

YOUTH SERVICES NOTES

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ALA News

American Library Association Lauds Bipartisan Senate Bill to Renew Support for Libraries Nationwide

Acknowledging and highlighting the critical role of libraries across the nation, the bipartisan Museum and Library Services Act of 2016 (S. 3391) was introduced today by Senators Jack Reed (D-RI), Susan Collins (R-ME), Thad Cochran (R-MS) and Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY).

"Libraries bring promise and opportunity to millions of people in every corner of the country every day," said **Julie Todaro, president of the American Library Association (ALA)**, "so we especially appreciate the enormous effort by the sponsors of the new Museum and Library Services Act to build a bipartisan bill to reauthorize federal library funding that can and should be approved before the current Congress adjourns later this year."

Todaro added, "The \$230 million authorized by this essential bill will continue to be distributed to virtually every state in the nation by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) to be used, in states' discretion, to offer library patrons everything from employment services and small business development assistance to free Wi-Fi to STEM programming and access to other costly resources such as academic journals."

"It's a testament to the public's love of and reliance on libraries that the bill's dedicated sponsors were able to craft the Museum and Library Services Act of 2016 and that, even as an election looms, it may well pass the Senate promptly and without opposition," she concluded.

After enormous input from library professionals around the country, a coalition of library groups led by ALA's Washington Office worked closely with the bill's lead

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From PUBYAC

Programs to Help after Tragedy

Hello fellow librarians, I am very sad to be requesting this information. As you may know, our small town was rocked this weekend with an act of senseless violence and the loss of five innocent lives. We have a seminar this week to instruct parents and teachers on how to use literature to help children and teens deal with grief and death. We're also arranging to have a therapy dog visit our library weekly and are opening our meeting room space to local grief counselors. This still doesn't feel like enough. Has anyone dealt with trauma in their cities and how did your library respond? Booklists? Programs? Anything you can offer would be greatly appreciated. You can email me directly at <mailto:jenniferbr@burlingtonwa.gov> or reply directly to this list. Thank you, *Posted September 26, 2016 by Jennifer Rounds, Children's Librarian, Burlington Public Library, Burlington, WA 98233*

 Hi Jennifer, this is your friendly PUBYAC moderator, Shannon VanHemert, Yes, so sorry to hear of your tragedy. I think you're the first person to request help from the Great Brain after a shooting tragedy, that I remember. **I was closely present at one of the first to occur, Columbine High School. I was the Head of Children's at the public library, Columbine Public Library, just across the park from the high school, so we were really caught up in the middle of it while it was ongoing.** We were one of two public places that people gathered, to try to find out what was going on, and find their kids. Sometimes I wonder if I carry a touch of PTSD from it still.

When the horrid school shooting in Connecticut happened, I contacted the children's librarian there. I told her to be ready for looky loo's, and also that eventually the library would probably be asked to hold the investigative report on the shootings.

Columbine's investigation was very complicated, with so many deaths and with the two teens who had practiced bombing and shooting up to that point. So I would say to alert your adult department about that.

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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.

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cosponsors to include their recommendations in the newly introduced legislation.

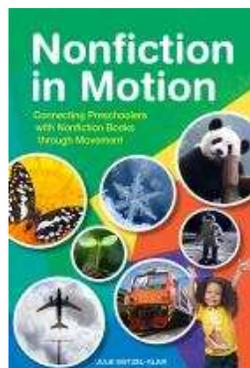
In an effort to update the law to help libraries improve their technology, enhance collaboration and better serve the public and communities, the reauthorization bill will renew the current \$230 million commitment to programs administered by the Institute of Museum and Library Services. Specifically, S. 3391 will:

- Provide technical support and assistance to help libraries collect and analyze data.
- Enhance IMLS's collaborative efforts with an expanded number of federal agencies in order to fully leverage the role of libraries and museums in supporting and meeting the needs of Americans.
- Add focuses for the awarding of National Leadership grant funds on activities that serve a range of library types and geographically diverse areas; include evaluation, analysis, and dissemination components; and actively involve, have direct impact on, or provide future application in libraries.
- Provide greater emphasis on recruiting, training and professional development of the next generation of library and information science professionals from diverse and underrepresented backgrounds. And it encourages partnerships with other agencies, professional networks, and community-based organizations to expand and enhance access to museum services.

