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Youth Services Subdivision

Message from your YSS Chair

Iowa Library Association

Raise your hand if you are knee deep in summer reading! Feeling the pressure yet or are you as cool as a cucumber? Well, whatever boat you are in our biggest event of the year is almost upon us! I hope you had the opportunity to attend one the Summer Reading Program workshops in the fall. Anna Hartman and Sarah Day did a fabulous job of getting us thinking, excited and geared up for the summer. Remember, they created a wonderful website full of ideas and tips if you are still in need: <http://fizzboomread.weebly.com/>

Plus in the interest of crowdsourcing, they have agreed to put up any reading logs, booklets or any other in-house summer reading creation that you are willing to share to other libraries. Send them to Anna (ahartmann@cbpl.lib.ia.us) as a pdf and indicate if they are for babies, kids or teens.

Don't forget that the deadline for voting in the Iowa Bridge to Reading Picture Book Award, which is sponsored by the Youth Services Subdivision, is coming up very quickly. Paper or online votes must be in by April 30th to be counted. This award was introduced last year as the Dubuque Bridge To Reading Picture Book Award and with the help of Danielle Day we were able to bring it to the entire state this year and hopefully for many more! For more information on the award visit: <http://www.bridgetoreading.com/>

Several members of the Youth & Teen Services Councils met in Des Moines at the State Library in early March for a planning meeting. Led by Merri Monks we discussed ILA and next spring's Kids First Conference. If you have any ideas for break-out sessions or speakers, please contact Merri with your ideas. We also formed a new group on Facebook called IaYaYa Hush (Iowa Youth and Young Adult). A "hush" is a group of librarians. This Facebook hush is comprised of Iowa's Youth and Young Adult Librarians who want a place to share ideas. Please search us out on Facebook and request to join our group. Please use this as a crowdsourcing place as well. Share ideas, pictures, posters, or anything relating to kid and teen services.

Please enjoy the articles and ideas shared in this newsletter to find out what is going on around the state and consider sharing some thoughts of your own in an upcoming newsletter.

Happy Spring & Summer Reading!

Angie

Burlington Public Library

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Happenings around the State

YS staff from the Des Moines Metro area meet monthly to share ideas, discuss library trends, and visit each other's libraries. The group, known as "KidsLib," met at Clive Public Library in February and enjoyed touring the updated children's area and hearing about the library's program of "1000 Books Before Kindergarten."

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For my BabyTalk program here in Ames, we've been doing a Rhyme of the Month for a couple years now. I put up a poster with the words and some appropriate clip art, and then we say/sing it together during the program. Many parents really appreciate seeing the words printed out, and the pictures help our non-English speakers to understand what the rhymes mean. All of our rhymes have actions along with them, whether bouncing, clapping, stretching, or anything else. I'd recommend Marc Brown's Playtime Rhymes as a great starting point, or simply start with favorites like "Wheels on the Bus" and "Mary Had a Little Lamb." I've enjoyed introducing these rhymes to families and learning some new ones myself! Feel free to email me with any questions, and have a great time rhyming and bouncing!

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Nobody loves a book like a kid loves a book ~ Anne Ursu, author of *Breadcrumbs* and *The Real Boy*

Happenings, continued

The Burlington Public Library received the 2014 YALSA/Dollar General Summer Teen Intern Grant!

