

YOUTH SERVICES NOTES

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Montgomery-Floyd Regional Library

Summer Reading Displays

These are summer reading bulletin board displays at the Blacksburg branch library.



Submitted by Sarah Pahl, Youth Services Manager. 

Portsmouth Public Library

Summer Reading Displays



Submitted by Rachel Enrich. 

Virginia Department of Health

Fireworks Safety Month

Attached is the 2015 Fireworks Safety Month-July document with "Optional activities" and "Firework Safety Resources" from the Virginia Department of Health.



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- ◇ **Sarah Pahl**, Montgomery-Floyd Regional Library
- ◇ **Rachel Enrich**, Portsmouth Public Library
- ◇ **JoAnn Wells**, Virginia Department of Health
- ◇ **And the usual resources** – ALSC, Lunar and Planetary Institute / Universities Space Research Association, PUBYAC



Dates to Remember

Virginia Conferences

October 21-23, 2015 Virginia Library Association Annual Conference..... Richmond

National Conferences

June 25-30, 2015 American Library Association Annual Conference San Francisco

November 6-8, 2015 YALSA'S 2015 Young Adult Symposium Portland

April 5-9, 2016 Public Library Association 2016 Conference Denver

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

September 15-17, 2016 ALSC National Institute 2016.....Charlotte

Workshops / Early Literacy Activity Center (ELAC) Exchanges

September 9-10, 2015..... Library of Virginia Fall Youth Services Workshop..... Richmond

From ALSC Blog

The Art of Collaboration

The spirit of cooperation is a natural force in humanity. Libraries can be a key community collaborator. How can you harness the power of collaborative work? The practice of neighbors helping neighbors is the genesis of a healthy and thriving community. The fire department, the post office, and the public library are a few examples of early voluntary associations that strengthened society.

What is the essence of collaboration? What are the benefits of pooling resources with community organizations, businesses, and individuals? How can you determine whether a common mission exists between the library and others? **These are some questions an upcoming 2016 ALA Editions book will explore. ALSC is helping me, as co-author, to conduct a brief survey**

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/LB2W3SZ> to gather information for the book project. If you'd like to participate, **complete the survey by end of Wednesday, June 17, 2015. Thank you**

Posted on June 8, 2015 by Dorothy Stoltz, dstoltz@carr.org

Dorothy is the co-author of a forthcoming ALA Editions book project on creating collaborations. Dorothy serves as chair of the PLA/ALSC Every Child Ready to Read oversight committee and is head of Programming and Outreach for Carroll County (MD) Public Library

ALSC Online Courses for Summer 2015

Summer has a way of sneaking up on you, doesn't it? ALSC is giving you a little extra time to get ready for our new semester of online courses. **Registration is open for all courses. Classes begin Monday, July 13, 2015.**

Two of the courses being offered this semester are eligible for continuing education units (CEUs) by the International Association of Continuing Education and Training (IACET). ALSC online courses are designed to fit the needs of working professionals. Courses are taught by experienced librarians and academics. As participants frequently noted in post-course surveys, ALSC stresses quality and caring in its online education options. For more information on ALSC online learning, please visit: <http://www.ala.org/alsced> .

The closest we will ever come to an orderly universe is a good library

~ Ashleigh Brilliant ~

NEW! It's Mutual: School and Public Library Collaboration

6 weeks, July 13 – August 21, 2015

Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Programs Made Easy

4 weeks, July 13 – August 7, 2015

CEU Certified Course, 1.2 CEUs

Storytelling with Puppets

4 weeks, July 13 – August 7, 2015

CEU Certified Course, 2.2 CEUs

Detailed descriptions and registration information is available on the ALSC Online Learning website.

<http://www.ala.org/alsc/edcareers/profdevelopment/alscweb>

Fees are \$115 for personal ALSC members; \$165 for personal ALA members; and \$185 for non-members.

Questions? Please contact

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Posted on June 7, 2015 by Dan Bostrom, Marketing and Membership Manager for ALSC. 

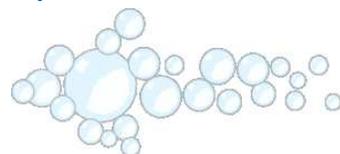
From PUBYAC

Bubble Machine

I'm hoping some of you out there have super awesome bubble machines! Ours (Infinite Bubbles by Placo) is on its last leg and it doesn't seem to be sold anywhere any longer. I've read reviews of quite a few machines, but most of them are negative. Does anyone have a machine that they love that has lasted through many storytimes? :) We like that it makes different sizes of bubbles, if anyone has one that does that. You can reply to me off list, and I can send responses to anyone who's interested. Thank you!

Posted March 27, 2015 by

Cara Frank, Youth Services Librarian, Clermont County Public Library, Amelia, OH 45102. I had a lot of interest in my bubble machine quest, so here's the results. Thank you so much for the recommendations! We will purchase one soon, and hopefully we'll have the same success! Posted April 3, 2015.



 I'm loving my Gazillion Bubbles machine used with Gazillion Bubbles, juice and a small fan beside it. It fills the room a good 12 feet away. It's been going for two years now. The only drawback is that it needs a lot of batteries rather than plugging in. Invest in

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Bubble Machine

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rechargeables because fresh batteries make a huge difference in amount of bubbles. It's okay with off brand bubble juice but amazing with gazillion bubbles. 1 huge bottle runs two machines 5-10 minutes at three-four story hours each week for 3+ months.

