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This month's *Chat With Jana* will have a special guest: Niki McKinnell from the Department of Children and Families will speak about their Summer Water Safety campaign. More changes to the FLYP summer program will be shared, so be sure to [sign up!](#)



FLYP Summer Workshop Materials

The FLYP Summer Reading Workshop materials are now up on the FLYP [webpage](#). The presenters' materials are available, as are their bibliographies. You can also follow [Erin Arnold](#), [Olivia Wilson](#) and [Kelley Tarpley](#) on Pinterest.

YouTube

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



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Programs Around the State

Palm Harbor's S.T.E.A.M. Kits and Art Attack

We unveiled our new S.T.E.A.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) Kits for checkout last year. Each kit is in its own plastic bin and includes books, DVDs, manipulatives/interactive materials, worksheets and activities, web resources, and book lists for further reading. A listing of potential jobs based on the kit activities is included, so students who enjoy a particular kit can learn more. The kits are intended for

Special!

By signing up for a [CSLP](#) account, youth services staff gain access to resources not included

in the CSLP manuals.

Upcoming Webinars

[How to Tell Your Library's Stories of Impact](#)

3/24/15

10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Eastern

["How Do I Apply to College?" Helping Patrons Meet Their Higher Education Goals](#)

3/26/15

1:00 - 2:00 p.m. Eastern

[Chat With Jana: Q&A About Changes Coming Your Way!](#)

3/30/15

3:00 - 4:00 p.m. Eastern

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.

2015 Celebration Weeks and Promotional Events

The links below will show



students aged seven and up and allow students to gain a better understanding of the featured concepts. We hope that students will begin to recognize the relevance of math, science and the arts in their daily lives and the value in problem-solving. There is a short video about the kits on [YouTube](#).

Our Library has exhibited a continuing dedication to promoting the Fine Arts in our community. For example, every two months, a different artist from the Tampa Bay area is featured in our John Brock Art Alcove. The Children's Department also offers Leap Into Art at the Leepa-Rattner Museum, which consists of art-themed stories and a crafts. This monthly event allows the library an opportunity to partner with the [Leepa-Rattner Museum of Art](#) housed at St. Petersburg College's Tarpon Campus. At the beginning of last year, Palm Harbor Library also began holding its own monthly Art Attack! program at the library, in which children aged 6 to 12 learn about famous artists and then create their own artwork inspired by them.



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Coastal Library Trunk or Treat! Halloween Celebrations

The [Coastal Branch Library](#) in Santa Rosa Beach celebrated Halloween in 2014 with a Trunk or Treat! story hour. Parents, staff and the local police department decorated the trunks of their cars in a colorful, fun Halloween theme. The children, along with their parents, enjoyed being able to trick or treat from the vehicle trunks.



Half of the parking lot for the library was designated Trunk or Treat! space to keep it safe for little ones. Children were delighted to see the many different themes popping out of trunks and were excited to receive some treats along the way. If you happened to be there, you might have seen the many adventures found in "Going on a Lion Hunt," "Itsy Bitsy Spider," "Five Little Pumpkins Sitting on a Fence," or even "The Ninja Turtle" themed trunks.



Looking forward to next Halloween -- happy Trunk or Treat, everyone!

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Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

New CSLP Website Now Available

The new CSLP [website](#) is now available!

you how to bring these promotions to your library. Don't forget to share your activities with others.

[Teen Tech Week](#)
03/8/15 - 3/14/15

[National Freedom of Information Day](#)
03/16/15

[St. Patrick's Day](#)
03/17/15

[Let's Laugh Day](#)
03/19/15

[First Day of Spring](#)
03/20/15

[Manatee Appreciation Day](#)
03/25/15



Depending on your computer, you may need to refresh your screen or clear your cache/history to view and access the new site. Also, you will have to create a new password, as that cannot carry over from the previous site for security reasons; you will not need to create a new username.

Once you've done that, you should be all set to log into the site and check out the internal components -- these are under the "Membership and Sponsorship" tab under "Member Libraries."

Día National Program Registry

The 2015 Día National Program Registry is now [open](#), and the Association for Library Service to Children ([ALSC](#)) is inviting libraries to begin registering their upcoming programs. By using the national registry, libraries help build a searchable database that showcases all types and sizes of library programs that highlight Diversity In Action.



