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New but Not...

Summer Reading Program Workshops

The following 2013 Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP)/Florida Library Youth Program (FLYP) summer workshops are still open for registration.

January 10	Tallahassee (Leon County)
January 16	Maitland (Orange County)
January 18	Oldsmar (Pinellas County)
January 31	Loxahatchee (Palm Beach County)
February 1	Miami (Miami-Dade County)
February 5	Daytona Beach (Volusia County)
February 7	Gainesville (Alachua County)
February 11	Jacksonville (Duval County)
February 21	Naples (Collier County)

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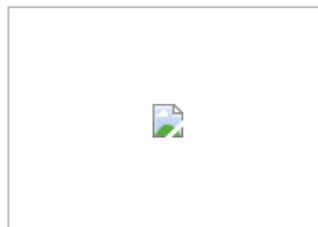
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Summer Reads

By signing up for a



New Summer Reading Program Survey

The Public Library Association (PLA), a division of the American Library Association, is conducting a survey aimed at identifying the different types of summer reading programs available in public libraries across the country. The survey promises to provide a wealth of new information about the characteristics of summer reading programs, the type of evaluative

[CSLP website](#) account, youth services staff have access to more resources not included in the CSLP manuals.

Upcoming Training

[Florida Library Training:](#)

FEL Resources and Mobile Access
December 14, 2012
10:00-11:00 a.m. EST

WebJunction:

[The Impact of an Ice Cream Sundae](#)
January 15, 2013
2:00-3:00 p.m. EST

PLAN:

[AIM: Prepare for Success](#)
January 9, 2013
10:30-12 Noon EST

SWFLN:

[Real Influence: Persuade Without Pushing and Gain Without Giving In](#)
January 16, 2013
12:00-1:00 p.m. EST

NEFLIN:

Common Core Standards: What is Common Core?
January 15, 2013
4:00-5:00 p.m. EST

Find a variety of training opportunities at [Florida Library Webinars](#).

Ongoing Training

If you work in a Florida library, you are eligible to enroll in more than 350 self-paced online courses offered through [WebJunction Florida](#).

Have a WJ account but can't remember the password? Try *WebJunction* (case sensitive) and you'll be prompted to reset your password.

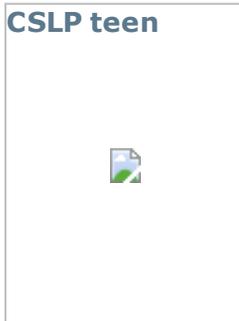
information that is gathered and the resources needed to improve program efficacy.

You can check out [information about the effort](#) along with a link to the survey instrument.

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CSLP 2013 Update

CSLP teen



CSLP Teen Video Contest

The CSLP teen video contest gives teens the opportunity to make videos that encourage use of public libraries and promote reading all summer long.

Teens who create a video promoting summer reading at the public library, including their interpretation of the 2013 CSLP teen slogan "Beneath the Surface," can win \$275 and a \$125 award for their library. Videos can be created individually or as a team. The winning video from Florida will become one of the official Teen PSAs for the National 2013 CSLP Summer Reading Program (CSLP Winning Videos).

The deadline for video entries is February 1, 2013. The [application](#) is available online. For more information visit the [CSLP website](#) or contact [Jana Fine](#) at jana.fine@dos.myflorida.com.

New for 2013 - CSLP members who partner with local schools and nonprofit organizations may print a PDF order page from the CSLP website to share with the school or nonprofit organization that may then order from a selection of CSLP's promotional items. The items on the [PDF order page](#) are the only items available for purchase/use by local schools or nonprofit organizations with whom the CSLP member library has formed a partnership.

NOTE: These items must be purchased with local funds.

Department of Education Corner

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CPALMS Noted as Favorite Site for STEM Teaching Materials by MIT Engineering Professor

In a recent newsletter Dr. Richard Larson from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) wrote the

**2012-2013
Celebration Weeks
and
Promotional Events**

Click on the links to see how you can bring these promotions to your library. Don't forget to share your activities with others.