ALA Press Release, September 23, 2016 

Connecting Preschoolers with Nonfiction Books through Movement

An underutilized source for storytime programs, quality nonfiction books can help bridge the reading gap between preschool boys and girls; boys enjoy facts and "true stuff," and including these books in storytime helps boys see that reading can be fun.



In "Nonfiction in Motion: Connecting Preschoolers with Nonfiction Books through Movement," published by ALA Editions, Julie Dietzel-Glair spotlights a multitude of nonfiction titles published since 2005 that will engage young children's curiosity while activating learning through movement-based activities. A huge time-saver for storytime planners and presenters, and a useful collection development tool, this guide:

- identifies 200 quality nonfiction books suitable for preschoolers, all in print or easy to find, covering fun topics like animals, construction, and science;
- includes recommended art, movement, music, and prop ideas for each book that will fire up children's imaginations;
- shows how to incorporate the five practices for early literacy and offers other helpful storytime tips;
- provides several outlines for art projects; and
- features multiple indexes to aid in finding just the right title, author, or subject.

Julie Dietzel-Glair is a freelance writer and library consultant. She is the author of "Books in Motion: Connecting Preschoolers with Books through Art, Games, Movement, Music, Playacting, and Props" and the co-author of "Get Real with Storytime: 52 Weeks of Early Literacy Programming with Nonfiction and Poetry." She uses her years of experience as a children's librarian and assistant children's services coordinator to provide training sessions for librarians and other early literacy providers. She is active in the Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC).

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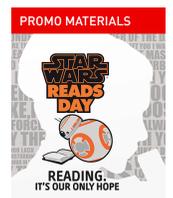
Portsmouth Public Library

Star Wars Reads Day in Portsmouth

The force is strong at the Portsmouth Public Library <https://youtu.be/mg634et4cxo>

What could be as powerful as the Force? The power of reading, of course. And the two will come together this October. Star Wars Reads, a celebration of Star Wars and reading, is set to return for its fifth year with a month-long campaign throughout October. Storytelling events and activities, including author signings, readings, and games are planned for bookstores, libraries, and schools across the globe. Top publishers participating in this year's events include Disney Publishing Worldwide, DK Books, Scholastic, Abrams, Del Rey, Egmont, and many more.

<http://www.starwars.com/news/star-wars-reads-2016>
<https://www.facebook.com/StarWarsReads/> 



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We had huge binders--a double set of 20 I think, but that was before CDs were in use, and now I think much of it has been migrated to the web by the county (not by the library).

We got a LOT of donated books on violence. They came in from all over. I put some of them into my reference section (children's). I didn't try to use all of them. So many went to our annual booksale, and that's OK.

We also got a lot of donated artwork from all over the country. People wanted to help, in some way! The library was a good spot to display a lot of it, so we covered our walls. One school in particular had made 1000 paper cranes, strung them on strings, and then tied the strings to a rope. It was wonderful! We hung it over our long Circulation Desk, and it was as though those cranes dripped blessings and good thoughts onto all the people checking out books.

I'll admit we didn't do any programming pertaining specifically to the shootings. Our building had been taken over by the county and by the White House, as a command center, for three weeks, so the trauma was pretty high for staff and patrons. They lost their library for an extended period of time, during a time when that comfort would have been very helpful to the community. **Surprisingly, what we found, over time, was that parents did NOT want a lot of resources about death, violence, grief, guns. They wanted normalcy. The trauma for the community was so great that they just wanted balm for their souls.** Safe happy picture books, regular storytimes with nothing scary, puppet shows with funny characters, things like that. Something to do to get their minds OFF the situation. The community continued to be traumatized by additional killings of and attacks on children, so it was pretty grim for the next year and a half, and the community needed comfort. Shoot, STAFF needed comfort! I don't know how close your building is to the mall, but we found that scary weirdos seemed to be attracted to the area because of the horror that had happened, and they hung out in the public places nearby. For us, it was the public library. For you, they might just hang out at the mall. Ugh.

Our collection development coordinator and I worked together to find print and web resources to help, and in fact, SLJ requested we do an article for them. It's in the Jan 2000 SLJ issue and called "Shelter from the Storm." We had multiple copies of all of these resources, readily available at our branch, and that bibliography was right at our fingertips to use. We seldom had requests to pull it out. We also made sure that our regular Death and Grief bibliography was

front and center (resources about the death of various family members or pets), but to my memory we didn't have to stock that any more than we ever had.