Each registered event is given its own unique webpage, allowing for libraries to share information about their Día program on their own website and through their social media outlets. Families are able to use the searchable Día map to find programs to attend in their communities.

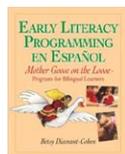
The national registry is also a great way for libraries to share diversity programming ideas and best practices with colleagues across the country. Learn more about Día and download free resources including booklists, coloring sheets, toolkits, book club curriculums and more.

New Books for You

The Division of Library and Information Services is adding new titles to its library [catalog](#) that will help with understanding and planning emergent literacy activities in your library. The latest additions are:



Stoltz, Dorothy. *The Power of Play: Designing Early Learning Spaces*. Chicago, IL: American Library Association, 2015.



Diamant-Cohen, Betsy. *Early Literacy Programming en Español*. New York: Neal Shuman Publishers, 2010.

Library Employee E-Card Registration

If you are an employee at a public library, public K-12 or public academic library in the state of Florida, you are eligible for a [library e-card](#) from the State Library. Your



library e-card will provide remote access to the database *Library Literature* and to our collection of professional e-books.

To apply for a library e-card or update your registration information, complete the [online application](#). Your application will be submitted when you acknowledge that you understand and agree to the Statement of Responsibility included at the bottom of the form.

You will be contacted via email within three working days of submitting your application. If you have not received a response from the State Library of Florida within three working days, please contact the Head of Circulation at linda.pulliam@dos.myflorida.com. For additional assistance, call the State Library at 850.245.6680 and ask for the Circulation Department. The State Library may contact you or your supervisor to confirm employment with a public, public K-12 or public academic library.

YALSA Writing Award 2015

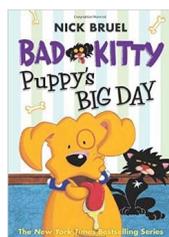


The Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA), a division of the American Library Association (ALA), named the winners of its [YALSA Writing Award](#), with members winning prizes in four categories:

- Shari Lee for best article in *The Journal of Research on Libraries and Young Adults*: "Beyond Books, Nooks and Dirty Looks: The History and Evolution of Library Services to Teens in the United States." Vol. 4 (May, 2014).
- Jaina Shaw for best blog post on the YALSA Blog between Dec. 1, 2013 and Nov. 30, 2014: "[Robotics for the Rest of Us.](#)"
- Anna Tschetter for best post on YALSA's young adult literature blog, *The Hub*, between Dec. 1, 2013 and Nov. 30, 2014: "[Books for Boys That Aren't 'Books for Boys'.](#)"
- Sarah Ludwig for best article in *Young Adult Library Services*: "Everyone Deserves a Place in the Library." Vol. 12.2 (Winter 2014).

The winners this year highlight the importance of learning from the past so that we can better serve our communities today and into the future -- be it through introducing new technology or dispelling old, vexing stereotypes. The winning contributors offer solid advice and heartfelt reminders to always consider the possibilities and to "pay it forward."

Sneak Peek Book Reviews



Bruel, Nick. *Bad Kitty: Puppy's Big Day*. New York: Roaring Book Press, 2015.

Kitty is in an out-of-control, terrible mood again. Uncle Murray arrives at the house to remove oblivious Puppy from the mayhem for Puppy's own good. Their time together has barely begun when Puppy finds a toy and trouble finds Uncle Murray. Through adventures and misadventures, Uncle Murray and Puppy learn about laws, love and animal adoption. Interspersed among the chapters of this book are silly and

informative canine facts. Questions on potty routines, derriere sniffing and face licking are unabashedly answered. Even adults will learn something from these interludes. *Puppy's Big Day* includes vivid drawings on every page with each character's quirky personality fittingly conveyed. Overall, children will enjoy the illustrations, the ongoing action and the coexisting enlightening lessons.

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Monir, Alexandra. *Suspicion*. New York: Delacorte Press, 2014.

Suspicion is about a girl named Imogen who has to step away from living in New York to become a Duchess. It's very reminiscent of *The Princess Diaries*, but with one twist: Imogen has elemental powers, which she discovers when she is at her new home, Rockford Manor. Preceding her arrival are murders and death. While she's there, Imogen tries to solve mysteries about her old feelings and new powers, all of which lead her back to a shadow garden maze. Can she solve the mysteries of the past and handle her newly discovered powers? I felt the characters were a bit one dimensional, and the love was quick and superficial. The methods of research used by the characters were very realistic. There were some places in the novel where twists came up, but the way they connected back to the story line was shaky. *Suspicion* is a quick read but the plot is overly done.



