



## FLYP Forward

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#### GREAT NEWS

#### [FLYP has moved!](#)

The *PBWorks* wiki has been replaced by a page on [WebJunction](#). Please take a moment to familiarize yourself with the new layout, as this will be the homepage for all *FLYP* material in the future. Under the Materials tab, you can find summer reading workshop information, PowerPoint slides and a bibliography. If you have program ideas to contribute for this summer, please contact [Jana Fine](#).



[Jana Fine](#) is looking for **summer stories**. If you have an interesting story to share (with pictures), you can receive a small number of adult or children's summer reading book bags for your efforts.

#### Get Ready . . .

*Gale Cengage Learning* will soon be unveiling the new and improved *Kids Infobits* database interface. Watch this informative [webinar](#) on June 12 from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. EDT for all of the improvements.



#### **WANTED: *FLYP* Teen Programs:**

If you have great teen programs, or activities from your teen advisory groups you would like to share, please send a description and a picture or two to [Jana Fine](#). Please also share stories about what happens to teen volunteers when they become adults.



#### **YouTube:**

Miss any *Chat With Jana* webinars? You can watch them on the Bureau of Library Development's [YouTube](#) channel.

#### **Facebook:**

[Children's Programming: a How To](#)

June 10  
2:00 - 3:00 p.m. EDT

[The NEW Kids InfoBits!](#)

June 12  
12:00 - 1:00 p.m. EDT

[Creative Spaces and Family Engagement in Libraries](#)

Infopeople webinar  
June 12  
3:00 - 4:00 p.m. EDT

[Failing in the Right Direction](#)

Infopeople webinar  
June 17  
3:00 - 4:00 p.m. EDT

[Pop Culture to Watch: Memes](#)

June 18  
12:00 - 1:00 p.m. EDT

[Rainbow Family Connections: Embracing LGBTQ Families at Your Library](#)

Infopeople webinar  
June 18  
3:00 - 4:00 p.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 courses offered through [WebJunction, Florida](#).

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

Like us on [Facebook](#). Check out all of the fabulous book reviews submitted by library staff from around Florida.



### Twitter:

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### Florida State University Study

The School of Information at Florida State University is investigating how librarians use social media to engage with young adults (YA). If you use social media to promote your services, interact with YA patrons, or connect with YAs in any other way, we want to hear from you! Please take a moment to share your opinion via our short survey. We appreciate your valuable experiences and viewpoints.

Check out our [survey](#). Your input will help us determine how librarians can, and do, use social media to complement their vital in-person services. This one of a kind study will help librarians everywhere effectively integrate social media into their practices, and will help us understand how best to reach YAs.

Participate today! The survey closes on **June 26**. We hope to have preliminary results to share, and meet some of you, at ALA in Las Vegas. We hope to hear from you! Please contact us with any questions or comments about this research.

[Abigail Phillips](#), Doctoral Student  
[Lorri Mon](#), Associate Professor

**Hear Ye! Hear Ye!**



### 2014 Teen Read Week website is Live:

[Everything you need](#) to plan a great 2014 *Teen Read Week* celebration is now online. *Teen Read Week* will be celebrated October 12 through 18, with the theme, "Turn Dreams Into Reality @ Your Library." Join the discussion on Twitter with #TRW14.



To mark the milestone 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of DC Comics' Batman, Warner Bros. Entertainment and [DC Entertainment](#) have revealed plans for a yearlong celebration befitting the world's most popular Super Hero. Highlights of the anniversary program include a new commemorative 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary Batman logo, and an exclusive, "Cape/Cowl/Create" art exhibit, featuring 20 contemporary artists' interpretations of The Dark Knight's iconic cowl headpiece and cape from the upcoming *Batman: Arkham Knight* video game. There will also be 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary related activities across all of Warner Bros. Entertainment throughout the year.

**SYNC Again Offers Free YA Audiobooks All Summer:**



## 2014 Celebration Weeks and Promotional Events

The links below will show you how to bring these promotions to your library. Don't forget to share your activities with others.

[Flag Day](#)  
June 14

[Father's Day](#)  
June 15

[Summer Solstice](#)  
June 21

[Superman's Birthday](#)  
June 30

SYNC is an online program, sponsored by audiobook publishers and *AudioFile Magazine*, to introduce the listening experience to your young adult audience. SYNC offers two free complete audiobook downloads every week from May 15 to August 20 for listeners ages 13+. Each week SYNC offers a contemporary young adult audiobook paired thematically with a classic audiobook title. SYNC is dedicated to introducing the listening experience to the young adult audience, and demonstrating that required reading can be completed by listening. MP3 titles can be downloaded for free (through the *OverDrive* Media Console, compatible with both Mac and Windows). Each title will be available for download for a period of seven days. Once downloaded, titles can be listened to at any time. Check out the [schedule and list of books](#) offered.



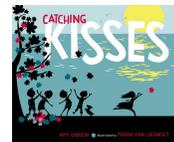
The [Summer Food Service Program](#) (SFSP) is federally funded by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), and is state administered in Florida by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS), Division of Food, Nutrition and Wellness (FNW). The intent of the SFSP is to bridge the gap in nutrition during the summer months by serving nutritious meals to children 18 years and younger while school is not in session.