So this answer to your question is probably not all that helpful, because basically TL;DR is:

Do even more of what you did before, to help bring normalcy back to your community.

Always thinking of you public servants out there, picking up the pieces after tragedy,

Posted September 27, 2016 by Shannon VanHemert, Former Head of Columbine Children's, Littleton, Colorado

🐦 Hi Jennifer, I am so sorry for the tragedy that has struck your community. This past Spring, a teenager was shot behind our building (we are connected to a local high school). Our neighborhood has fallen victim to quite a bit of violence, but this rocked our community to the core, as many view the library as a safe place.

For the first few days we allowed the kids to pick the program. They chose a movie marathon with snacks. Parents told me that they were grateful for the chance to "escape", if only for a little while, and that they were away dark the prying eyes of the press. I told the kids that if they had questions about what had happened or wanted to find books about feelings or just even hug, then I was there for them.

At the end of the week, our local peace institute and a few community leaders came in. Kids, Teens, and adults had the opportunity to express their fears, concerns, receive guidance, and just be together.

I wish I could tell you there was some magic formula for how to handle these situations! Best of luck to you all- and remember to take care of yourself, too!

Posted September 27, 2016 by Alyson Feldman-Piltch, Children's Librarian, Boston Public Library, Grove Hall Branch 📖

DayByDayVA



WWW.DAYBYDAYVA.ORG FAMILY LITERACY CALENDAR

Library Development and Networking Children's and Youth Services Consultant Report to the Virginia Public Library Director's Meeting at the Library of Virginia, September 29-30, 2016

Science Resource Hubs

14 library systems have STEM resources that may be loaned to area public libraries and community organizations. Augusta County Library, Bedford Public Library, Blackwater Regional Library, Bristol Public Library, Chesterfield County Public Library, Franklin County Public Library, L.E. Smoot Memorial Library, Montgomery-Floyd Regional Library, Pittsylvania County Public Library, Portsmouth Public Library, Powhatan County Public Library, Richmond Public Library, Roanoke County Public Library and Russell County Public Library have items such as snap circuits, solar car kits, spheros, ozobots, rocket launcher and other materials to promote STEM programs.

By the end of the year we will have placed additional STEM materials at Buchanan County Public Library, Eastern Shore Public Library, Fluvanna County Library, Prince William County Public Library, Tazewell County Library and York County Library. We plan to place additional Science Resource Hubs in libraries in 2017.

If your library is interested in hosting a Science Resource, please read the guidelines at <http://vpl.virginia.gov/youth-services/stem-resource-hubs/>. The Science Resource Hubs is a joint project of the Library of Virginia and the Science Museum of Virginia.

Summer Food Program

62 public libraries participated in the summer food program by partnering with an existing meal site and offering enriching activities or by serving a meal and/or snack at their library or outreach program. The Library of Virginia is working with the Virginia Department of Health, and No Kid Hungry to evaluate the programs in the public libraries. The Virginia Department of Health will be contacting the library systems soon.

We are offering posters and bookmarks to promote the summer food program. We are also offering placemats with literacy activities on them. Materials may be requested when placing the summer reading program orders through the Library of Virginia.

Winter Reading Program

Orders for the winter reading program are due by September 30. We will be offering a paper and online registration and tracking program. The online program will offer ebadges for completing early literacy activities. 

Summer Reading Program/BookPoints

The results of the Study on the Impact of the Summer Reading Program in Virginia are available as an infographic poster.

We will be providing a new software program free of charge to the public libraries to track summer reading and summer learning. The new software includes a pre- and post-quiz for those who have completed 3rd and 5th grades, which was developed with the help of the Virginia Department of Education. The quiz will offer data on the impact of the summer reading program at a local level.

We are also offering badges for learning activities to capture informal learning that takes place in your community as well as your library. Once we have received requested enhancements for the program, we will offer online training through a webinar in December.

We will also need a signed Memorandum of Understanding (form is attached) before we set up library sites, providing access and offer face to face and hands on training for your library. We will also set up a "sandbox" site of the program, which may be used for training.

