

YOUTH SERVICES NOTES

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Library of Virginia

Online Voting for Library of Virginia's Annual People's Choice Awards

Online voting for the Library of Virginia's annual People's Choice Awards for fiction and nonfiction has begun and will continue through July 1.

Each year the Library solicits nominations of books published during the previous year by Virginia authors, or in the case of nonfiction about a Virginia subject. A panel of judges (which each year includes the immediate past president of the Virginia Library Association) selects the finalists and winners of juried awards in fiction, nonfiction, and poetry, but we also encourage readers and book lovers to vote for their favorite books from among five finalists chosen from the annual list of nominees.

The link for the online ballot for the People's Choice award in fiction and nonfiction can be found at <http://www.lva.virginia.gov/public/litawards/vote.asp>.



We invite you to take a moment and assist us by voting for the People's Choice winners (the system will only accept one vote from any e-mail address) – and feel free to share this link with your friends and colleagues via e-mail and social media.

The winner in each category will be announced at the annual Library of Virginia Literary Awards Celebration hosted by New York Times best-selling author Adrianna Trigiani at the Library on the evening of Saturday, October 15.

Please contact Dana Brown at (804) 692-3900 or at dana.brown@lva.virginia.gov with any questions about the People's Choice awards or for information about the Library's Literary Awards program and the annual gala Celebration. Thanks so much!

Email from Sandra Treadway to VLA Googlegroups mailing list, May 16, 2016 

ALA News

ALSC Releases 2016 Summer Reading Lists

The Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC) has updated and released four Summer Reading lists. The lists are full of book titles to keep children engaged with reading and exploring new topics throughout the summer.



Each list is available to download for free; birth-preschool, K-2nd grade, 3rd – 5th grade, and 6th- 8th grade. New to the set, is a booklist for the youngest children, which provides suggestions for those parents and caregivers looking to refresh their story time options. Each list is available to download on the ALSC website at: <http://www.ala.org/alsc/2016-summer-reading-list>.

The four 2016 Summer Reading brochures can be customized to include library information. Libraries are encouraged to include library information, summer hours and details about summer reading programs for children on each brochure before making copies available to schools and patrons.

Titles on the 2016 Summer Reading List were compiled and annotated by ALSC's Quicklists Consulting Committee.

ALA Press Release, May 10, 2016 

DayByDayVA



WWW.DAYBYDAYVA.ORG FAMILY LITERACY CALENDAR

The Library of Virginia

Mission

As the Commonwealth's library and archives, the Library of Virginia is a trusted educational institution. We acquire, preserve, and promote access to unique collections of Virginia's history and advance the development of library and records management services statewide.

Vision

The Library of Virginia will inspire learning, ignite imagination, create possibilities, encourage understanding, and engage Virginia's past to empower its future.

Finance

The Library's primary funding source is General Fund appropriations. The majority of the Library's General Fund expenses represent transfer payments to local government for state aid to public libraries. Additionally, the Library earns special nongeneral fund revenue from storage fees charged to agencies and courts for document and records storage and from local circuit court records' preservation fees.

The Library also receives federal grant funding through the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) of 1996. This grant promotes access to learning and information resources of libraries.

Goals

2014-2016

Collections:

Strengthen and Preserve the Library's collections and expand accessibility for the benefit of users.

Service:

Deliver courteous, accurate, and efficient information services to our customers.

Organizational Excellence:

Position the Library to effectively embrace new challenges and increasing responsibilities.

Educational Readiness and Achievement:

Engage and educate parents, teachers, and learners through programming designed to enhance early literacy readiness and to provide access to quality education resources for prekindergarten and K12 children.

This goal is critical in fulfilling the Library's mission to provide Virginians with access to the most comprehensive information resources and to elevate levels of educational preparedness and attainment of Virginia's citizens.

Associated State Goal

Education: Elevate the levels of educational preparedness and attainment of our citizens.

Education Attainment Objectives

- ◆ Increase the number of children who participate in the Winter Reading Program.
- ◆ Increase the number of children and teens who are served by public libraries through out-of-school programs and summer reading programs.
- ◆ Support the parent as a child's first teacher by implementing Early Literacy Activity Centers in public libraries and providing training on their use.

