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Chat With Jana - School/Public Libraries: Ideas for Collaborative Strategies

If you didn't make it to our webinar earlier this month on collaborating with school libraries, be sure to check out the [archived version](#) on our YouTube channel.

For more information on the Florida Library Youth Program, please contact Jana Fine, State Youth Consultant, at jana.fine@dos.myflorida.com or 850.245.6629.



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FLYP Workshop Dates

Youth services staff and media specialists are invited to join one of our annual CSLP/FLYP workshops for the 2016 Summer Library Program. For more information and to sign up for a workshop near you, visit [our FLYP webpage](#).



Get Ready for the 2016 Teen Tech Week™!

The Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA) has everything libraries need to plan great [Teen Tech Week](#) activities for March 6-12, 2016. Showcase all of the great digital resources and services you have available to help teens succeed in school and prepare for college and 21st-century careers. Visit [YALSA's](#)

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2015 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.

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[website](#) and join them in celebrating the A in STEAM with the "create it at your library" theme! Apply for one of 20 Teen Tech Week grants, generously funded by Teen Tech Week 2016 sponsor Best Buy. Learn more and apply for the grant [here](#).



Sesame Street and Autism: See Amazing in All Children

This initiative is intended to help increase understanding, reduce stigma and demonstrate the commonalities that children with autism share with all children. Developed with input from parents, people who serve the autism community and people with autism, See Amazing in All Children offers families ways to overcome common challenges and simplify everyday activities. The project also fosters an affirming narrative around autism for all families and kids. The free resources are available through iTunes (search for Sesame Street and Autism) and at the Sesame Street [website](#).

Sneak Peek Book Reviews

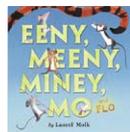
Ryan, Carrie. *Daughter of Deep Silence*. New York: Dutton Books, 2015.



Carrie Ryan's excellent new book has hit shelves, and it's full of mystery and tantalizing twists! Frances believes she is the sole survivor of a horrendous incident that happened on the luxury yacht Persephone. Before long, she learns that two very influential people also survived the tragedy and are lying to the press about what happened on board. In order to protect herself and learn the truth of why Senator Wells and his son, Grey, are using a cover story, Frances takes on the identity of her lost friend, Libby. Libby escaped the horrors on the Persephone just to die on the open sea days before being rescued by her father. Libby's father helps Frances as she assumes his daughter's identity to find out what happened on that tragic day -- until he sees how it is consuming her. Frances needs to know why Senator Wells and Grey would lie about such a traumatizing event. What do they gain from the loss of those lives? Will she be able to get her revenge for the loss of her family and friend?

Frances spends years plotting to uncover the truth in hopes that finding out what happened will somehow bring peace to her at last. Riddled with mystery and intrigue, *Daughter of Deep Silence* draws readers in and takes their breath away as they delve deep into the murky depths of life, deception and greed.

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Molk, Laurel. *Eeny, Meeny, Miney, Mo and FLO*. New York: Viking Books for Young Readers, 2015.

This cute story is a rollicking twist on a familiar nursery rhyme. As four mice attempt to catch a tiger, hippo, snake, turtle, dodo, and gator, little sister Flo wants to help. The brothers always say no. In the end, it is persistent, optimistic Flo who leads the animals in a parade-style walk. The author's use of pen and ink with watercolor illustrations adds to the overall hilarity of the story. An excellent choice for storytime or one-on-one reading.

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Halpern, Jake, and Peter Kujawinski. *Nightfall*. New York: G.P. Putnam's Sons, 2015.



Nightfall tells the story of an island where night falls every 14 years. As nightfall approaches, the tide recedes further each day. The sun sinks lower in the sky, the weather turns colder, the forest begins to come alive with ominous creatures. The people of the island must prepare to travel to the desert, where it is daytime. As the people begin lining up to board the boats for departure, it is discovered that a teenage boy is missing. His two friends set off to look for him, thinking that it won't take long to find him. But due to the missing boy's injuries, they cannot travel fast. Upon returning to the boat boarding area, they discover that the boats have sailed, leaving them behind on the island. Thus begins a race against the creatures of the forest and steadily falling temperatures to find a boat and get off of the island.

This book offers plenty of suspense, excitement and fear about whether the characters will survive, let alone make it off the island. The story is a fast, action-packed adventure that is difficult to put down. It is best read with the lights on. The characters are well rounded, believable and likable. This novel would be a good quick read for teenagers 14 to 18 as well as adults who like suspenseful action stories.

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Hilton, Marilyn. *Full Cicada Moon*. New York: Dial Books for Young Readers, 2015.