Upcoming Training

Coaching – October 4 and 5, 2016 with follow up training on November 15, 2016.

STEM Training – offered by the Science Museum of Virginia in October and November.

Fall Online training – Supercharged Virginia Storytimes, Bilingual Storytime and Library Outreach.

Winter Online Training Using Library Programs to Build Executive Function Skills Digital Media and Learning – offered by the Fred Rogers Center – March 30, 2017 in Petersburg, and March 31, 2017 in Roanoke County. This training will be followed by a series of webinars.

Library Survey

The Virginia Department of Health – Injury Prevention conducted a survey of Virginia public libraries. Based on this survey, the Virginia Department of Health will be compiling a resource list of health and safety training programs that may be offered to library staff.

We are also providing educational resources in BookPoints, the Summer Reading Program software. Under discussion is creating toolkits for library staff to use to promote health related information.

- Enid Costley, September 26, 2016 

Puppy Tails and Maymont at Powhatan County Public Library

Submitted by Peggy Martin



Northumberland Public Library

A Big Friendly Giant Joins the Library

A "life-sized" sculpture of Roald Dahl's Big Friendly Giant built by the Scripture family in February 2015 will now greet patrons at the Northumberland Public Library.

The BFG was a family project in response to Northumberland Elementary School's "One School One Book Program," where the entire school read "The BFG."

"Their Dad wanted to build it life-sized (16 feet high), but I said it wouldn't fit inside the house during the February snowstorms" said Deborah Scripture. "It got more and more elaborate with each snow day." "We are so happy the BFG has found a new home here at the library, said Children's Program Coordinator Jan Bates. "We look forward to kids visiting him often and checking out the DVD when it is released in December."

Submitted by Pamela Hagy.

From Left: The Scripture Family - Deborah, James (age 6), Stephen and Joseph (age 10) 

Explore the Wild at Roanoke County Public Library

Roanoke County Libraries offered a program about getting outside, exploring nature, and offering tips on how to stay safe.

We had fun stations like “how to read a map” which involved kids making their own map, we used animal track stamps to guess which animals made which footprints, a bug discovery bin for a sensory experience, and other fun crafts like leaf rubbings. The forest service was really awesome and we had Smokey Bear at all of our events, they had lots of fun handouts for the kids and Smokey’s helpers talked about fire safety. We of course offered s’mores at the program, some locations used the microwave, but our Glenvar Library had a fire fit (with fire marshall approval of course). This was a great program, and gave us the opportunity to showcase a lot of books hidden in non-fiction that people are unaware of. We were sure to have our Nature Backpack posters out to promote their circulation as well. Low cost, lots of fun. Submitted by Wendy B. Rancier, Youth Services Divisional Librarian



Hampton Public Library

Universe In A Jar

The children had a blast creating their own beautiful Universe In a Jar and they also watched a fun but educational space video. *Submitted by Maria Dillon.*





Dates to Remember

Virginia Conferences

October 26-28, 2016..... VLA Annual Conference..... Hot Springs

National Conferences

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

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

January 20-24, 2017..... ALA Midwinter Meeting..... Atlanta

June 22-27, 2017..... ALA Annual Conference..... Chicago

Workshops

October 4-5, 2016..... Coaching Training..... Chesapeake

October 20, 2016..... STEM Training..... Palmyra

October 21, 2016..... STEM Training..... Portsmouth

November 3, 2016..... STEM Training..... Wytheville

November 4, 2016..... STEM Training..... Richlands

November 10, 2016..... STEM Training..... Woodbridge

Online Courses

October 3, 2016..... Bilingual Storytime and Library Outreach..... Online Course

October 3, 2016..... Supercharged Virginia Storytime..... Online Course

Library Observances, Celebration Weeks & Promotional Events

October

Computer Learning Month..... http://pbskids.org/old_license

Visit PBS Kids "Get Your Web License," an online game that teaches Internet safety.

Arts and Humanities Month..... <http://www.americansforthearts.org/events/national-arts-and-humanities-month>

Go on a Field Trip Month..... www.mnh.si.edu/panoramas

Take a panoramic virtual tour of the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History

Observances

October 4 World Animal Day

October 16 World Food Day

October 22 Make a Difference Day

October 29 Cat Day

Thanks for the photos and information!

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