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The Institute of Museum and Library Services is the primary source of federal support for the nation's 123,000 libraries and 17,500 museums.

Through grant making, policy development, and research, IMLS helps communities and individuals thrive through broad public access to knowledge, cultural heritage, and lifelong learning.

This newsletter project is made possible by a grant from the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services.

Danville Public Library Second Annual Junior First Lego League

On Saturday, April 30 at 11 am, the Danville Public Library hosted their second annual Junior First Lego League.

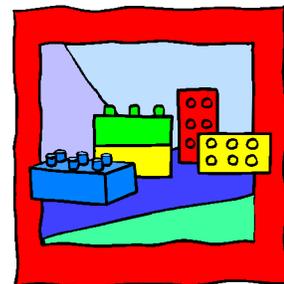
Last year the library won a grant to fund 5 kits and registration for 5 teams to participate in the Jr .FLL challenge. **This year 24 students between ages 6-9 formed four teams to meet the 2015-16 challenge: Waste Wise.**

Thirty children and thirty-five adults attended the Expo, where the teams showed off their models to solve the future waste management problems of our world. Reviewers met with each team to ask questions and observe the models in motion.

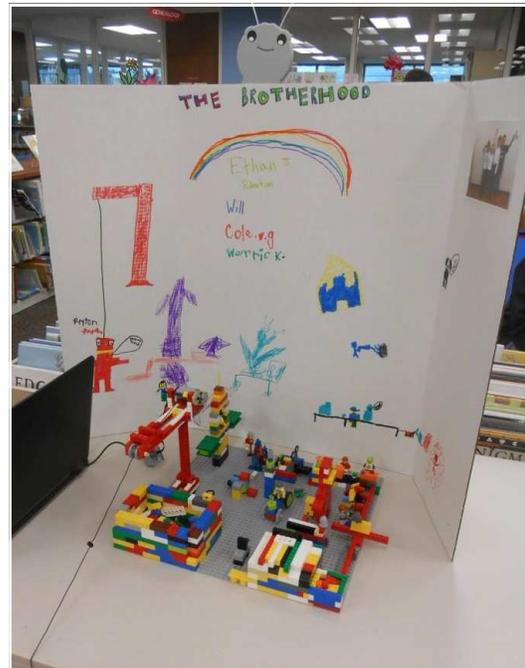
Meanwhile, guests and team members enjoyed a minifigure photo booth, making Lego friendship bracelets, and a variety of snacks. Prizes were awarded for Best use of Machines, Best use of Renewal Resources, Best Commercial, and Best use of Trash-eating Animals.

Submitted by Jennifer Hartley

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Second Annual Junior First Lego League *Continued from page 3*



Chesapeake Public Library

Fifth Annual Free Comic Book Day at Indian River Library

Zap! Pow! Bam! Boom! Indian River Library of the Chesapeake Public Library System held its fifth annual Free Comic Book Day event on Saturday, May 7, 2016.

FCBD is an event that takes place on the first Saturday in May across the North America. On this day Comic Book Stores and other participating locations come together to give away free comic books.

The Indian River Library has participated in this even since 2012 in order to help promote literacy and introduce the genre of Comic Books and Graphic Novels to all readers.

This five hour family event featured free comics! Comic fans could select up to three Free Comic Book Day issued comics to keep. Visitors learned all about comic drawing from artist Michael Shirley. They could also create their own super heroes, masks and batstaches. There were Shrinky dink and Perler bead super hero creations to make and magnetic slime, Legos and a photo booth. Heroes and villains wowed visitors in a costume contest. Comic book lovers had lively panel discussions about current superhero movies and argued over which super hero or villain would win in an imaginary fight. There was even a visit from the Chesapeake Public Schools, Superfoods bus, where aspiring superheroes could learn about healthy super foods! *Submitted by Holly Finch.*

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Fifth Annual Free Comic Book Day at Indian River Library *Continued from page 5*



Free Comic Book Day Committee 2016

Virginia Library Association Call for Nominations: 2016 VLA Awards

In order to celebrate the accomplishments of academic and public librarians who transform libraries throughout the Commonwealth, the Virginia Library Association has created four new awards

Deadline to submit nominations is June 1.

