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Chat With Jana

The [Chat With Jana](#) webinar on Monday, August 12 will spotlight the Florida State Parks literacy based programs in September.

If you have had a cooperative program with the Florida State Parks and would like to speak about it, please contact [Jana Fine](#).

FLYP Wiki

Access 2013 Museum of Florida History program materials as well as Viva Florida 500 youth materials at flyp.pbworks.com.

Summer Reporting Form

[2013 FLYP Summer Reading Program Reporting](#) is due September 13. For questions on how to fill out the online form, access the archived [FLYP Data Collection](#) webinar or contact Jana.

Twitter

FLYP is tweeting. Are you following us? You can find us on [Twitter](#).



Hear Ye! Hear Ye!



Public library staff and informal educators are invited to join the Lunar and Planetary Institute's Explore program team for hands-on activities and programming ideas! Use food, art, storytelling, and interactive investigations to celebrate our Moon.

[Explore: Marvel Moon](#) activities rely on inexpensive materials and can be flexibly implemented. They are targeted to children ages 8-13. As

in the CSLP manuals.

Upcoming Training

Where Teens and Technology Meet: engaging teens with digital media

August 8
2:00 - 3:00 p.m. EDT
(Florida Library Webinars)

Chat with Jana: Branching Out with Florida State Parks

August 12
2:00 - 3:00 p.m. EDT

Ask BLD

August 21
10:00 - 11:00 a.m. EDT

Florida Memory Webinar Series: Preparing for the 2013-14 Florida History Fair

Sept. 9
10:00 - 11:00 a.m.
EDT

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

the children complete each activity, they collect pages to assemble into their own comic books. Families and the community can also participate in moon centered programs.



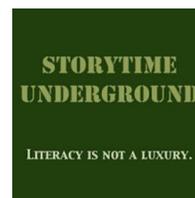
TeenRead Week (TRW) takes place October 13-19 with the theme of, 'Seek the Unknown @ your library.' Visitors can sign up to become members for free and access a variety of helpful resources that will aid in encouraging teens to celebrate reading. Some of the resources on the website include planning tools like activity ideas, publicity tools, a webinar, and products such as the Seek the Unknown manual.

Teens' Top Ten Book Giveaway

Through the generous funding from the Dollar General Literacy Foundation, YALSA is giving away twenty sets of the final 2013 Teens' Top Ten titles to libraries in need. Individual library branches within a larger system are welcome to apply. Libraries can apply for the giveaway through September 1. Recipients will be announced during the first week of October.

Storytime Underground

This website contains questions and answers about youth services issues and there are connections to useful blogs dealing with books, storytimes, and youth activities.



Storytime Underground is a collective of youth services librarians and professionals who firmly believe literacy is not a luxury.

The Florida Humanities Council is currently accepting applications from public libraries who are interested in hosting PrimeTime Family Reading Time.



PrimeTime is a free, six-week reading and discussion program that targets underserved families. Led by trained humanities scholars and storytellers, the program utilizes award-winning children's books to relate literature to real-life and personal experiences.

Libraries may apply for up to \$10,000 in funding to host three six-week programs over a two-year period. Funding up to \$2,000 is also available for single six-week series at sites that have previously hosted PrimeTime.

Applications will be accepted through October 1 for programming to begin in 2014.

Interested libraries should visit the FHC website at

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

www.flahum.org/primetime for more information, as well as contact me directly before starting an application.

FLYP 2013 Summer Reading Pictures

FLYP fun in Washington County

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.

Family Fun Month
August

National Aviation Day
August 19

National Senior Citizens Day
August 21

Women's Equality Day
August 26

Library Card Sign Up Month
September

International Literacy Day
September 8

Banned Books Week
September 22 - 28



Teens bitten by the reading shark!



Washington County boys having a creative day



Summer reading program collage

Sneak Peek Book Reviews

by Guest Reviewer Amanda Street, Wilderness Coast Public Library

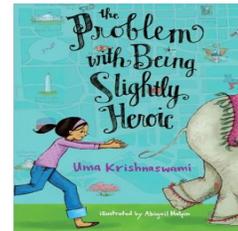
Greenfield, Amy Butler. *Chantress*. (2013). New York : Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing.



Lucy Marlowe is an ordinary girl with an ordinary life, longing for adventure, excitement, and big-city escapes. That is until she unlocks her powers as a Chantress (spell-singer) and finds she alone has the power to save the world. While this may sound like your run-of-the-mill YA adventure, Amy Butler Greenfield walks the line carefully to keep her work both appealing and unique. The historical portion of this historical fiction is used mostly to flavor the setting, so no worries about turning off your teen crowd with, "too much learning." There is, of course, a sense of romance woven throughout the story, but Greenfield is careful to keep the adventure at the forefront, which I found particularly refreshing. Many YA books feel they have to devote so much text to romance just to keep audiences interested. The romance in *Chantress* never felt forced, and quite often took a backseat to the task at hand. Another perk, Greenfield does a wonderful job of writing a fantasy story that doesn't overflow with nonsensical, impossible-to-pronounce words and names. This does wonders for keeping the story accessible to young readers. I can see teen reading groups having a great time discussing this book, and I'm already excited thinking of the great, "write your own song-spell" events I could plan. I will definitely be sharing this book with my friends and coworkers!

Krishnaswami, Uma. *The Problem with Being Slightly Heroic*. (2013). New York : Atheneum Book for Young Readers.

It's worth noting that *The Problem with Being Slightly Heroic* is not the first adventure of Dini and Company. However, *Slightly Heroic* works fine as a stand-alone story. Never once did I feel that I didn't have enough information to understand the story or the characters. In this book, Dini is back in the U.S.A. to help celebrate the opening of Dolly Singh's newest Bollywood film, *Kahan hai Sunny Villa?*, or KHSV for short. Dini and Maddie (very best friends and Dolly's #1 fans) have been separated since Dini's family moved to India. The two youngsters reunite to take on the monumental job of making sure Dolly's U.S. debut is as over-the-top and magnificent as Dolly herself. Dini is a small girl with big problems, but she never lets them get the best of her. Meeting her best friend's new friends, answering Dolly's enormous demands, and understanding her parents expectations are just a few obstacles Dini must overcome. This tale is great for young readers. Just like Dini, they are learning that things will change, you will change, and that sometimes "different" is better. Chapters are short and often enhanced by Abigail Halpin's wonderful illustrations. *Slightly Heroic* does a great job of being appealing and understandable by young readers without talking down to them. I was very interested to find out what Dini would do next, and I am excited to read more about her.



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