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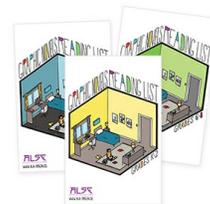
On My Mind

I just watched a webcast where two librarians from out of state tell about how they are doing a better job with summer reading. It was interesting, but in the back of my mind, I was upset. No two libraries are alike. Each library is different, and how they approach the "summer slide" is unique to their community -- so there is no single best way.

In Florida, most libraries utilize the Collaborative Summer Library Program summer theme, but there are libraries that choose not to use it. There are libraries that count reading times, attendance, books read and other data points. One library might be in a very rural community, and another in a large urban setting. Whatever the case may be, when librarians have passion and creativity, they can have a profound effect on the reading habits of youths and their families. So Florida library youth people -- please keep your passion, creativity and individuality!

Graphic Novel Reading Lists

The Association for Library Service to Children ([ALSC](#)) has released three new graphic novel reading lists. These lists are offered in the ranges of kindergarten to second grade, third to fifth grade and sixth to eighth grade. They're available for free download [on ALSC's website](#).



youth services staff gain access to resources not included in the *CSLP* manuals.

Webinars

[Future-Proofing Library Spaces](#)

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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.

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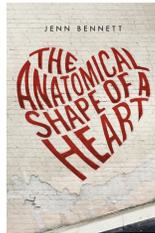
Kate DiCamillo Live!

Candlewick Press is sponsoring a live webcast with [Kate DiCamillo](#) on Friday, May 13, 2016, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Eastern. The two-time Newbery Award

winning author will speak to students about the importance of summer reading and libraries. Be sure to [register](#) today!

Sneak Peek Book Reviews



Bennett, Jenn. *The Anatomical Shape of a Heart*. New York: Fiewel and Friends, 2015.

Beatrix (Bex) Adams needs to win the scientific art scholarship so she can continue her studies and become a medical illustrator. She never expected to meet Jack on the bus home from the cadaver lab, dressed all in black like a jewel thief. Jack is super hot, super sweet and all around perfect, except for the fact that he is the Golden Apple graffiti artist the police have been looking for.

Jenn Bennett's first YA romance supplies lots of sparks between the appealing characters and enough family tension to make the outcome of the romance uncertain. Told from Bex's viewpoint, the story takes the reader on a journey through the overwhelming feelings that come with adolescent first love. Bex's mother and brother provide real humor and support. Questions about family loyalty and honesty cause Bex to reevaluate her relationships and her life story, leading to growth and maturity for both her and her mother. The author deals with mental health issues sensitively. Art is not only a career aspiration of both characters, it is also their emotional outlet, and in Jack's case, one of the only connections to a family member. Due to both the science and art aspects, this is a good title to recommend to teachers wanting STEAM-related material. Bex and Jack's steamy romance shows lots of heart. Recommended for grades 10 and up due to some intimate scenes.

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McIntosh, Will. *Burning Midnight*. New York: Delacorte Press, 2016.

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 Pet Month](#)

[Get Caught Reading Month](#)

[National Bike Month](#)

[National Music Week](#)

5/1/16 - 5/7/16

[National Pet Week](#)

5/24/16 - 5/30/16

[National Backyard Games Week](#)

5/5/16

[Cinco de Mayo](#)

5/7/16

[Free Comic Book Day](#)

5/8/16

[Mother's Day](#)

5/18/16

[International Museum Day](#)

5/30/16

[Memorial Day](#)

No one knows where the spheres came from, but, if you burn two at a time by holding them against your temples, you receive amazing gifts. Each uniquely colored sphere grants its recipient extraordinary abilities and features. Sully sells the cherry-red sphere he is famous for finding at a flea market to help he and his mother meet expenses. The man who bought Sully's cherry-red sphere, millionaire Alex Holliday, reneges on his payment because he tried to burn the sphere but did not receive any exceptional abilities. When Sully meets a girl named Hunter, they agree to search together for spheres to sell. This partnership nets the discovery of a gold sphere. This rarest of marbles leads Sully, Hunter and two of Sully's friends, Mandy and Dom, on a high-speed, terrifying, world-altering quest. Their goal is to find the matching gold sphere and sell the pair, but in the course of their globetrotting quest, the shocking source of the spheres is revealed.