It is difficult for a seventh-grader to move from California to Vermont in the middle of the school year; it is even more difficult when the year is 1969 and Mimi is half Japanese, half Black. On her first day of school, Mimi wears pants instead of the skirt required by the school's dress code. She asks to take shop class instead of home economics. She says she wants to be an astronaut when she grows up and gets laughed at by her new class and teacher. Luckily she makes a friend, Stacey, another new girl whose father teaches at the local college. But Stacey's mother will not allow Mimi to visit her house due to Mimi's race.

Hilton tenderly portrays Mimi's strength of character through poetry: "Sad thoughts/just make you sadder if you let them./I'm too sad now to stop them from taking me with them./I can't blink fast enough,/and when I press my face against the cold pane,/my tears turn to crystals." The historical elements add to the depiction of Mimi's conflict between who she wants to be and who society expects her to be. Her family, science teacher and a couple of friends are depicted warmly, although they are perhaps a bit too perfect at times. Mimi is forced to confront racism, but by believing in herself and using peaceful protest, she learns that it is important to be true to yourself and your dreams.

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Lough, Amber. *The Blind Wish*. New York: Random House Books for

Young Readers, 2015.

The Blind Wish, sequel to *The Fire Wish*, continues the story of two sisters, Najwa and Zayeel, who have just learned they are half-jinni, half-human twins. Najwa chooses life in the human palace, working for peace. Zayeel discovers she is one of the most powerful jinn of all -- a magus. Believing she can help her half-brother, Zayeel attempts to wish him into good health to cure his blindness. But she is not a healer, and the wish goes poorly. Meanwhile, Najwa is forced to avoid Prince Kamal, for whom she cares deeply. The war between jinni and humans that started in the first book is looming, and Najwa must discover who is sabotaging the jinn efforts for peace.



This is the second book in the Jinni Wars series. I did not read the first book, so it was a little difficult to follow. I would recommend reading *The Fire Wish* before starting this book. The plot is a bit slow, but it does pick up towards the end of the novel.

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Winters, Ben. *Literally Disturbed: More Tales to Keep You up at Night*. New York: Price, Stern, Sloan, 2015.

Literally Disturbed is a book of scary poems covering everything from "Bathtime" to "The Scariest Time of Day." There are also poems about trolls, fairies and blobs. I thoroughly enjoyed this book. I think that anyone reading it will enjoy the goose bumps that creep along their spine as they read this scary book of poems. Just don't read it at night!

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Alcott, Jessica. *Even When You Lie to Me*. New York: Crown Books for Young Readers, 2015.



Charlotte "Charlie" Porter is not looking forward to her senior year. She is constantly overshadowed by her beautiful, vivacious friend, Lila. Charlie's overbearing, perfectionist mother demands that she find an extra-curricular activity. When the year begins, Mr. Drummond, the attractive new English teacher, changes her bleak outlook. As her crush on Mr. Drummond deepens, Charlie realizes that her feelings may be reciprocated.

Charlie's witty banter with the other characters is delightful, though her constant self-hatred is grating. The will-they/won't-they pull of her forbidden romance is also well done, if drawn out. In the end, I expected more from the story. All of the relationships in the book seemed oddly strained.

Charlie's relationships and those of her classmates draw similar parallels. The forceful literary thread that winds around Mr. Drummond and his pursuit of Charlie intensifies but abruptly stops, leaving the reader to question how Charlie has evolved.

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Hartland, Jessie. *Steve Jobs: Insanely Great*. New York: Schwartz and Wade, 2015.

I'll admit I was a little worried about this one. Steve Jobs no doubt did great things in his life, but there were also some not great stories along the way that were more likely to be glossed over by fan boy biographers. Hartland manages to come off as transparent and non-judgmental in this biography in graphic format. Hartland's witty writing and fantastic illustrations make this a quick, informative and entertaining read. However, the style and amount of text and illustrations occasionally make a page too cluttered. I found myself having to re-read a page to figure out what was going on.

Every time the book moves into a different decade, Hartland offers readers a glimpse into the technology of the times. Readers will see the various technologies that were available to consumers during that decade, along with the year of their debut. The history lesson was fun, and I found myself often marveling at how long ago certain technologies, like compact discs, were available in homes. The story of technology was almost as fascinating as the story of Jobs! The book delves superficially into Jobs' medical problems, mentioning his diagnosis of pancreatic cancer and some attempts at treatment, but never pulls focus away from the story of his technological journey. Overall, this was a quick, fun read that even non-Apple enthusiasts would be able to enjoy.

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