[Hanukkah/Chanukah](#)
December 8-16, 2012

[Winter Solstice](#)
December 21, 2012

[Christmas](#)
December 25, 2012

[Kwanzaa](#)
December 26, 2012-
January 1, 2013

[Presidential
Inauguration](#)
January 21, 2013

[Martin Luther King, Jr.
Day](#)
January 21, 2013

[Library Snapshot Day](#)
January 30, 2013

[Digital Learning Day](#)
February 6, 2013

[Teen Tech Week](#)
March 10-16, 2013

[Library Legislative Day](#)
March 12, 2013

[Freedom of Information
Day](#)
March 16, 2013

[School Library Month](#)
April 2013

[National Drop
Everything and Read
Day](#)
April 12, 2013

[National Library Week](#)
April 14-20, 2013

[National Bookmobile
Day](#)
April 17, 2013

[Support Teen Literature
Day](#)
April 18, 2013

[Money Smart Week](#)
April 2012 (Date TBA)

following regarding vetted websites for Science*Technology*Engineering*Math (STEM) teaching materials.

"One of our favorites is Florida's Collaborative Plan Align Learn Motivate Share ([CPALMS](#)) program, where educators are invited to submit materials they wish to share. Each submitted item is then sent out to a panel of content experts within Florida. Only the best survive and are given the CPALMS version of the *Good Housekeeping Seal of Approval* and then posted on the web site of the [Florida Department of Education](#) along with a listing of the state educational standards that are covered by the approved materials. Knowing the high standards of this vetting process, a STEM teacher, not necessarily in Florida, can confidently use these materials in their own lesson planning. Our own MIT Blended Learning Open Source Science or Math Studies ([BLOSSOMS](#)) project has submitted BLOSSOMS STEM video lessons to CPALMS. Some have been rejected. Many have been accepted and certified for Florida's teachers. And that has implications for teachers (and librarians) elsewhere as well.

The Internet has other shared teaching resources as well. Perhaps the biggest is [sharemylesson](#), by teachers for teachers. Have a look. Use a lesson. Share your own best lessons. No teacher should be an island. We're all in this together, a joined continent of educators trying to educate and motivate our country's next generation of STEM-ready young men and women. Your job is vital to our nation. Sharing each other's best practices, best lessons, builds bridges from your school to all others. Let the islands be joined!"

For more information, check out [the complete article](#).

Florida Memory Feature

Want to learn more about Florida Memory from the experts? The Florida Memory team is conducting a series of webinars that provide detailed information about the website and digitized collections from the State Library and Archives of Florida. Check out the [Webinars and Slideshows](#) page on Florida Memory for more information.

Looking for ready-made presentation content? Download our slideshows of Florida photographs:

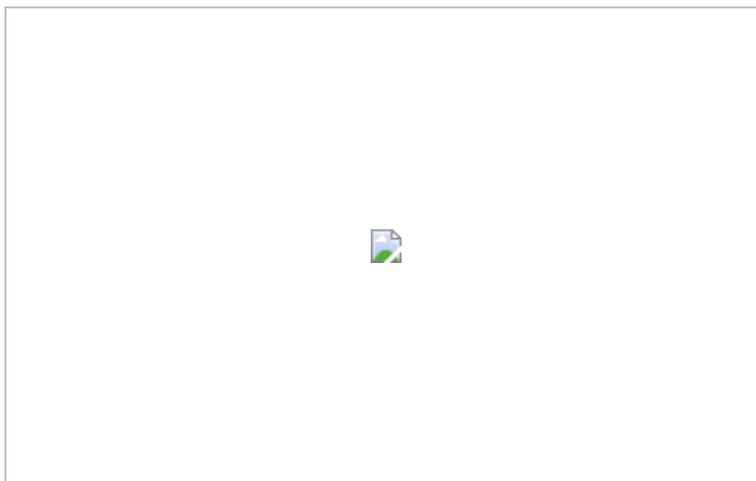
Florida Winter Holidays

Most of the nation considers Florida the escape from the cold winter weather. But for Florida residents, winter was a time of holidays, family celebrations, and sometimes-cold weather.

[Preservation Week](#)
April 21-27, 2013

[Children's Day/Book Day](#)
April 30, 2013

[Choose Privacy Week](#)
May 2013 (Date TBA)



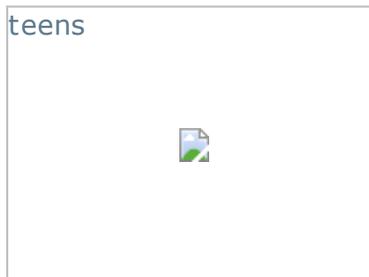
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Insight From the Field

Partnerships Beyond the Library Walls

In September 2009, Library Director Debra Rhodes-Gibson asked if I would consider transferring to the Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library. Once I started, I was immediately contacted by Media Specialist Lisa Barnett of Ponte Vedra High School. She learned I was the new Youth Services Librarian through the community's newspapers. From there, she and I partnered to bring joint programming to the Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library, including **Teens Read with Kids** and **Teen Gaming Nights**.

