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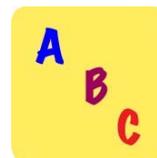
By signing up for a [CSLP](#) account, public youth services staff gain access to resources not included in the *CSLP* manuals.

### Upcoming Webinars

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#### Florida Libraries as Early Learning Resources

What a child learns in their first three years will lay the foundation for all that is to come in their life. Early education and encouragement and support from caring adults can play a critical role in a child's development.



We'll be presenting several webinars throughout July that show how libraries can help children at the very beginning of the learning process:

#### Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes: Storytimes and Early Childhood Research

Tuesday, July 14, 2015, Noon - 1:00 p.m. Eastern

Storytimes are wonderful opportunities for us to interact with our families, but why else do we do them? Susan Mankowski, Early Childhood Specialist at the Jacksonville Public Library, will highlight early childhood research that supports what we do and how it effects our youngest customers.

Register [here](#).

#### Libraries as Family Literacy and School Readiness Support Centers

Wednesday, July 22, 2015, 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. Eastern

Early learning is rooted in strong parent-child relationships and family well-being. When children gain the skills and attitudes to learn and thrive before they begin school, they are "school ready." This webinar will highlight family literacy and school readiness best practices and ideas that will help library staff better serve their clientele.

Guest presenter Evan St. Lifer has represented Scholastic's Early Childhood Services for more than five years. He serves on the National Head Start Association's Investing in Impact Working Group with key Head Start leaders from across the nation.

Register [here](#).

#### Florida Libraries as Early Learning Resources Using Gale on the FEL

Tuesday, July 28, 2015, Noon - 1:00 p.m. Eastern

**[Serving Older Youth with Special Needs](#)**

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

**[Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes: Storytimes and Early Childhood Research](#)**

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Noon - 1:00 p.m. Eastern

**[Libraries as Family Literacy and School Readiness Support Centers](#)**

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**[Must Read Fall Fiction for Young Adults](#)**

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2:00 - 3:00 p.m. Eastern

**[Florida Libraries as Early Learning Resources Using Gale on the FEL](#)**

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**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 you how to

Your library plays an essential role in supporting literacy development. As you partner with other educators within your community, the Florida Electronic Library can help you enhance young users' learning outcomes. Join Gale trainer Emily Mageski to learn how to use your FEL Gale resources to support this critical area.

Register [here](#).

**More Information**

More information and links will be added to the Florida Libraries as Early Learning Resources [webpage](#) in the coming weeks. If you have stories to share about the activities in your library that support literacy for youth and families, we would love to share them.

For additional information, please contact Jana Fine at [jana.fine@dos.myflorida.com](mailto:jana.fine@dos.myflorida.com) or 850.245.6629.

**2016 Summer Manual Purchase**

This year, the Bureau of Library Development will not be ordering paper or DVD manuals. Instead, additional funds will be added to your allotment to purchase manuals in the format of your choice for each of your library locations. Please send any questions you might have to [jana.fine@dos.myflorida.com](mailto:jana.fine@dos.myflorida.com).

**Response Request**

Last year, there were several collaborative webinars with the Department of Children and Families on adoption, foster care and human trafficking. We need to know if this information was helpful to you. Please contact Jana Fine at [jana.fine@dos.myflorida.com](mailto:jana.fine@dos.myflorida.com) or 850.245.6629 with your comments.

**YouTube**



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



**Facebook**

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**Twitter**



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**Summer Reading Resources from Reading Rockets**

[Reading Rockets'](#) latest resource, [Start With a Book](#), features 24 learning themes, including

Heroes and Superheroes. Each theme introduces readers and their families to great fiction and nonfiction books as well as hands-on activities that support reading, writing and critical thinking skills. *Start With a Book* also includes links to other great websites and apps with related content.

The free resources from *Start With a Book* include [Reading Adventure Packs](#)

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

[Teddy Bear Picnic Day](#)  
7/10/15

[Bastille Day](#)  
7/14/15

[Moon Day](#)  
7/20/15

[National Parents Day](#)  
7/26/15

(in English and Spanish) to print so patrons can take them home. The [Heroes Reading Adventure](#) focuses on titles featuring kid heroes and fun activities, from making a hero action figure to writing a song for an unsung hero.

*Start With a Book* has resources to help parents become reading heroes. Parents can sign up for [Reading Tips to Go](#) to get simple tips and activity ideas to keep kids reading. Subscribers to this free service receive three to four short text messages per week, all summer long, in English or [Spanish](#).



### SSYRA 2015-16 Sunshine State Young Readers Award Lists

To see the 2015-16 Sunshine State Young Readers Award (SSYRA) lists, check out the videos for [Grades 3-5](#) and [Grades 6-8](#).

