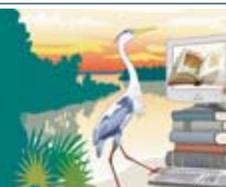


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Fresh Start for Kids

Are your young patrons banned from borrowing new items due to delinquent fines?

If so, consider a back to school program modeled after New York

It's Night Time: 2012 Theme and Free Resource

To welcome in the 2012 **NIGHT** theme that begins October 1, FLYP is sending each library system a nonfiction book: [Going Around the Sun: Some Planetary Fun](#). Written by Marianne Berkes, a former Florida librarian, and illustrated by Floridian Janeen Mason, the book has simple text, counting, rhyming verses and colorful illustrations.

The story is about Mother Sun and her planets having a conversation; the first page begins:

*Up in outer space
 In a great galaxy,
 Lived an old Mother Sun,
 And her planet, Mercury.*

*"Whirl," said the Mother.
 "I whirl," said the One.
 So it whirled and it twirled
 As it went around the Sun.*

At the end of the book, both the author and the illustrator provide tips to create activities and art - including the technique that Ms. Mason used to design her illustrations: crayons and a warm griddle.

The Division encourages you to develop a planetary program and to share your NIGHT programming ideas with the editor. And, contact Ms. Mason to request a Skype or physical visit:

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Ms. Mason graciously signed each copy for the FLYP libraries.

FLYP-PER: Programming for Early Readers

Wordless Books

According to research from Utah State University, wordless books increase literacy and vocabulary skills in toddlers with developmental disabilities.

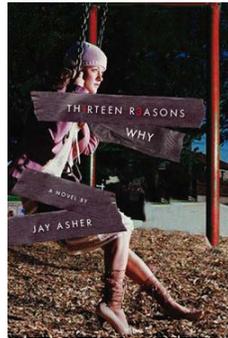
Public Library's [Read Down Your Fine](#) summer program. Promote the program at school orientation days.

[Read more...](#)

T&T: Dynamic Teen and Tween Programming

"Show me the Money" Teen Workshop

"I created a teen financial workshop by inviting our local vehicle dealership owner and a bank vice president who enlightened our youth on how to save money, create a budget, balance a checkbook, pay bills, know the difference between debit and credit cards, and, of course, the most practical and suitable way to purchase a vehicle. The two speakers discussed what teens' priorities should be when it comes to purchasing a vehicle -- how not to get bogged down with a high payment that interferes with their school work and how to avoid working a 32 hour a week job to make car payments." **Michelle Forde, Nassau County Library System**



Tweens Back to School Program

Thirteen Reasons Why, Jay Asher's novel about teenage suicide, is now in paperback and Universal Studios has the film rights. A back-to-school (since that is where Hannah's story begins) program could include tweens listening to the Hannah Baker [tapes](#) and hearing a school guidance counselor talking about how to identify and help someone with suicidal thoughts.

There's also a [website project](#), which offers readers a scrapbook to post reviews as text, photos or videos about their experiences relating to the book.

[View More T&T Programs...](#)

Snippets

Craft

"Recently, library patrons transformed decks of cards into personalized trading cards, a craft currently popular in Europe. They also created holders for the cards from old books." **Sharon Fiske, Flagler County Library System**

Partnership

The 2011 Summer Reading Program by the Levy County Public Library System included presentations by University of Florida students who come from China, Greece, Indonesia, South Korea, Switzerland, Nigeria, the Philippines and Jordan to share their cultures with children and families. The University of Florida Extension Family Nutrition Program provided healthy food from the featured country weekly.

Jenny Rogers, Levy County Public Library System

Children's Program

The Sebring Public Library celebrated South America as library employee Estela Patrick presented Argentina, her birth country, using stories, treats, and a picture frame hanging globe craft.

Reading Rewards

Travis Ann Sherman, Gulf Beaches Public Library

(Pinellas County), wrote: "I just wanted to share with you

one new thing I'm doing this summer which I find very fun. I'm using reading-rewards.com to track my kids' reading, and so far, it's proving to be a lot of fun. I love using this site because it's so outside the library. I can log on and see what the kids are reading- and they can too, so it's very interational and gives kids a chance to evaluate and describe books to each other. It also has a very nice component for kids to 'earn' their reading rewards, so I was able to put all our library's rewards there. It was a bit fiddly getting everyone signed up in the few weeks before we started-because I had to explain what the heck it was over and over-but next year I expect that to be easier."

Teens Do Magic

For the second summer, the Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library (St. Johns County) scheduled special magic shows for children presented by teens who spent time this summer learning to be magicians. The Teen Magic Workshop series sponsored by the Friends included a magician as the teen's instructor.

Teen Talent

Teens enjoyed a chance to showcase their talents at Miami Lakes Branch Public Library's Open Mic night, a part of the library's 40th anniversary celebration. The teen band, My Flesh Heart, had a debut performance of their original songs. Hear the band's four minute [opening performance](#). **Nancy Matos, Miami Lakes Branch Public Library, Miami-Dade Public Library System**

Back to School Programs Request from FLA

What exciting, innovative back to school programs are available through your library? Tell Florida Library Association what your library is doing to help parents and kids prepare for a successful school year.

As part of its ongoing efforts to promote libraries, FLA is looking for examples of the vital services provided by public libraries. One of these services is helping families prepare for the return to school.

Please send me a description of your program and the name of a contact person. Be sure to include any examples of promotional materials that you'd be willing for FLA to share with others, including elected officials.

FLA plans to have news stories and op-ed pieces about library services in Florida publications. This will help the public, the media and decision makers understand the fantastic services Florida libraries are providing. The more they know, the more they'll value and support these services.

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Digital Learning and Libraries Legislation

Governor Rick Scott has signed into law House Bill 7197 (Chapter No. 2011-137), requiring students entering the ninth grade in 2011-2012 and thereafter to take at least one online course in order to meet high school graduation requirements.

Your library may experience increased computer use as a result of this legislation.

Comments?

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