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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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Chat With Jana

January's *Chat With Jana* offers an online opportunity for library youth service staff to connect with each other. Join us on January 28 at 10:00 a.m. Eastern for a chance to share about issues, opportunities, challenges and all the wonderful services you offer to the youth of Florida.

Librarians who engage with children and teens are encouraged to bring questions and topics to discuss. Because this meeting is interactive, you are encouraged (but not required) to have a microphone or to call in by phone. Online chat is available. To join, [register here](#).

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.



YouTube

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



Facebook

Like us on [Facebook](#)! Share your own library story, and be sure to check out all of the information submitted by library staff from around Florida.



Twitter

FLYP is [tweeting](#)! Are you following us?

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FLYP Workshop Dates

Youth services staff and media specialists are invited to attend one of our annual CSLP/FLYP workshops for the 2016 Summer Library Program. These free workshops promote and enhance activities and ideas from the Collaborative Summer Library Program manual.



For more information and to sign up for a workshop near you, check out our

[READiscover Florida:](#)

[One SRP \(Slightly Radical Potential\) Alternative to a One-Size-Fits-All Summer Reading Program](#)

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2:00 - 3:00 p.m.
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[Practical Considerations for Successfully Obtaining Library Grants](#)

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

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Eastern

Ongoing Training

If you work in a Florida library, you are eligible to enroll in hundreds of self-paced courses offered through WebJunction's Skillport. Check out [our website](#) to learn more!

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.

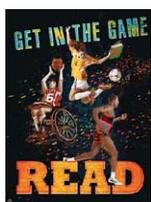
[National Braille Literacy Month](#)

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[National Hugging Day](#)
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[FLYP Workshop Registration webpage.](#)



2016 CSLP Teen Video Challenge

Each year, the Collaborative Summer Library Program holds a contest to give teens the opportunity to make videos that encourage the use of public libraries.

This year's deadline for entries is March 18, 2016.

Check out our [Teen Video Challenge webpage](#) for more information and to download the application.

New York Life Excellence in Summer Learning Awards

Public libraries can apply for the National Summer Learning Association's (NSLA) 2016 New York Life [Excellence in Summer Learning Awards](#).



The Excellence Award and the Founder's Award recognize outstanding summer programs or models that demonstrate excellence in accelerating academic achievement and promoting healthy development for young people between pre-kindergarten and 12th grade.

The Founder's Award recognizes organizations with programs that support anytime, anywhere learning opportunities and that blend quality enrichment in an effort to serve youth who wouldn't be reached otherwise. All public libraries that offer summer library programs are encouraged to apply. If your program excels in early literacy, health and wellness, college and career readiness, youth leadership and teamwork, or digital learning, NSLA would like to lift your program up as a national example of promising practices.

Applications are due to NSLA by Monday, February 1, 2016. There is no fee to [apply](#).

If you have questions about the application process, please contact Dara Murray, Manager of Program Quality and Evaluation, at dara@summerlearning.org.



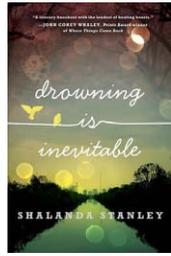
2016 National Arts and Humanities Youth Program Awards Applications Now Open

The President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities, in partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts, the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Institute of Museum and Library Services, is accepting applications for the [2016 National Arts and Humanities Youth Program Awards](#).

This year, the 12 award-winning programs will each receive \$10,000 and an invitation to accept their award from the Honorary Chairman of the President's Committee, First Lady Michelle Obama, at a ceremony at the White House.

After-school and out-of-school arts and humanities programs are encouraged to [apply](#). Completed applications will only be accepted via the online process. The deadline to apply is Tuesday, February 2, 2016, at 5:00 p.m. PST.

Sneak Peek Book Reviews



Stanley, Shalanda. *Drowning Is Inevitable*. New York: Knopf Books for Young Readers, 2015.

Shalanda Stanley hits a home run with her exquisite debut novel, *Drowning Is Inevitable*. Olivia, Jamie, Max and Maggie are teens who have such a strong emotional bond with one another that nothing can tear them apart, even in the face of tragedy. All four of them are trying to escape something in their lives, but none of them can do it on their own. Olivia is trying to escape turning out just like her "beloved" mother.