The SSYRA program is co-sponsored by the Florida Association for Media in Education (FAME) and the Florida Department of Education. Students in Florida will be encouraged to read the books on the 2015-16 SSYRA list and vote for their favorite book in the spring of 2016. The author of the winning book will receive the SSYRA award at the 2016 FAME annual conference.

To see who won the 2014-15 Sunshine State Young Readers Award, check out the videos for [Elementary](#) and [Middle School](#).



### NASA Explores Pluto This Summer!

On July 14, NASA's New Horizons spacecraft will become the

first mission to get up close and personal with distant Pluto and its moons. The [New Horizons mission](#) will help us understand the small, icy worlds at the edge of our solar system. New Horizons launched on January 19, 2006 and will capture the first up-close images of Pluto and its moons on July 14, 2015. As part of an extended mission, the spacecraft is expected to head farther into the Kuiper Belt to examine more icy mini-worlds. Download the [Libraries' Guide to Solar System Exploration: The New Horizons Mission at the Pluto System](#) for programming resources.



### School and Library Treehouse Sweepstakes

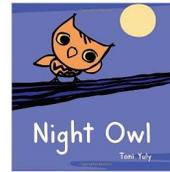
From now until August 31, Macmillan Children's Publishing Group is running a [drawing contest](#) for young readers of Andy Griffiths' *Treehouse* series, and the winner will receive a \$2,500 gift card to Pottery Barn! There is a second contest just for librarians and educators where you can enter for a chance to win \$100 worth of Macmillan Children's books!

- Ten winners will be randomly chosen to win \$100 worth of books from Macmillan Children's Publishing Group for their classroom or library.
- Fill out the [entry form](#) by August 31, 2015.

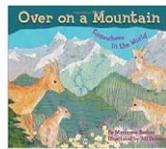
## Sneak Peek Book Reviews

**Yuly, Toni. *Night Owl*. New York: Macmillan, 2015.**

Little night owl enjoys staying up late. As he waves goodbye to the sun and hoots hello to the moon, he notices that mother owl is missing. He begins to hear noises in the night and listens attentively to assess each sound to determine if it might be his mother. As he flies through the night looking for his mother, the sky begins to make noise -- pitter patter, rumble, rumble, boom! Little owl quickly heads home to wait for his mother's return. Soon he hears the sound he longs to hear and loves the most: Hoot, hoot! The illustrations, presented in pen, ink and digital media, are simple and work well with the brief text. This reassuring bedtime story will not stay on the shelf for long.



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**Berkes, Marianne. *Over on a Mountain Somewhere in the World*. Nevada City, CA: Dawn Publications, 2015.**

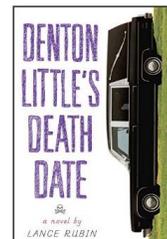
Marianne Berkes is a wonderfully talented children's author. She's a master at writing engaging, interactive stories for young children that can also be easily adapted for classroom use. Each of her books has something delightful to share with readers, and her newest is no exception. *Over on a Mountain Somewhere in the World* is set up very much like several of her other books -- a craftily written variation on the popular old song, "Over in the Meadow." Not only does the author skillfully introduce children to lesser known animals, but she also does a great job of incorporating simple geography. Children can count the animals on each page and mimic the actions that the animals' mothers tell them to do.

This story makes a great sing-a-long and can be used in a straightforward geography lesson for elementary school classrooms focusing on regional animals that live in mountain ranges. On top of everything else, children get to play search-and-find with the animals that illustrator Jill Dubin has hidden on each page. There are 10 well-hidden animals that are found in the same region as the prominent animal on each page. Don't miss this latest educationally fun book by Marianne Berkes.

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**Rubin, Lance. *Denton Little's Deathdate*. New York: Random House, 2015.**

Denton Little has known he will die on prom night of senior year since he was five years old. He lives in a world where almost everyone's deathdate is known from the day they are born, but the how or when of their death on that day is a mystery. Readers join Denton on the day of his (living) funeral as he tries to use humor to cope with his impending death. As Denton reaches his deathdate, he realizes there are so many things he wants to know about his past, so many things he wants to say to his family and friends, and so many things trying to kill him! Rubin does an excellent job of keeping readers in constant suspense without making the subject of dying too heavy. The sarcastic humor and relatable characters embedded in the story will make the pages fly by. There is a lot going on for a book that takes place during a roughly 48-hour time span, so some readers may find it hard to keep up. However, as *Denton Little's*

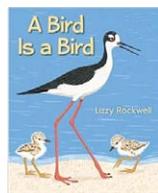


*Deathdate* unfolds, you won't be able to put the book down (or stop laughing) until you find out what exactly happens to Denton Little.

