

The Youth Services Newsletter

Fall 2009

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Fall 2009 Calendar

September 10	YA Librarian's Monthly Meeting ♦ Nassau Library System's Meeting Room ♦ 9:30 a.m. to Noon Information-Seeking Behavior of YAs & Online Databases
September 14	Children's Librarians Monthly Meeting ♦ Nassau Library System's Meeting Room ♦ 9:30 a.m. to Noon Summer Reading Wrap-Up & A Look to Fall: A Sharing of Ideas
October 5	Performer's Showcase @ LICM (LI Children's Museum) 9:00am – 3:00pm
October 12	Columbus Day – NLS Offices Closed
October 14-17	New York Library Association Annual Conference in Niagara Falls For information and registration visit: www.nyla.org
October 18-24	Teen Read Week
November 6	LIT-FEST: A Celebration of Books for Children & Young Adults Coral House, Baldwin, NY Guest Speakers: Gail Carson Levine & Ed Young Registration brochures available at: www.nassaulibrary.org/litfest
December 7	Children's Librarians Monthly Meeting ♦ Nassau Library System's Meeting Room ♦ 9:30 a.m. to Noon Mock Caldecott
December 10	NCLA - YASD Annual Brunch Driven to Distraction- How to Reel Teens In Details to follow
December 14	NCLA – CSD Annual Breakfast Author/Illustrator Carin Berger Carlyle on the Green, Bethpage State Park – Details to follow
January 7, 2010	YA Librarian's Monthly Meeting Location to be determined ♦ 10am to 1pm Mock Printz
January 11, 2010	Children's Librarian's Monthly Meeting @ NLS ♦Nassau Library System's Meeting Room ♦ 9:15 a.m. to Noon Mock Newbery

Greetings from Renee

As summer winds down we set our sights on the fall. Many of us look forward to warm sweaters, crisp air, pumpkin picking and... lots of fun and educational opportunities for youth service librarians.

As you can see by the above calendar, the youth services office has been busy during the summer planning your continuing education opportunities (a.k.a. monthly meetings.) Please note that flyers for each of our meetings are sent out about 4-6 weeks beforehand. The flyers include details about the meeting. However, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

Judy and I are busy finalizing the details of our **LIT-FEST** Conference to be held on November 6 at the Coral House in Baldwin. Brochures have been sent to each of the Children's and Young Adult Departments. You can also download a brochure online at: www.nassaulibrary.org/litfest We are very excited about this year's Conference. Gail Carson Levine and Ed Young are our guest speakers. And, along with our six book discussions, we have two workshops from which to choose. Early bird registration is now open.

Catching Fire!

One of the most anticipated books of the year is *Catching Fire*, the sequel to *The Hunger Games*! At BEA, my daughter Maddie was at the Scholastic booth at 9am and standing in a long line so we could get a copy. (I was at a breakfast!) Let us know if you'd like to borrow it.

(I also have a copy of Kristin Cashore's new book, *Fire* - the companion novel to *Graceling*.)

A list of new books that we have received in Youth Services is available on our website at:

www.nassaulibrary.org/childrens/pdf/files/previewbooks2009.pdf

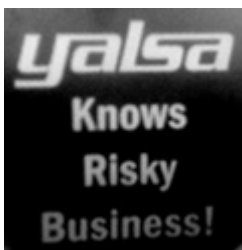


Summer Reading Evaluations

You can download the Summer Reading Program evaluation form at:

www.nassaulibrary.org/childrens/pdf/files/srpeval09.pdf

Your cooperation in getting this form to me by September 15th is greatly appreciated!



Risky Business

Are you taking risks at your library? YALSA wants to hear about your experiences as part of YALSA President Linda Braun's theme, "Risky Business." Braun's presidential advisory task force helped her develop the theme. Throughout the year, she plans to develop content that highlights the ways that YALSA, librarians, and teens manage risk effectively. Braun encourages those who have taken risks to help develop content by

contributing to the YALSA blog or the new book. To participate in Braun's year-long celebration of taking risks, contact Linda at yalsarisk@gmail.com.

2010 Bill Morris Seminar @ ALA Midwinter

Applications are now being accepted for ALSC's 2010 Bill Morris Seminar: Book Evaluation Training taking place on Friday, January 15, 2010 from 7:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., during the 2010 ALA Midwinter Meeting in Boston, MA.

The seminar will bring new ALSC members and members with limited evaluation experience together with those who have served on ALSC's media evaluation committees in an environment to train and mentor them in the group process and in children's media evaluation techniques. The seminar will result in new and emerging leaders for future ALSC evaluation committees. I know that several of the people currently serving on selection committees were selected from the participants in the last seminar.