Children need healthy food all year long in order to grow and learn. During the school year, many children receive free and reduced price meals through the School Breakfast and National School Lunch Programs. When school lets out for the summer, many of these children are at risk of hunger or poor nutrition. The SFSP is designed to ensure that children have access to the nutritious meals they need to grow, learn and play during the summer months, and to help ensure their bodies and minds are healthy and strong for the upcoming school year. Is your library interested in becoming a site to serve summer meals in your community? Call 1.800.504.6609 to connect with your local Summer Food Service Program sponsor, who will provide the meals to your site.

## Sneak Peek Book Reviews

**Gibson, Amy. *Catching Kisses*. (2013). New York: Feiwel and Friends.**

*Catching Kisses*, written by Amy Gibson, is an uplifting picture book that explores the splendor of a blown kiss. From lips to hand, floating kisses fly to major cities across the USA, and always land in the hand of their intended recipients. Maria Van Lieshout's bold color block illustrations provide a clean, graphic canvas upon which Gibson's invisible kisses effortlessly dance and twirl their way into our hearts. With characteristics like, "soft as lamb's wool, but strong as steel," Gibson's kisses smell of ginger and cinnamon, smack of bubble gum and can even be hidden in a book! Appropriate for toddlers on up, this sweet story just might be the one to dry damp eyes as well as spark wonder. So catch this kiss, put it in your pocket and share it as often as possible!



[Kayla Garrett](#)  
[West Florida Public Library](#)

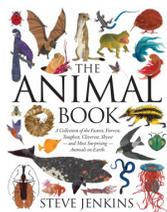


**Kotecki, Nathan. *Pull Down the Night (Suburban Strange)*. (2013). New York: HMH Books for Young Readers.**

When Bruno moves to a new town, he and his fashionable older brother are quickly adopted by a clique of "gothish" teens who love talking about obscure bands. Bruno is nonchalant about this cool new clique, except for his growing romantic feelings towards fellow clique member, Celia. Although Celia has a boyfriend, she and Bruno become close as she reveals to Bruno the paranormal secrets of their high school. Bruno is relieved to learn that he is not the only one who has noticed a ghost in the halls of their high school. Then Bruno discovers that he has the power to transport himself to new places through a magical portal in his backyard. Through his magical travels, Bruno realizes that there are others in the high school with exceptional powers, some good and some evil. Though *Pulling Down the Night* is a sequel to *The Suburban Strange*, it is easy to follow without having read part one of the series. Although I was annoyed by the constant obscure band references, and the dialogue didn't ring true, I still remained curious as to how Bruno and Cecelia would resolve their problems. For teens who love alternative music and the paranormal, this title might be a good fit.

[Eleanor Guldbeck](#)  
[Miami-Dade Public Library System](#)

**Jenkins, Steve. *The Animal Book*. (2013). New York: HMH Books for Young Readers.**

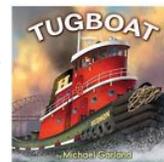


This book is very informative for anyone having to write a report about the fastest, fiercest, toughest, cleverest, shyest and most surprising animals on Earth. Phenomenal illustrations and factual back pages make this fascinating nonfiction a book all ages would enjoy.

[Amy Flores](#)  
[West Florida Public Library](#)

**Garland, Michael. *Tugboat*. (2014). New York: Holiday House.**

This work could be categorized as a picture book or a beginning reader. The author is also the illustrator of the work, with a signature style achieved through use of graphite pencil and "digital tools" for a simple, clean lined realistic look. The colors utilized are mainly tones of red, orange and yellow, along with vibrant blues. The story follows a tug from sunup to sundown as it performs a variety of tasks, assisting a variety of water traffic around New York Harbor. As the tugboat's day winds down, it even plays a part in a Fourth of July celebration by towing the fireworks barge. This would be a good selection for a transportation themed story time, or the summer holiday when there are few choices for young children. At the back of the book is a glossary of all the water vehicles shown in the previous pages.



[Mary H. Burns](#)  
[Hagen Ranch Branch](#)  
[Palm Beach County Library System](#)

**Chan, Crystal. *Bird*. (2014). New York: Atheneum Books for Young Readers.**



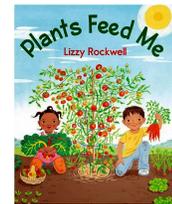
*Bird* tells the story of a young girl named Jewel whose five-year-old brother died by jumping off of a cliff the night she was born. Her mother blames her father, and her father blames his father, for this tragic event. No one ever talks about that day, and everyone has lapsed into their own world, leaving Jewel living in a joyless, silent house. Jewel's grandfather has refused to talk since that day, and she longs for some sign of recognition from him. I

felt that this book was not that good. There were lots of descriptions of duppies and spirits, none of which seemed to be explained well. The characters, other than the main character, were not well developed, in that I could not develop a connection to them. The main character, who was also the narrator, tended to ramble a lot, and the trips back into her past were sometimes not well defined, leaving the reader flipping back through the book to see what the author was talking about.

[Linda Hitchcock](#)  
[Lake Alfred Public Library](#)

**Rockwell, Lizzy. *Plants Feed Me*. (2014). New York: Holiday House.**

This nonfiction book for lower elementary grades has large type and simple sentences with repetitive patterns of words, such as, "Plants reach up for the sun. They grow down in the ground." Gouache and colored pencil make the illustrations seem vibrant. This early science book gives examples of the parts of plants that are edible: stems, flowers, bulbs, roots, tubers and leaves. The book meets criteria for Common Core Standards for learning goals in the early grades, and STEM education. Another benefit is the encouragement of healthy eating habits.



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[West Florida Public Library](#)

***Florida Library Youth Program***

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