Nominations should be submitted through the online form below. You do not need to be a VLA member to submit a nomination.

VLA Awards Criteria

<http://www.vla.org/assets/vla%20awards%20criteria%202016.pdf>

VLA Awards and Recognition Nomination Form

<http://tinyurl.com/2016AwardsVLA>

The new awards are as follows:

The Academic Innovator Award

This award recognizes academic librarians or academic project teams who have made an outstanding contribution to advance the mission of an academic library in Virginia through an innovative project, program or service during the nomination period. (calendar year 2015 for award given in 2016)

The Public Library Innovator Award

This award recognizes public librarians or public library project teams who have made an outstanding contribution to advance the mission of a public library in Virginia through an innovative project, program or service during the nomination period. (calendar year 2015 for award given in 2016)

The Up and Comer Award

This award recognizes a librarian who shows leadership early in his or her career. While new to the profession, he/she expands the role of librarian with forward-thinking efforts that help move libraries into the future. Winners of this award will be energetic librarians, with less than five years of professional experience, who push the boundaries of originality and creativity.

Donna G. Cote Librarian of the Year Award

The award recognizes exemplary achievement of a working Virginia librarian who has made a significant contribution(s) at any level of librarianship during the nomination period. (calendar year 2015 for award given in 2016) It is named after Ms. Cote who worked for the award-winning Central Rappahannock Regional Library for 44 years, serving as Library Director for 34 years.

A dedicated public servant and visionary leader, she made access for all her motto and provided cutting-edge technologies and learning opportunities for library customers the driving force of the library's mission. Ms. Cote was the recipient of numerous awards including the Elizabeth M. Lewis Award from the Virginia Public Library Directors Association (VPLDA) and was named Outstanding Library Director in 2003 by VPLDA.



VLA is also accepting nominations for the following awards:

George Mason Award

The award may be presented to an individual librarian, library or organization distinguished for advocacy of libraries and/or information access, or to an institution, business, or academic program whose activity has contributed to the development, growth and extension of library and information services in the local community, the state, or nationally.

Honorary Life Membership

Eligibility for nomination should be confined to Trustees or former Trustees, Friends of a Virginia library and Virginia librarians who have held membership and who have made outstanding contributions to the association.

Friends of the Library Award

This award is presented to a Friends group in recognition of distinguished service to libraries or a library in Virginia.

Trustee Library Award

This award recognizes the distinguished service to libraries or a library in Virginia. The Trustee honored may have served on the local, state, regional, or national level, or at a combination of levels.

The winners of the awards will be honored at the VLA Annual Conference, October 26-28, 2016 at the Omni Homestead Resort in Hot Springs, VA. On Wednesday evening, October 26, VLA will host an Awards and Scholarship Banquet from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. This event will also celebrate the 25th year of VLA providing scholarships to library school students.

VLA also offers *The Outstanding Professional Associates Award*; the *VLA Professional Associates Forum Award*; and the *VLAPAF Supporter of Professional Associates Award* in conjunction with the *VLA Professional Associates Conference* each Spring.

Source: <http://www.vla.org/call-for-nominations--2016-awards>



ALA News

75 Libraries to Receive Great Stories Club Programming Grants for At-Risk Youth

Seventy-five libraries have been selected to receive training and support to host book club programs with at-risk youth as part of the Great Stories Club program, the American Library Association (ALA) Public Programs Office announced.

Including:

- Central Rappahannock Regional Library
- King William High School
- Newport News Public Library System

Created in 2006, the Great Stories Club strives to introduce young adults to accessible and thought-provoking literature selected by humanities scholars to resonate with reluctant readers struggling with complex issues like incarceration, violence and poverty.