The Morris Endowment supports those selected to attend the training seminar by offering the seminar at no charge to the attendee. This includes all materials, breakfast, lunch and afternoon break on Friday. To help defray additional costs for hotel and other expenses, a \$200 stipend for each attendee will be provided by the endowment.

For more information and the application visit www.tinyurl.com/morrisseminar10 All applications must be received in the ALSC office by Tuesday, September 8, 2009. All applicants must be ALSC members. If you know someone who would make a great applicant, please pass this information along. Questions? Contact Jenny Najduch at jnajduch@ala.org.

Through the Looking Glass



Just for fun take a look at the trailer that was just released for Tim Burton's version of Alice in Wonderland. It hits theatres in March 2010.
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LjMkNrX60mA>



While at ALA, I picked up a discussion guide to E. Lockhart's bestseller - *The Disreputable History of Frankie Landau-Banks*. I'd be glad to share it with you if you're interested.

The discussion guide was written by Tracie Vaughn Zimmer. Visit her website www.tracievaughnzimmer.com/young_adult_guides.htm for dozens of other guides to YA literature.

And don't miss E. Lockhart at the NYLA Fall Conference in Niagara Falls this October!

Pied Piper Award

Nominations for the 2010 Pied Piper Award are now being accepted through December 4. This award recognizes excellence in the creation of promotional materials for a library program, or the creation of an individual library program that promotes service to young people within the last twelve months. Promotional material includes, but is not limited to, things such as flyers,

bookmarks, booklists. Criteria for submission and a nomination form is available at: http://www.nyla.org/content/user_12/piedpiperform2010.pdf I'd like to encourage you to apply.



Three Apples Book Award

It's nomination time again. Beginning September 1st, nominations are accepted through October 20th for both the children's and teen award. Please visit the website to print out the nomination forms www.3applesbookaward.org. Nominations are due by October 31st.

Please note that the password for voting is **library**.

DO NOT GIVE THIS PASSWORD OUT TO YOUR PATRONS. IT IS ONLY FOR YOUR USE.

YALSA Professional Development Online

YALSA's Fall online continuing education opportunities have been announced and registration is now open. All of YALSA's courses are the equivalent of a one day or 1.5 day face-to-face workshop. A certificate of completion is issued for each course taken. (No college credit is available at this time).

Courses include one six-week class and two four-week classes, which all begin on October 5. There are discounts for YALSA members, students, and ALA members.

The following courses will be offered. For a complete description, please visit: <http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/yalsa/yalsa.cfm>

- **AIMing at Tweens: Advising, Involving, Motivating**
- **Graphic Novels and Teen Readers: The Basics and Beyond**
- **Reaching Teens with Gaming**



Teen Read Week

Celebrate **Read Beyond Reality** October 18-24, 2009 during Teen Read Week. Register at

<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/yalsa/teenreading/trw/trw2009/home.cfm> and check out the wiki for programming ideas, booklists and other suggestions as we get closer to the date.

Download the list of 2009 Teens' Top Ten nominations at

<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/yalsa/teenreading/teenstopten/ttt09.pdf>

Teens can vote for their favorite books online from Aug. 24 through Sept. 18. The winners of the 2009 Teens' Top Ten will be announced in a webcast featuring WWE Superstars and Divas during Teen Read Week. Tell your book groups and teens you know to vote at www.ala.org/teenstopten between Aug. 24 and Sept. 18. The more teens who participate, the more accurately the winning list will reflect the reading tastes of teens all over the country!

Journal Covers / Table of Contents

Attached to this newsletter are copies of the covers and/or the Table of Contents of some of the journals that I think many of you do not receive and I do. If you see something you would be interested in, please let us know.

I have been reviewing for School Library Journal and as a result these are the books that have been added to the Professional Collection and available for borrowing:

Anderson, Dee. *Reading is Funny!: Motivating Kids to Read with Riddles*. ALA Editions, 2009.

Bird, Elizabeth. *Children's Literature Gems: Choosing and Using Them in Your Library Career*. ALA Editions, 2009.

McDaniel, Deanna J. *Gentle Reads: Great Books to Warm Hearts and Lift Spirits*. Libraries Unlimited, 2008.

Schwedt, Rachel E. *Core Collection for Children and Young Adults*. Scarecrow Press, 2008.

Sullivan, Michael. *Connecting Boys with Books 2: Closing the Reading Gap*. ALA Editions, 2009.

Once again, this newsletter is available online at:

<http://www.nassaulibrary.org/childrens/pdf/files/fall09.pdf>