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Florida Literacy Month

Please join Florida's state parks, public libraries and literacy organizations in celebrating [Florida Literacy Month](#). Entrance to Florida's state parks will be free the weekend of September 10-12 for visitors who bring a library card or donate a new or gently used family book.



Librarians can contact their local state park to partner on an event at the park. Event ideas include story times, book exchanges and book signings with authors. You can learn about events that have already been scheduled on the [Florida State Parks website](#).

Quick Links

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International Games Day



Transform your library by participating in International Games Day @ Your Library. This event is an annual celebration of games, play, libraries and learning that is free for libraries!

There is only one requirement for this event - you have to have some sort of game-related activity in or around your library, on or around the official date, Saturday November 19, 2016. That's it! The games can be video games on a library console, tabletop games, social games, party games - whatever you think will work for your individual library and community. Visit the [International Games Day website](#) and [register](#) to participate.

Special!

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

Reviewers Wanted

Enjoy YA novels? I am looking for people who enjoy reading YA books to send me short reviews. In exchange, you get to keep the book you review! If you're interested, please contact me at jana.fine@dos.myflorida.com.



Webinars

[Resources for Research With](#)

[Elementary/Middle School Kids](#)

09/14/16

10:00. - 11:00 a.m.
Eastern

[How to Use Snapchat in Your Library to Promote Young Adult Collection and Events](#)

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noon - 1:00 p.m.
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[Planning a Year of Teen Programs](#)

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2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Eastern

[Creating Your Own Mobile App](#)

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noon - 1:00 p.m.
Eastern

September 2016 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.

[Hispanic Heritage Month](#)

[Baby Safety Month](#)

[Better Breakfast Month](#)

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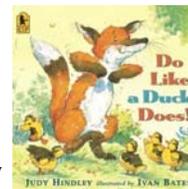
[Grandparent's Day](#)

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Spotlight on Lake Wales Public Library

Lake Wales Public Library's StoryWalk®

The Lake Wales Public Library's Youth Services Department has jumped on the StoryWalk® trend. Our StoryWalk® includes 17 panels down the Lake Wales Rails to Trails path behind the popular Kiwanis Park. This project is sponsored by several local organizations and our Friends of the Library.



We decided on more permanent fixtures, designed in a way that we can change out the stories several times a year. The first featured picture book in the Lake Wales StoryWalk® is *Do Like a Duck Does!* written by Judy Hindley and illustrated by Ivan Bates.

We are extremely proud of and excited about this project. We believe our community will benefit from it greatly.

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Book Reviews 4 U



Shanker, Tarun and Kelly Zekas. *These Vicious Masks*. New York: Swoon Reads, 2016.

Evelyn Wyndham was not your typical high society lady for several reasons. For one thing, she found the company of most upper-class individuals stifling. Also, Evelyn and her sister Rose cherished ambitions to become nurses, a profession considered inappropriate for affluent ladies. Lastly, Evelyn and Rose both developed a gift of healing in an astounding way: saltation. Saltation is described as a scientific principal stating that as humans evolved, some individuals acquired heightened abilities that better helped them survive. Some could teleport; others had keen eyesight or the capacity to transform their appearance. When Rose disappeared without warning, Evelyn set off to locate her and in the process discovered that the world of people with these genetic mutations was much more advanced and dangerous than she imagined.

The idea of setting a science fiction story in Victorian England seemed outlandish, but it was, for the most part, surprisingly effective. Evelyn was a delightful character: smart, vivacious and incredibly intelligent. The two main male characters, Mr. Kent, who fancied himself equal to Sherlock Holmes,

[Mexican Independence Day](#)

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[International Talk Like a Pirate Day](#)

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[National Comic Book Day](#)

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[Johnny Appleseed Day](#)

and Mr. Braddock, who you could not help but equate with Rochester, were spirited and mysterious in equal measure. The only shortcoming was that the concept of saltation, the abilities of those affected and their isolation from society seemed incredibly similar to various superhero comic books. That element made this novel feel less original than it could have been. The narrative ended on a cliffhanger, and the overall package Shanker and Zekas presented motivated me to want to read the next book.

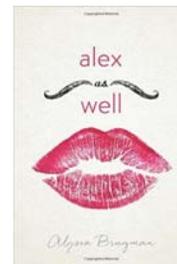
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Brugman, Alyssa. *Alex as Well*. New York: Henry Holt and Company, 2015.

This story centers on Alex, who was born intersex, meaning they have both male and female genitalia. When Alex is young, their parents decide to raise them as a boy and have Alex take hormones to further that gender. While in high school, Alex decides she feels more like a girl and wants to pursue school, life and everything in between as a woman. Alex's father attempts to be supportive, while her mother tries to give Alex hormones covertly. In order to attend a new school, Alex requires a new birth certificate and sets about getting one that states "female". What follows opens a Pandora's box of secrets about the past that Alex's parents have tried to squelch. Alex fights for her future, but will her parents be a part of it?



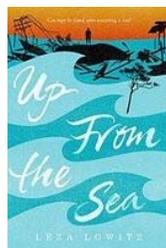
This story will make you think and squirm in your seat at Alex's mother's behaviors and rationalizations. This is a good book to create a dialogue about intersex/transgender issues. Alex's parents are not seen in the best light. Her mother's blog entries are bothersome, as there are multiple misspellings. Other than that, it is a book that will make you think. This book would be best suited for readers aged 15 and up.

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Lowitz, Leza. *Up From the Sea*. New York: Crown, 2016.

Up from the Sea is told in verse by a boy who survived the Japanese earthquake and tsunami of March 2011. In the story, he tells of his plans for the day and how everything started out normally but then went horribly wrong. He writes of his mom and grandparents going off to their daily work and of going to school, just like every day. But then, while at school, the earthquake hits. Though very scared, his prior training for this event takes effect, and he and his classmates escape from the school. While outside, they see that a tsunami is coming, and thus begins the mad scramble to reach higher ground and, hopefully, safety.

This is a very moving and compelling story, told from the perspective of someone living through the nightmare unfolding around them. It is made more real and intense through the author's use of language that paints a very vivid picture of the protagonist's thoughts, feelings and observations.

This book would be best suited for teen readers. The action, suspense and feelings are something the reader can relate to through the character. This is an excellent book that I highly recommend to anyone wanting a suspenseful read or a glimpse of what it's like to go through a tragedy like this.

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Woods, Darcy. *Summer of Supernovas*. Crown Books for Young Readers, 2016.

Wilamena's (Wil) expert astrologer mother passed away when Wil was a little girl. Before her mother's passing, Wil made a promise to use her astrological chart to find her perfect mate. Wil takes this promise to heart, going so far as charting her mate's birth date and the most auspicious month to meet. As if the universe is playing a joke on Wil, two very different brothers enter the picture. One is the on-paper match; the other makes her woozy.



The best page of the book is the first page. There is a funny, embarrassing story that immediately connected me to Wil. I wish the rest of the book had followed that lead. A later scene involving Wil's trip to a diviner was a bit of fun. I had a hard time believing the characters and some of their choices. It felt like it tried too hard and things were forced. Several potentially great characters ended up being too artificial. I wanted to shake Wil sometimes. I wanted to know more about her mom's story. Some secrets caused chaos. I would have liked more time spent on those stories. Unfortunately, this book just fell flat for me.

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Florida Library Youth Program

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