The 2016 theme is “The Art of Change: Creation, Growth and Transformation.” Working with small groups of six to 10 teens, grantees will host reading and discussion events for each of three book titles: “The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian” by Sherman Alexie; “Buck: A Memoir” by M.K. Asante and “The Complete Persepolis” by Marjane Satrapi.

The grantees represent 61 public libraries, 11 school libraries, two academic/college libraries and one prison library. View a full list of grantee libraries and their partner organizations at <http://www.ala.org/programming/GSCChange-selected-sites>.

Grantees will receive 11 paperback copies of each of the three book selections (10 to gift to participants; one for discussion leader/library collection); travel and accommodation expenses paid for attendance at a project orientation workshop held during the 2016 ALA Annual Conference & Exhibitions in Orlando, Florida; and other resources and support.

Cuyahoga Valley Career Center, an alternative high school in northeast Ohio, was selected to offer the Great Stories Club model with their 11th- and 12th-grade students.

“By encouraging students and allowing them to share their thoughts and ideas with others through guided discussions, these teens can appreciate that they are not the only teen dealing with these difficult challenges,” said Library Media Specialist Connie Mangan. “If the teen in the story and their peers can find successful ways to overcome life’s obstacles, they too can find success.”

An additional round of Great Stories Club grants will be awarded in 2017 with the theme “Nature vs. Nurture: Origins of Teen Violence and Suicide.” Libraries may participate in more than one round but must apply separately for each.

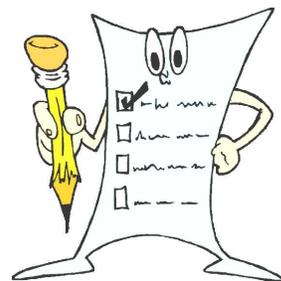
ALA Press Release, May 13, 2016 

ALA-Children’s Book Council (CBC) Joint Committee

Reading Up Book List

The ALA-Children’s Book Council (CBC) Joint Committee is launching a new pilot bibliography to provide guidance to caregivers interested in finding titles for children who read at an advanced level.

The committee is looking to library professionals, publishers, and anyone with a passion for child literacy to provide suggestions for this list, especially titles offering diverse characters and settings as well as by diverse authors and illustrators, and notable recent publications.



The list will have three sections:

- Titles for Kindergartners/1st graders reading at a 3rd grade level
- Titles for 2nd/3rd graders reading at a 5th grade level
- Titles for 4th/5th graders reading at a 7th grade level

To submit title suggestions for this new book list, visit: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1hnHf5kS8zdxB6jgkbrP1Lb3JgurQOP0JaKhvpEuHK8E/viewform>

The CBC Joint Committee would greatly appreciate your thoughtful suggestions! The submission period will be open from May 16 to September 5, 2016. The committee, comprised of librarians and CBC member publisher employees, will review submissions to create a final list of titles for each category. The final list will be released in early 2017.

Please contact the CBC Director of Programming, Shaina Birkhead (shaina.birkhead@cbcbooks.org), directly with any questions.

Source: email from Laura Schulte-Cooper to the YSCON distribution list, May 16, 2016 



Dates to Remember

Virginia Conferences

October 26-28, 2016 VLA Annual Conference Hot Springs

National Conferences

June 23-28, 2016 American Library Association Annual Conference Orlando

October 27-29, 2016 Association for Rural & Small Libraries Conference Fargo

November 4-6, 2016 YALSA's 2016 YA Services Symposium Pittsburgh

Library Observances, Celebration Weeks & Promotional Events

June

National GLBT Book Month <http://www.ala.org/glbtrt/glbtrt-book-month>

Audiobook Month Display award-winning and favorite children's audiobooks.

Get the list of ALA's Odyssey award winners at

<http://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/bookmedia/odysseyaward>

June Observances

June 5 World Environment Day

June 14 Flag Day

June 19 Father's Day

June 19 Juneteenth

Thanks for the photos and information!

- ◇ **Holly Finch**, Chesapeake Public Library System
- ◇ **Jennifer Hartley**, Danville Public Library
- ◇ And the usual resources - ALA, ALSC, Children's Book Council, Library of Virginia, Virginia Library Association