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**Rockwell, Lizzy.**

***A Bird is a Bird.* New York: Holiday House, 2015.**

What makes a bird a bird? Lizzy Rockwell's *A Bird is a Bird* is a deceptively simple book that demonstrates the features that make a bird a bird, such as a beak, wings, feathers, and egg laying. There are only a couple of lines of text per page, with a repeated refrain -- "a bird is a bird because" -- which makes this book suitable for reading aloud and storytime. Rockwell uses gouache, colored pencil and watercolor to great effect, with many realistically drawn examples of birds throughout, all labeled. Some birds are shown in their natural environment, while others are presented with lots of white space to draw attention to their features. This book is a great introduction to birds for the preschool and kindergarten set.

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**Book, Lauren. *Lauren's Kingdom.* Springville, UT: Sweetwater Books, 2015.**

*Lauren's Kingdom* is a sensitively written book by a renowned child advocate. The story involves a child feeling afraid to speak up when something doesn't seem or feel right about the behavior of a caregiver or adult. The font used in the book is hard to read but the illustrations are colorful, using mixed media and collage. It could be an excellent tool for caregivers or parents to explain personal safety and boundaries to children.



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**Silver, Gail. *Peace, Bugs and Understanding.***

**Berkeley, CA: Plum Blossom Books, Parallax Press, Co., 2014.**

Author Gail Silver is the founder of a school-based children's program entitled Yoga Child. This program helps children deal with emotional issues and problems by using yoga and an approach of quiet mindfulness. She uses much of what she teaches in her yoga curriculum in her new book, *Peace, Bugs and Understanding*.

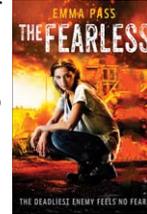
This picture book focuses on the intense feelings of anger that may arise between an older and younger sibling. This is a beautifully written story about a young girl who gets upset with her baby sister for taking all Daddy's attention at their picnic. Later, their father gives the older girl his own childhood journal, and she sees how he had to learn to cope with his little sister at her age. Read with a parent or educator, this can be a highly instructional story for children and adults alike. *Peace, Bugs and Understanding* is a tool that may effectively help children of varying ages with learning to understand and work through their strong emotional feelings. Though best read with an adult, this story is

simple enough for younger audiences yet deep enough to engage older readers. It is a great book for creating discussion between parents and children who may be trying to tackle more difficult emotionally charged issues at home. Illustrator Youme Nguyen Ly does a lovely job of pulling the reader in with her carefully created watercolor illustrations.

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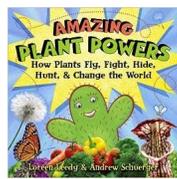
**Pass, Emma. *The Fearless*. New York: Random House, 2014.**

This is a post-apocalyptic novel about a girl named Cass and her brother Jori. Living on an island away from the rest of the failing world, they grow up learning to fight off the Fearless, people who have been injected with a serum that turns them into crazy killers. Seven years after the start of the downfall, being isolated has made Cass and Jori's community uninformed and hostile toward anyone coming to them. One night, Jori is taken by a Fearless, and no one in the community will help Cass except for one boy, Myo, who they captured on their island. Myo has his own secrets to keep but is willing to use Cass to get out of his cell and off the island. From there starts a journey of gaining trust and working together in the most horrible of situations. When Myo's secret comes out, will Cass still trust him?



This book is intriguing from beginning to end. It is a fantastic, thrilling page-turner that has you wondering what will happen next. Romance, mystery, horror, action and adventure all come together in one book. I hope there's a sequel!

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**Leedy, Loreen and Andrew Schuerger. *Amazing Plant Powers: How Plants Fly, Fight, Hide, Hunt and Change the World*. New York: Holiday House, 2015.**

Did you know that plants have amazing powers? Loreen Leedy and Andrew Schuerger's latest collaboration aptly demonstrates the remarkable abilities of plants as they adapt to dry climates and deal with fire, storms, hungry bugs and animals, cold and heat.

Spike E. Prickles, a cartoon cactus TV show host, presents information about plants in soundbite format, with bold and larger font emphasizing keywords and important points. Several cartoon potted plant friends provide comments that sometimes enrich the conversation and sometimes provide comic relief. Labeled photographs of various plants illustrate each fact.

The format is somewhat busy with the combination of cartoon plants, photographs and text throughout in different fonts, but lower elementary age children will find lots to pore over and learn about. Photo credits and a glossary are included in addition to endnotes that provide several ideas for projects suitable for school or home. The amazing powers of plants are well documented in this interesting and engaging title.

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