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Niven, Jennifer. *All the Bright Places*. New York: Knopf Books for Young Readers, 2015.

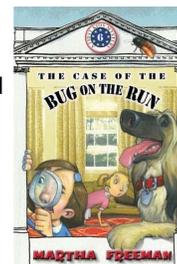
"Sometimes there's beauty in the tough words." - Finch

Few authors could approach topics like mental illness and death with the humanity and grace that Jennifer Niven has in *All the Bright Places*. On the surface, characters Violet and Finch are nothing alike. Finch is a musician, a class-cutter and a "freak" according to almost everyone he knows. Violet is a popular blonde with college in her near future. Yet Finch and Violet meet each other at the precipice of death. After this surprising introduction, the reader joins these characters as they wander the state of Indiana for a class assignment, falling in love and baring their souls in the process. Unlike many love stories, Niven was not afraid to use Finch and Violet to explore both the bright and the dark sides of love and life as a teen. Told from the perspective of both characters, the reader is privy to suicidal thoughts, feelings of inadequacy, jealousy, rage and mood swings, among other dark impulses. The reader also gets to see how all the darkness in the world (or even just in one's mind) does not take away the potential for love and happiness, however fleeting. As an added bonus and a nice break from the emotional turmoil of the story, Niven introduces the reader to parts of rural Indiana and shows how even the most banal of places, once imbued with a memory of love, can be impressive.

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Freeman, Martha. *The Case of the Bug on the Run*. New York: Holiday House, 2013.

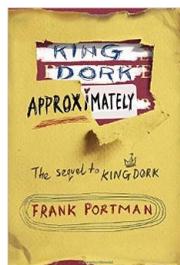
Cammie and Tessa Parks are normal, everyday American kids, except that their mother is the President of the United States. They also like to solve mysteries, and an unusual one comes their way in the sixth book of Martha Freeman's *First Kids Mysteries* series. Cammie and Tessa have adopted a hissing cockroach from the National Zoo. They think it's cool, even if their mother and grandmother think a



cockroach is kind of an unusual pet. James Madison, as they name him, disappears from his cage and then reappears. Where did he go? And now a government sensing device detects a signal coming from the girls' bedroom. Wait a minute -- it seems their bug is bugged and there is a spy in the White House! The ensuing search for the spy creates pandemonium as Cammie and Tessa, along with the White House pets, get into the action to solve the mystery. A fun romp and continuation of the series. A little plus: there is interesting information about the United States and its form of government at the end of the book -- a little civics lesson to go along with all the fun. Martha Freeman has done it again and readers will be looking for the next installment. For ages 7 to 10.

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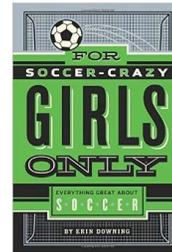
Portman, Frank. *King Dork, Approximately*. New York: Delacorte Press, 2014.



Tom Henderson is a funny and intelligent teen misfit who despises all things related to the public school system. Tom has lost his father, his hippie mother is distant, and his "therapy talk" stepfather is driving him crazy. Tom has made it through the first semester of his sophomore year in high school, notwithstanding a physical attack involving a tuba, a sex-scandal at his school and bullying on the part of students and faculty. In this sequel to 1999's *King Dork*, Tom discovers during Christmas break that his high school is closing. He will be going to Clearview High School to finish his sophomore year sans Sam Hellerman, the closest thing to a friend Tom has. Despite the nauseating and downright creepy school spirit that permeates the entire student body and staff, Tom manages to exist and find his way among the "normals" of Clearview High. Although this sequel was an enjoyable read as a stand-alone, I find myself wanting to know more details about the tuba attack, the sex-scandal and the death of Tom's father, so I would definitely recommend reading the first book. What I enjoyed most about *King Dork, Approximately* was the well-written, touching and clever narrative, which made it a terrific coming-of-age novel.

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Downing, Erin. *For Soccer-Crazy Girls Only*. New York: Feiwel and Friends, 2014.