This plot was slow to materialize and primarily confined to the last third of the book. Many of the points raised in the book did not explain the plot satisfactorily. Also, the ending was extremely abrupt, leaving you feeling as if complete resolution was missing. These details might not bother the average teen reader who should enjoy the elements of friendship, diversity, romance and adventure.

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De Laurentiis, Giada. *Recipe for Adventure: Hawaii!* New York: Penguin Group, 2015.

Hawaii! is the sixth book in the *Recipe for Adventure* series by Giada De Laurentiis. Siblings Alfie and Emilia are spending the weekend with their great aunt Donatella, who teaches them how to make an excellent banana bread recipe she acquired from a local while living in Hawaii. After Alfie and Emilia have their first taste of the freshly baked bread, they are suddenly transported to Hawaii, where they meet new friends who introduce them to hula dancing, surfing and the delightful cuisine of Hawaii. Along the way, Alfie and Emilia work out their typical sibling disagreements as they spend time with their new friends and even lend a hand in helping to prepare a special luau for the mayor.

While the descriptions of Hawaiian culture, history and food are enjoyable to read about and are very informational, I was disappointed to find that the siblings resort to dishonesty and stealing in the story. When they first arrive, their lodging problem is solved by taking a hotel room key card a housekeeper has accidentally dropped. When they wake up to start the day and are hungry, they tag along behind families at the buffet line and steal food, and when asked by the hotel manager about where their parents are, they lie. Emilia follows through with the lying and stealing at the insistence of her brother.

When Alfie and Emilia magically return to their kitchen, Zia Donatella remarks on how much better the two siblings seem to be getting along and they respond that it is thanks to her and the wonderful "trip" to Hawaii. Alfie and Emilia, of course, do not mention how they solved their problems by lying and stealing, so there are no consequences for their actions. If it weren't for these issues, I would recommend this as a good, fun read.

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Lupica, Mike. *Fast Break*. New York: Philomel Books, 2015.

With great sensitivity, Mike Lupica traces the trials of young Jayson, from growing up on the "wrong" side of town to finding himself with a foster family, a new school, a new life and, most importantly to Jayson, a new school's basketball team. Lupica takes the reader through all of the challenges facing your average teen and adds to the mix a rough start to life. Jayson learns a great deal about himself in the process of growing up -- including that he has much more to offer the world than his exceptional game playing, even as his own school's team works its way up through the basketball ranks. Lupica writes with extraordinary love of the game and exposes the reader to a range of social issues. The dialogue and events move quickly, making for an excellent, swift read for reluctant readers. Though he writes in a similar vein or spirit to Chris Crutcher, Lupica sanitizes a great deal of the grittier aspects of urban life, making this a safe choice for grade-school and middle-school readers alike. An excellent addition to your collection, as it works on many, many levels without being didactic.

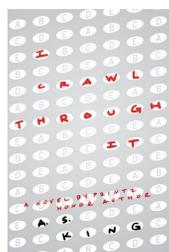


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King, A.S. *I Crawl Through It*. New York: Little, Brown and Company, 2015.

A.S. King's novel touches on some crucial aspects of teenage life in a very unusual and unique way. Rather than expressing her characters' mental anguish through internal dialogue, King chooses to give physical life to their pain. China is a walking digestive system, red and pulsating. She has swallowed herself for her protection. Her friends and family have come to terms with the fact that they can only see China's insides. Stanzi is a character who has split in two, one part of herself feeling one way and the other part feeling something opposite. Lansdale tells lies to deal with her pain, and each lie gives length to her beautiful blonde hair. Gustav is building a bright red helicopter that no one can

see -- except for Stanzi, on Tuesdays. King's surreal prose is at once heart-wrenching and intriguing. The book begins with just a few pieces of a puzzle, and as the story progresses, more pieces are found along the way. The completed puzzle is one of perseverance, friendship, loyalty and hope.

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Lacey, Josh. *The Dragonsitter*. New York: Little, Brown and Company, 2015.

The Dragonsitter is a great, witty story for young readers.

It is about a boy who is babysitting his uncle's dragon while the uncle takes a vacation. You can be sure misadventures and trouble will follow! The story is written in email form and has wonderful illustrations. This is laugh-out-loud fun for the entire family. Dragons are a

favorite subject with children, and you can't go wrong with this 64-page beginner book. This book is part of a series that has six books out and a seventh to be published soon. I would heartily recommend this book and series.



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