Competitive	Trusting	Systematic	Loyal
Decisive	Convincing	Sensitive	Deliberate
Self-assured	Enthusiastic	Conscientious	Team-oriented
Daring	Emotional	Conventional	Stable

1. Attach a resume
2. Letter of support from you direct supervisor.
3. On a separate page address the following
4. Why do you wish to participate in the coaching program?
 What do you want to achieve?
 What are your career goals?
 What can you contribute to the program? (Coaches only!)

Summertime shouldn't be a hungry time.

While more than 21 million children in the country receive free and reduced price meals during the school year, we know that when school lets out, many children from low-income communities no longer get a healthy breakfast or lunch.

In Virginia, last summer only 55,526 of the 393,070 children who received a free or reduced price lunch in school received summer meals—that's 14 percent of all low-income kids.

What happens to the 86 percent that may not have enough to eat during the summer?



PROVIDING NUTRITIOUS SUMMER MEALS TO CHILDREN— YOU CAN HELP

Dear Community Partner:

The USDA Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) ensures that low-income children continue to receive nutritious meals when school is not in session. Free meals that meet Federal nutrition guidelines are provided to all children in areas with significant concentrations of low-income children.

Some of your local agencies may already be participating in the SFSP, but there are other great ways for you to spread the word about the program this summer.

BE A SPONSOR OR FEEDING SITE: Local nonprofit organizations can be approved as feeding sites and serve meals to children during a supervised time period. These sites sponsor may prepare their own meals, purchase them through an agreement with an area school, or contract for meals with a vendor.

GET THE WORD OUT: Communicate the availability of the program to families in your community. We have materials available that can help you do this. In Virginia, parents can dial 2-1-1 to find the feeding site closest to them.

VOLUNTEER: Your organization can:

- Add SFSP material into mailings to the community
- Place ads in newsletters
- Sponsor advertisements on buses, billboards, etc.
- Volunteer to host or sponsor activity days for the kids at a site
- Volunteer to deliver meals to sites (small deliveries)
- Volunteer at a feeding site

Please contact us at marosummerrocks@fns.usda.gov or call us at 1-800-448-USDA (1-800-448-8732) and we will get you in touch with the administering agency in your State.

We know you care. The thousands of low-income kids that don't have enough to eat need your help this summer.

Visit our website at:

<http://www.fns.usda.gov/sfsp>



Summer Food Rocks!

Find Sites Serving Summer Meals



Call
2-1-1 Virginia

Visit www.whyhunger.org/findfood
to find help getting food for your family



United States Department of Agriculture

La comida en verano es lo máximo!

Encuentra Sitios que Sirven Comidas en el Verano



Llama a
2-1-1 Virginia

Visita www.whyhunger.org/findfood

para encontrar ayuda en conseguir comida para tu familia

USDA es un empleador y proveedor con igualdad de oportunidades.

**TEXT
'FOOD'
TO
877-877**

**FOR FREE SUMMER MEALS
NEAR YOU**



FOOD, FRIENDS, & FUN

Kids and teens in your neighborhood can get a healthy, delicious meal and have a free, safe place to hang out with their friends. Call 1-866-3HUNGRY to learn more.



ENVIE UN TEXTO 'FOOD' AL 877-877

PARA ENCONTRAR COMIDAS DE
VERANO GRATUITAS CERCA DE UD.



COMIDA Y AMIGOS. ¡QUÉ DIVERTIDO!

Niños y adolescentes menores de 18 años en su comunidad pueden recibir comidas gratuitas y saludables en un lugar seguro para pasar el tiempo y divertirse con sus amigos. Llame al 1-877-8HAMBRE para aprender más sobre comidas de verano.

