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Check This Out!

Back to School

August brings the beginning of a new school year and all of the stress of "firsts:" first class, first grade level, first school, first impressions.



[Kirby-Smith School](#).
 19--. State Archives of Florida, Florida Memory.

Making first impressions with schools and organizations is very important. Check out the webinar [Chat with Jana: Collaborative Strategies for Schools and Public Libraries](#) and get inspired!

Step Up For Students Scholarships



[Step Up for Students](#) is a nonprofit organization that administers scholarships for schoolchildren. Their scholarships include:

- The Florida Tax Credit Scholarship Program (FTC) for lower-income families.

08/03/2018

[FLYP Summer](#)[Statistics Refresher](#)

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

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10:00 a.m. - 5:00

p.m.

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[Spine-Chilling Ideas](#)[for Halloween at](#)[Your Library](#)

10:30 a.m. - 11:30

a.m.

Eastern

August 2018 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.

[Family Fun Month](#)

- The Gardiner Scholarship for children with certain special needs.
- The Hope Scholarship Program for schoolchildren who are bullied or victims of violence in a school.
- The Reading Scholarship Account, designed for public school students in grades three to five who struggle with reading.

Library staff: Let parents and media specialists know about these scholarships.

Contact Stephanie Love at slove@stepupforstudents.org for more information.



Rockin' the Library This Summer

Do you have a program you really enjoyed this summer? Were you excited about an activity that "rocked" the library? Please share your summer stories with Jana at jana.fine@dos.myflorida.com.

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Book Reviews From the Field

Heos, Bridget. *Stegothsaurus*. (2018). New York: Henry Holt and Co.

Stegothsaurus is different from his two brothers. He loves languages and synonyms and uses many descriptions while his brothers use only one word at a time. When he meets an allothesaurus, he's thrilled and tickled! But when he learns what the allothesaurus has eaten, he discovers that his brothers are just the right word - family.



August 12 - 18
[National Smile Week](#)

August 5
[Friendship Day](#)

August 9
[National Book Lovers Day](#)

August 12
[International Youth Day](#)

August 19
[National Potato Day](#)

August 21
[National Senior Citizens Day](#)

August 22
[National Tooth Fairy Day](#)

August 26
[National Dog Day](#)

Stegotherosaurus is a cute little story that's perfect for children who love words and reading. A kid-friendly book, excellent for all ages.

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Strickland, AdriAnne and Michael Miller.
***Shadow Call*. (2018). New York: Delacorte Press.**
Shadow Call is the second volume of the science-fiction Kaitan Chronicles Series. Qole is the captain of the energy fishing ship Kaitan. Qole and an unlikely band of energy fisherman (the disinherited Prince Nevarian, Qole's older brother and two shipmates of questionable pasts) become

revolutionaries to protect their home planet and their way of life from political upheaval as the Prince's right to rule is usurped.

Shadow Call follows the great escapes begun in the first title in the series, *Shadow Run*. The reader is transported to the planet Alaxak, where the protagonists are regrouping, having just completed a dangerous and exhausting energy-source collection expedition. But the real excitement is about to begin. What transpires next will define and challenge the characters' ideas of loyalty and family throughout the novel.

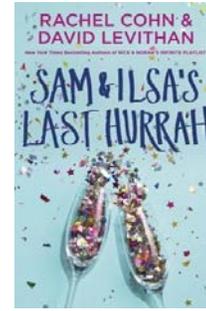
The point of view switches between chapters. The chapter names indicate which character is narrating for that brief moment. This writing style adds to the story, giving insight into characters' thoughts and allowing for their development. The full story unfolds through a variety of voices and creates suspense and plot twists that would not be possible through a single omnipotent narrator.

The storyline follows age-old tropes often found in many epic tales such as love unrequited due to prescribed hierarchical class roles and the channeling of supernatural forces. The main characters survive relatively unscathed from perilous circumstances and unlikely odds with preternatural skill. If one suspends disbelief in the protagonists' good luck, *Shadow Call* features an action-filled story filled with intrigue that leaves readers anticipating the next installment.

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Cohn, Rachel and Levithan, David. *Sam and Ilsa's last Hurrah*. (2018). New York: Knopf.

Teenage twins Sam and Ilsa are throwing one last bash before their high school graduation at their grandmother's stylish Manhattan apartment. The rules: they each invite three mystery guests to surprise the other twin. The drama increases as exes, frenemies and strangers come to the party.



The chapters alternate between Sam and Ilsa. The story has a very interesting set-up that quickly falls flat with pretentious main characters. The authors try to capture that uncertainty of leaving high school and accepting change, but it derails into ridiculous antics and very little substance. This book may interest teens, but it is not an essential addition to a YA shelf. There are references to sexuality and underage drinking. Recommended for grades 9 and up.

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Armstrong, Kelley. *Aftermath*. (2018). New York: Crown Books for Young Readers.

A roller coaster of a thriller, the story starts with events that, unfortunately, have become too familiar in recent years.

There is a shooting at a high school. Three boys committed this crime, killing four students and injuring several. The police shot one of the shooters. Dual protagonists Skye and Jesse intermittently tell the story. Before the shooting, they were friends, or just starting to become more than friends. The relationship changes after the shooting when they find out that Jesse's brother is one of the victims and Skye's brother was the gunman shot by the cops. Skye leaves town with her mother but is forced to come back after three years and attend a high school where there are friends, relatives and fellow students of the victims.

Although Skye did not expect an easy homecoming, strange and dangerous things start happening to her and Jesse; things that cannot be chucked merely to Skye's status of "guilty by association" with the shooter. Skye and Jesse dive deep into the investigation of the past and the present to uncover the truth. This is an exciting novel that keeps you guessing "whodunit" until the very end. Ages 13 and up.

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Dominy, Amy Fellner. *The Fall of Grace*. (2018). New York: Delacorte Press.

Grace Pierce's life appears to be picture perfect. She's popular, beautiful, athletic and a gifted photographer. She and her mom love their glamorous life and all the perks that come with her mom's hugely successful investment business. But what if everything isn't as it seems?

Grace's mom suffers a massive heart attack and slips into a coma after being informed she is the target of a federal investigation. Millions of dollars are missing, and no one, not even Grace, knows where it all went. To make matters worse, the FBI, her best friend and her entire community think Grace helped her mom defraud thousands of people out of their money. Grace has to clear her mother's name, but first she has to find some answers. With time running out, Grace buys a one-way ticket to Colorado to do just that. But she's not alone. Sam Rivers, the brooding and brilliant boy from her photography class, has been following her so he can find some answers, too. What starts out as contempt develops into mutual understanding and maybe something more.

The Fall of Grace is an absorbing page-turner. The chapters jump back and forth from month to month, and the truth is artfully revealed to the reader. Some of the language, violence and scenarios are only suitable for audiences 14 years and older. If you liked *Die for You*, then give *The Fall of Grace* a read this summer.

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Florida Library Youth Program

FLYP Forward provides information about the Florida Library Youth Program and Florida's public libraries.

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