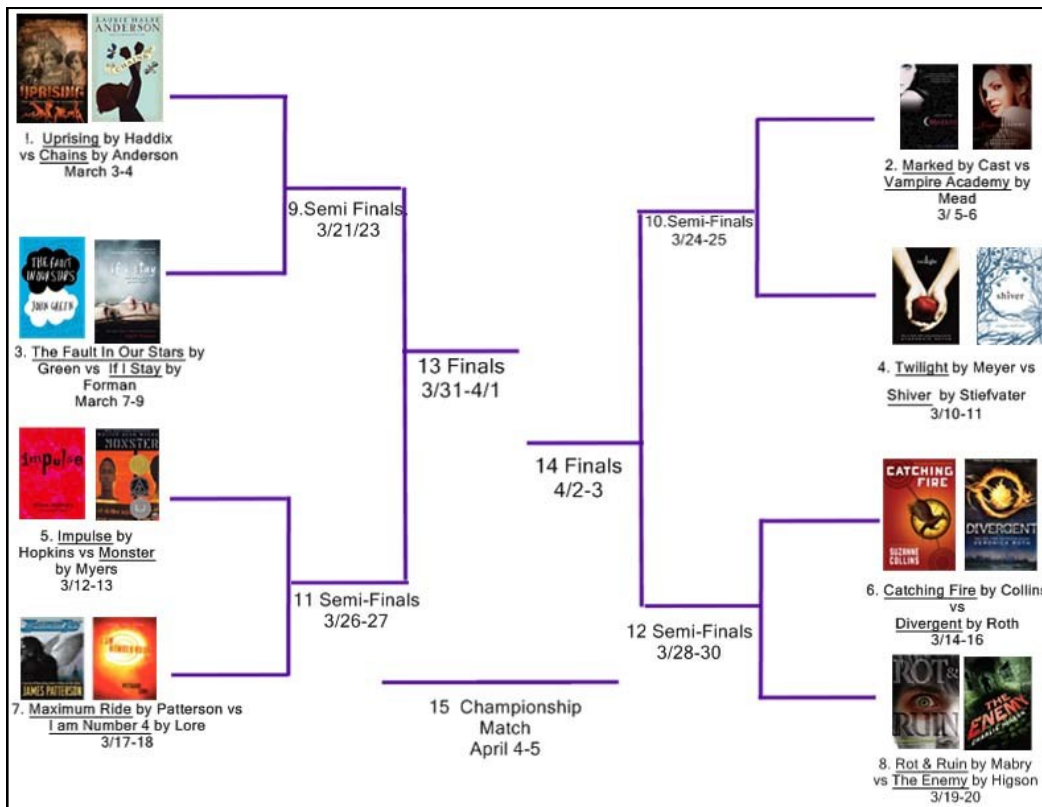
YSS Chair Angela Pilkington sent an excerpt of their email:

"The Summer Reading & Learning Taskforce reviewed all of the applications and selected yours as one of the best, which means your library is eligible to receive a \$1,000 donation from YALSA and Dollar General!"

She is so excited to bring a **paid Teen Intern** into the mix at the library this summer! Angela states, "We will be using our intern to help with planning and implementing our Teen Summer Reading program and teen programming. Teen services are as much about enfranchising young adults through the development of community collaboration and workplace skills as through life-long learning and the endless possibilities of literacy. We are very excited to connect with a teen and benefit from their unique worldview and perspective to make Summer Reading 2014 meaningful and valuable to our teens." Way to go, Burlington!

Speaking of Burlington...

Burlington Public Library's Teen Assistant, Becky Ruberg, put together a "March Madness of Books @ the BPL. Each week two books will face off between each other for Teens (or adults) to vote on. They may turn their ballots in all week long either in person or by our Facebook page and at the end of the week all votes will be tallied. The winner will advance to the next round. At the end of the month we will have the BPL's favorite Teen book. Book selections were chosen by our TAB.



Tough choices, especially in the southeast bracket!



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Other fun stuff...

YSS is the proud sponsor of the **Bridge to Reading Picture Book Award!** For this year's nominees and more information, click here: <http://bit.ly/1jiGQ1Z>

Voting ends April 30th, 2014!

SYNC Audio is a great program of free Young Adult audio book downloads. The selections for 2014 have been announced, and the titles are on the SYNC website, at <http://bit.ly/1op7WWI>

The website has a toolkit for librarians and educators, under the tab "Educators, Librarians, Bloggers," that includes downloadable posters and bookmarks. Kids (and adults) can download the selections right onto a smartphone, with the Overdrive app.

Thanks to the YSS conference fund, I was able to attend the Public Library Association conference in Indianapolis, March 12-15th. I did some live-blogging for ALSC, and you can read the posts through their website. <http://bit.ly/1cVLuTq>

National conferences are worth every penny. They allow you to network, re-up your inspiration supply, and yes - get free stuff!

I encourage everyone to go to the PLA conference website, where many of the conference presenters posted their presentations.

<http://bit.ly/OyORo0>

~Erin Silva

Send in any item you wish for inclusion in the next newsletter to Erin Silva, kplyouth@kctc.net (book reviews, program ideas, fun stuff, pictures, articles of interest...)