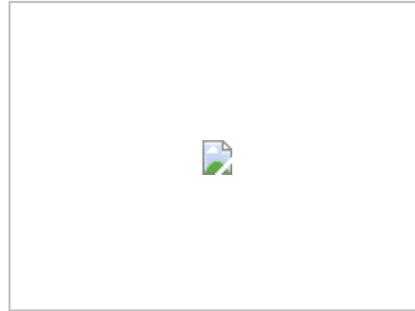
Teen Gaming Nights at the Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library began in January 2010. In August of 2010 I received a call from Sean Coleman - a father and Ponte Vedra Beach library patron who works for Sony. Sean had seen the newspaper article on the library's growing **Teen Gaming Nights** and inquired as to whether we had a PlayStation3 (as it wasn't mentioned in the article). I said we did but it wasn't working. He asked if I wanted one and of course I said "Yes!" From there, our library received not only a PlayStation3 system and Move controller but also lots of games and eventually a nice high-definition flat-screen TV. The donations were incredible but what struck me most was Sean's motivation. As a father, not as a Sony salesperson, Sean supported the monthly teen program at the library that he felt was both safe for and welcoming to teens and gave them a fun way to hang out together. While Lisa and I planned our partnership and have benefited greatly from it, this new partnership was completely unexpected and since has expanded in wonderful ways.



Less than a year later, Sean approached me to say that Sony was impressed with the partnership we had formed and wanted to eventually expand it nationwide! I was thrilled that other libraries and teen patrons could benefit in such a meaningful way, particularly during these tough economic times. I did ask if it were possible to expand the partnership first countywide to the rest of the libraries and Bookmobile in St. Johns County and he said "Yes." Together we put together a very straightforward informal questionnaire asking how the equipment would be used for programming; how the programming would be publicized; and who the programming would be aimed at. As a result, all of the remaining library branches received high-definition flat-screen TVs, PlayStation3's, Move controllers and games. The staff started hosting regular gaming events at all of these locations. Our Bookmobile additionally reached out to seniors who loved the gaming equipment!

Sean generously allowed the Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library to debut a not-yet-released PlayStation3 game *Wonderbook: Book of Spells* inspired by the Harry Potter books for our **International Games Day** on November 3.

He also gave five more PlayStation3's with high-definition TVs with the instruction to give them to libraries or schools I felt would best utilize the equipment. It was decided to give two of the gifts to our Bookmobiles as they visit so many centers every month -- one to the Hastings Branch Library as they are in an underserved community with a strong youth population who uses the library for their daily Teen Lounge, and the last two to Ponte Vedra High School's Media Specialist Lisa Barnett who helped me first get gaming off the ground. With this equipment, Lisa and I intend to host monthly gaming events at the school during lunch break and after school to further encourage students to use both the school media center and public library. Recently, Sean approached me again to talk in further detail about taking this partnership nationwide.



The two partnerships I've highlighted here are only a couple of the partnerships I maintain. They are all so incredibly valuable for libraries in these economic times. The generosity of time, donations, efforts and so much more given by both Lisa Barnett and Sean Coleman are commendable and truly enhance the services and programs I am able to provide for youth of all ages. The opportunity to expand these possibilities outside of my own county through co-presenting a workshop at this year's FAME Conference with Lisa and working with Sean to expand the gaming partnership nationwide is truly an opportunity of a lifetime.

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Innovate and Inspire



Operation Santa Paws (December 1-24)

OPERATION SANTA PAWS, established by Justin Rudd in 2001, is part of the Haute Dog organization (pronounced HOT) -- a diverse and growing network of dog owners, lovers, educators, rescuers and supporters. Their common bond has resulted in a unique and lively community of folks who share some qualities of their favorite dogs: devotion, spirit and tenacity. Patrons can support their local animal shelters/humane society with supplies, food, toys and treats for animals in their care.

Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA)



The 365 Days of YA Task Force needs your ideas. 365 Days of YA is a YALSA Task Force charged with creating a calendar of easy-to-implement ideas for programs, services and activities for teens. These are simple ideas that can be used by anyone working with youth in libraries. Ideas relating to YALSA resources, using technology or encouraging teen participation in libraries are encouraged, but YALSA wants to hear about any program, service, display or activity that has been a hit with your patrons. Please send all ideas to 365daysofya@gmail.com.

How to Reduce Your Holiday Stress from About.com

The holidays can be a joyous and wonderful time, but there's no denying that holiday stress can sometimes creep up on even the most calm and organized among us. Holiday parties, family get-togethers, and other holiday activities can all be fun, but the added demands on our time and attention can all contribute to holiday stress. And then there are the disruptions in regular schedules, travel, preparing meals, and managing house-guests, and having less time for yourself and voila! You have a perfect recipe for stress and anxiety. [Find out](#) what you can do for you and your family.

"How did it get so late so soon? It's night before it's afternoon. December is here before it's June. My goodness how the time has flown. How did it get so late so soon?" - [Theodor Geisel](#)

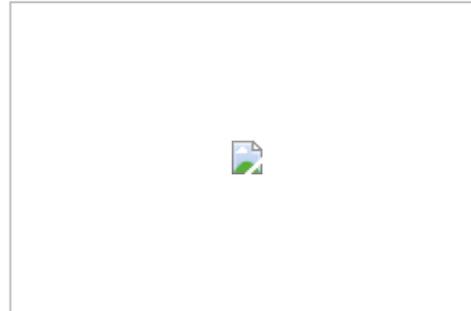


Out of the Box

Out of the Box is a place where we share library activities and programs. This month we feature a fun program at the Manatee County Public Library.

MANA-CON COMICS CONVENTION FOR TEENS

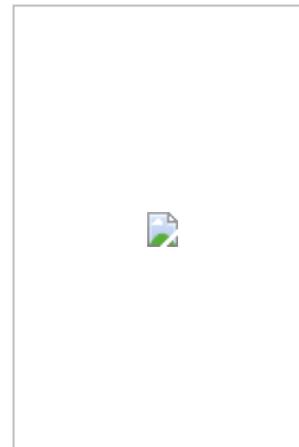
The Manatee County Public Library held its third annual **Mana-Con: Comics Convention for Teens** in October. This event is a fun, interactive and cultural program that celebrates the love of reading, comics and art and is sponsored by the Friends of the Central Library. It is geared toward teens but is open to all ages, with activities like crafts and face painting that appeal to younger youth and families. This year the library was able to incorporate the first annual *Star Wars* Reading Day sponsored by Lucasfilms. *Star Wars* club members dressed as Stormtroopers and Jedis and visited the children's room where they deputized children as Jedi Knights in training. Cute! A local kimono appreciation club wore traditional and modern kimonos and displayed them along with Japanese artifacts. A martial arts academy performed demonstrations throughout the day.



Over 900 people attended Mana-Con and we were thrilled that attendance almost tripled from the 2011 total. The planning process began six months in advance with a planning team of librarians from across the library system. From the beginning library staff reached out to art teachers and school librarians to help spread the word about the event. We were very successful this year in getting a lot of fantastic student art to display.

The library received donations from national comics and graphic novel publishers who have shown amazing support over the years. Here's a good tip: **contact comics publishers after Comic-Con in San Diego is over to see if you can get some of their free Comic Book Day leftovers.**

We also talked to organizations in our community in order to cast a wider net for promotion and prizes. A local theater group, The Manatee Players, lent the library a 20-foot runway for our Cosplay Runway and donated tickets as prizes. Realize Bradenton, a nonprofit organization whose mission is to develop and promote downtown Bradenton, helped us with promotion through their social media channels and included the library in their Farmer's Market just around the corner. On the day of Mana-Con, we sent some of our teen artists down to the family activities tent at the Farmer's Market to demonstrate and share their art with market-goers. Art is a major component of Mana-Con, so the library offered art workshops like Anime drawing and Sumi Ink



painting. This year there was also a Comic Strip Contest, where teens showed what the library means to them in a four-cell strip. Dozens of strips were entered and their creativity and artistry really blew us away! Mana-Con has become a real draw in our community, and represents the library well to a hard-to-reach demographic.

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Florida Library Youth Program

FLYP Forward provides information about the Florida Library Youth Program and Florida's public libraries.

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