🐦 We have used the Gazillion Bubbles machine with success, but it goes through AA batteries really fast. So I found this machine at Walmart that will either plug in or use batteries. Sometimes it's a little bit sluggish, but it mostly suits our needs. Please share any new finds that others have! Also, I used to invest in the pricey Gazillion bubbles solution but I've determined that it isn't substantially different from the jumbo bottles of solution at Walmart that are half the price—at least, not enough different to justify the cost.

🐦 If you find one please let me know; I have replaced three in the last two months. Every brand I've tried doesn't last very long. I really like the Gymboree bubbles and bubble blower. A lot of people have difficulty with the blower, because it's not what we grew up with. However, after you get the hang of it, it works much better. <http://www.mothering.com/forum/31-life-toddler/458190-someone-pleeeeeeaaassee-help-us-figure-out-our-gymboree-bubbles.html>

🐦 We have been using Bubble Fantasia (Target, \$19.00) and we love it! It sits upright and slightly resembles the old oscillating fans. The bubbles are uniform size but you get hundreds. This machine has small flashing lights and an additional feature. Using another set of batteries, the "head" of the machine will swivel from side to side, like a fan. I have not used this feature because I don't want a bunch of toddlers tripping over each other to follow the stream. Outside, this would probably be great. We have had this machine for over a year and lately we noticed it wasn't making as many bubbles. We replaced the batteries but with no result. Then, we happened to use a new bottle of bubble solution and it was back to its old self with bubbles galore! It's a good deal.

🐦 I purchased one from Party City for \$21. I've ordered two online at http://www.cheapdijgear.us/Bubble_Snow_Machines_s/56.htm. They both rusted after a period of time. After a while the tray wouldn't sit flush in the compartment so it started leaking solution. Also, it had to be plugged in so that my movement was limited. I haven't had any problems with the one from Party City. It can run on batteries so I can easily move around the room with it. Hope this helps!

🐦 We have gone through many with our baby and toddler programs; the best is that we have used is the Gazillion bubble machine. We were fortunate enough to get it on clearance at Target in the fall and it is still going strong. The bubbles are all the same size but lots come out at a time and it isn't very expensive. Attached is the link, just copy and paste it in another window. Good Luck! <http://www.target.com/p/gazillion-bubble-hurricane/-/A-14296433> 

Lunar and Planetary Institute

It's Pluto Time!

Don't forget to check out the New Horizons event guides from the Lunar and Planetary Institute! These guides will help you create a Pluto/New Horizons program for your audience. See the guides at http://www.lpi.usra.edu/education/look_up/new_horizons/.

New Custom Tool Lets You Experience 'Pluto Time'

Just how dim is the sunlight on Pluto, some three billion miles away? While sunlight is much weaker than it is here on Earth, it isn't as dark as you might expect. In fact, for just a moment during dawn and dusk each day, the illumination on Earth matches that of high noon on Pluto.

We call this **"Pluto Time."** If you go outside at this time on a clear day, the world around you will be as dim as the surface of Pluto.

It's always Pluto Time somewhere, and NASA wants to see your view, using a new interactive widget that provides the approximate time, based on your location. The tool also allows you to set reminders for upcoming Pluto Times.



Read the full story

<http://www.nasa.gov/feature/nasa-lets-you-experience-pluto-time-with-new-custom-tool>

Experience 'Pluto Time' for yourself!

<http://solarsystem.nasa.gov/plutotime/> 

New Horizons is the first mission to Pluto and the Kuiper Belt of rocky, icy objects beyond. Visit the mission website (<http://pluto.jhuapl.edu/>) for more information.

Email to explore-bounces discussion list of the Universities Space Research Association (USRA), June 8, 2015



2015 Fireworks Safety Month-July Optional Activities



Fireworks Safety Month: July 2015

Optional Activities

- Fireworks Safety Reading Day
- Reading time and presentation
- Reading Resources
 - Wardlaw, Lee. *Red, White and Boom*. (2012). ISBN: 9780805090659
 - Rosen, Lucy. *Captain America to the Rescue!* (2011) ISBN: 9780316084826
 - Falconer, Ian. *Olivia Forms a Band*. (2006). ISBN: 9781416924548
- Shelf Display- Provide a Shelf Display with additional with firework safety resources. For information on Fireworks Safety, visit the National Council on Firework Safety, Inc at <http://www.fireworkssafety.org/safety-store/>
- Coloring Contest on Firework Safety

Firework Safety Resources

- Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) : Infographic: CPSC Science: Fireworks Injuries 2014 Update (2014) at: <http://onsafety.cpsc.gov/blog/2014/06/26/cpsc-science-fireworks-injuries-2014/>
- Safe Kids Worldwide: www.safekids.org/tip/fireworks-safety-tips
- [Download US CPSC Free Fireworks Safety poster](http://www.cpsc.gov/en/Safety-Education/Neighborhood-Safety-Network/Posters/Sparklers-can-Burn-at-2000-Degrees-Fahrenheit/) “Sparklers Can Burn at 2,000 Degrees Fahrenheit”-<http://www.cpsc.gov/en/Safety-Education/Neighborhood-Safety-Network/Posters/Sparklers-can-Burn-at-2000-Degrees-Fahrenheit/>
- Download US CPSC Fireworks “Un Sparktacular” Video (2012) at <http://www.cpsc.gov/en/Newsroom/Multimedia/?vid=65304>