Jamie is trapped in a broken home with his abusive, alcoholic father and his fearful mother. Max isn't sure he wants to follow in his father's footsteps. Maggie is an extremely talented young woman who is terrified that she will end up a failure like her mother. It is a breath of fresh air to find four teenagers so close and completely devoted to each other, regardless of their imperfections. When supreme tragedy strikes their fragile world, see just how far they will go to help the ones they love.

Stanley is a fresh new voice in the young adult world. Her character writing is fabulous, and though this is a tragic story, Stanley brings forth emotions from the reader before they know what's happened. Readers cannot help but become completely engrossed in *Drowning Is Inevitable*. This is an extremely moving story that readers will not want to miss. I look forward to more great writing by Shalanda Stanley.

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Sayre, Justin. *Husky*. New York: Grosset & Dunlap, 2015.

Husky is one of those typical coming-of-age tales, except that the main character, Davis, is a 13/14-year-old boy who listens to opera. While that part is certainly odd, it helps drive Davis' feelings of alienation/isolation, which most kids feel at that age, and is also a storytelling device. Davis is having troubles with his friends, with his mom (who is divorced and dating again) and with finding his place in his world. The characters feel real, as do the situations. If the quote about the author on the dust jacket is anything to go on ("Oscar Wilde meets Whoopi Goldberg"), I wonder if this isn't semi-autobiographical. It was a good book, but one I'd recommend to kids probably younger than the age of the protagonist.



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Gantos, Jack. *The Trouble in Me*. New York: Farrar Straus Giroux Books for Young Readers, 2015.

Jack Gantos's autobiographical *The Trouble in Me* covers a couple of weeks of his 14th year. Jack is fed up with himself, his family and his whole life. The only thing he looks forward to is fire. While lighting a grill for his hard-nosed military father's birthday party, he meets the person he vows to become -- Gary Pagoda, just back from juvie for car theft. Gary terrifies Jack, but he nonetheless throws himself into

being Gary's right-hand man. It is a crazy read as Jack reckons with being someone else. How far will he go to be Gary? The story escalates quickly, leading to a fiery culmination. Then there's a cold splash of reality in the family

sphere, and maybe Jack is still just as fed up.

Crystal Osborne

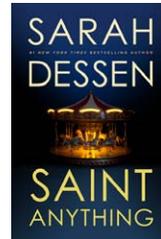
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Dessen, Sarah. *Saint Anything*. (2015). Viking Books for Young Readers.

Sydney Stanford is a girl who has always felt overshadowed by her older brother, Peyton. After his latest reckless escapade, Peyton is in jail, having almost killed a teenage boy in a drunk driving accident. While her mother makes Peyton's rehabilitation her sole project and her father mentally checks out, Sydney is left to shoulder the considerable guilt of her brother's misdeeds alone. Desperate for a fresh start, she transfers from her affluent private school to the local public school. There she meets Mac and Layla Chatham, who give her the love and acceptance she craves.



While *Saint Anything* is darker in tone and subject matter than Dessen's previous works, the result proves why she is the queen of teen contemporary fiction. The touch of romance here is light as Sydney and Layla both navigate complicated romantic relationships in the story. The novel covers much broader relationships, focusing on family, friendships, guilt and communication. The end result is a deeply moving and hopeful story, reminiscent of Joan Bauer's *Hope Was Here*.

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DiPucchio, Kelly, and Eric Wight. *Everyone Loves Bacon*. Farrar Straus Giroux Books for Young Readers, 2015.

Mmmmmm, BACON! Everybody loves Bacon; breakfast loves Bacon, lunch loves Bacon, and even dinner loves Bacon. Bacon goes with everything and is welcome everywhere. Bacon is soooooo popular that he is now too cool to hang with the rest of the breakfast meats.

Shunned by the ever-popular Bacon, the other groceries feel unloved. Bacon doesn't care. He is popular -- that's all that matters, right? Wrong. Bacon quickly learns the steep cost of fame and fortune. The collaborative team of writer DiPucchio and illustrator Wight delights us in this whimsical picture book tale of fame, fortune, friendship and breakfast meats.

In *Everyone Loves Bacon*, you'll find the right recipe of relatable characters, hi-gloss pages with large, colorful drawings and a simplistic, easy-to-read text. Omnivores and vegetarians alike will devour this book, because everyone loves Bacon!

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Florida Library Youth Program

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