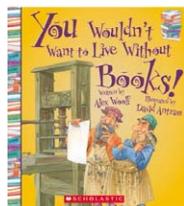


I am by no means a soccer-crazy girl, so clearly this book was not meant for me. I did watch English Premier League when I was in college (Beckham was gone by this point), so I wasn't totally lost. I thought this was an okay general book that covered lots of topics about soccer but maybe lacked the depth that a true soccer-crazy girl would want. Some of it covered really basic stuff, like what gear you should have -- things I would expect the reader to know already if they were picking up this book. There were other odd random sections, like "Throw a Super Soccer Party" or "Soccer Tragedies." The thing that I liked the least was the disparity in mentions of male players. In the back of the book, there is a section of famous soccer players. All the females have pictures, but none of the males do -- which I thought was odd. There was also a remark early in the book that could almost be seen as disparaging: "Most professional female soccer players tend to keep their look a little more conservative, opting to focus on their skills on the field rather than their image." Maybe it's just me, but parts of this book just rubbed me the wrong way. I think if you have a girl getting interested in soccer, this is a good book. But for a girl that is truly soccer-crazy? Maybe look for a different book.

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Woolf, Alex. *You Wouldn't Want to Live Without Books*. New York: Scholastic/Franklin Watts, 2015.

This is a book review about a book about books.

Confused? You won't be after you read the newest installment of the *You Wouldn't Want* series. Each title takes us on a journey through time to answer thought provoking questions. In *You Wouldn't Want to Live Without*

Books, we follow the history of books from ancient to modern times. The brief introduction answers the question "What exactly is a book?" Then we follow the origin of the book from its earliest form to the modern e-book. Each of these books by Scholastic has a standard format that makes it easy for kids to read and to find information, and this book is no exception. Text is displayed with pictures and conversation "bubbles" that highlight the topic. This book includes a simple timeline, cartoon style illustrations, a "How It Works" section and a "You Can Do It" section that gives directions for an easy project. Each book in the series also has a glossary and an index. The series is great for teaching about varied topics in an entertaining way. Another winner in the series, especially if you're a book lover!

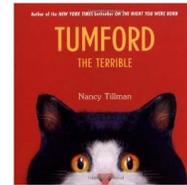
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Tillman, Nancy. *Tumford the Terrible*. New York: Feiwel and Friends, 2015.

Tumford the Terrible is a story about a beloved black and white tuxedo cat. Although well loved by George and Violet Stoutt, Tumford continually gets into and causes mischief, whether by tracking dirt into the house, knocking



over breakable things or disrupting fancy parties. Tumford feels bad for his mischief and usually hides, though he has a hard time saying he is sorry. One day George and Violet Stoutt go to the fair with Tumford, who promises to be on his best behavior. While at the fair, Tumford can't help himself and accidentally spills fish all over the Fair Queen. He finally realizes that saying sorry is not a bad thing. *Tumford the Terrible* is a beautifully illustrated story with bright colors and a powerful message of learning and taking responsibility for your actions. The story emphasizes the importance of apologizing for your wrong doings. The rhyming verse is sure to make the story easy for little ones to read and understand. This book reassures little ones that no matter what, love isn't measured by things but by actions and words.

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Hillenbrand, Laura. *Unbroken: An Olympian's Journey from Airman to Castaway to Captive*. New York: Delacorte Press, 2014.



Louis Zamperini begins his life in Torrance, California as a cad and the town scamp. He is headed down the wrong path until his brother, Pete, introduces him to the sport of running. Running opens up dreams and opportunities that Louis previously could not imagine. Louis goes from being the town troublemaker to a track and field star and, finally, a veteran hero. Laura Hillenbrand tells Louis' tale of captivity in a Japanese prisoner of war camp with such grit and dirt, there were times when I honestly wanted to stop reading. The conditions that the American POWs endured during World War II were absolutely despicable and deplorable. Yet even when Louis was rescued and reunited with his family, his terrors did not stop. Louis struggles with everything in his life and eventually forgives one of his most notorious captors, nick-named "The Bird." I would encourage every young adult to read this book. Yes, it might be hard to digest all the atrocious scenes it contains. But in the end, young readers will have a better understanding of history and an appreciation for all those that have served our country. To sum it up: read the book -- thank a Veteran!

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Florida Library Youth Program

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