

CYC 2009: c u @ the library

The 3^d Annual North Texas Conference Focusing on Children & Youth in Libraries
Thursday, August 13, 2009 at the Lockheed Martin Recreation Area in Fort Worth

Content of the following presentations will relate to library personnel who provide services for:

■ Infants; ■ Toddlers; ■ Preschool; ■ Kindergarten; ■ Elementary; ■ Middle School; ■ Junior High; ■ High School; ■ Parents

9:00-10:15 a.m. Welcome & Keynote Session

The keynote session is sponsored by Vance Hunt Library Furnishings.

Props Get Their Attention ... No Matter What Their Age

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Whether you're trying to teach something new, promote discussion or simply involve young people in a process, the use of props can help to make that happen.

Jesse Ephraim has been doing children's & teen presentations for many years. He frequently uses props while doing so, including puppets, magics tricks, hats, unusual musical instruments & more. He is the new director of Roanoke Public Library.

Break-Out Sessions

BOARD Not BORED! Using Board Games with Teens

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Life is a game, & strategies help us through it. Playing board games provides teens with first-hand lessons in strategizing & increases their ability to succeed in the game of life.

Ann Coleman initiated a Board Game Program as one of Roanoke Public Library's youth services in 2000 & has continued to coordinate that program annually. Her 2008 Summer Reading Club, which met twice weekly for 2 hours at a time, focused on Toys & Games.

Although she hasn't yet initiated a regular board game program at Southlake Public Library, Elizabeth Beamon views Ann as her mentor in the concept. Besides sharing Ann's belief that game-playing is a life-long activity, she frequently plays board games with Ann.

Books for Lunch: A 3rd Grade Reading Club

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Books for Lunch focuses on struggling 3rd grade readers who need help, encouragement & close personal attention to improve reading skills & foster an enjoyment/love for reading. Students selected, under teacher supervision, are treated to all aspects of reading, comprehension, research activities, cross-curricular activities & some just plain fun activities.

Several years ago CarolAnn Woolley, librarian at Johnston Elementary in Irving ISD, attended a workshop about bringing boys & books together. Motivated by the concept, she convinced Debra Allen, her school's Instructive Technology Specialist & a fellow long-term IISD employee, to work with her in addressing the needs of reluctant 3rd grade readers, especially boys. This will be their 4th year to work with reluctant 3rd grade readers, yet the two still consider the project "a work in progress." Although they've had gratifying success rates with both boys & girls, they've decided to focus mostly on boys in the future.

Booktalks 4 'Tweens & Teens - BY Them!

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Texas Teens 4 Libraries (TT4L), an all-day event designed to encourage active participation of teens in the annual TLA conference, began at the 2009 conference. Sponsored by TLA Young Adult Round Table (YART) & the 2009 Conference Program Committee, the event included the first-ever *Texas Teens*

Booktalk 4 All, a session which featured teens booktalking their favorite new titles. Teens also were invited to submit digital booktalks, which were shown as a part of that conference session.

WyLaina Hildreth, Assistant Branch Manager at Denton Public Library North Branch, has been a Teen Librarian for 5 years. She's currently co-chair of the TT4L committee & chair of YART's Texas Maverick Graphic Novels Reading List (TMGNRL).

Create a Podcast



You've heard all about podcasts, but do you know how to make one? This step-by-step explanation will introduce Audacity, an excellent, free & easy software for this use, & will demonstrate its use in creating, editing & posting podcasts, as well as in converting them to the mp3 format.

Jesse Ephraim is the new director of Roanoke Public Library. Before becoming a librarian, he was a programmer/developer for many years. In addition to creating his own podcasts, he has taught classes on the subject to other librarians & teachers.

Double the Fun (or 2 Heads R Better than 1!)



Learn how librarians, teachers & an instructional technologist work together in an online environment to motivate students. Students engage in active learning with other schools in the community through online book studies & other engaging units of study.

Townsell Elementary Librarian Skye Bryant has been an educator for 27 years & an Irving ISD librarian for 23 of those.

An educator for 17 years, Renee Newry is librarian at Farine Elementary in Irving ISD. She also has 7 years of experience as a 4th grade teacher.

Jumpstart: Read 4 the Record



Saginaw's John Ed Keeter Public Library participated in the October 2, 2008 *Jumpstart: Read for the Record* program. In that community & at libraries, bookstores, schools & homes around the world, Don Freeman's *Corduroy* was read to thousands of kids, breaking both the 2007 & the 2006 world records for such an activity. Will your community help to break the 2008 record on October 8, 2009?

Debbie Raindl is Children's Services Librarian at John Ed Keeter Public Library of Saginaw. She became involved with Jumpstart's Read for the Record program just before the big date last year & was so pleased with the results that she made plans immediately to participate again in 2009.

King, Pawn, Rook, Castling, Checkmate, Stalemate!



Do you know what those words mean? Do you like to play Chess? Are you looking for a way to help young people expand their ability to think logically, analyze situations, plan ahead and do better on all academic tests? Learn the basics of starting & running a chess club, whether the games will be just for fun, solely for in-library competition or part of area tournaments.

Linda Evers is Youth Services Librarian at Watauga Public Library, which has had a successful chess club for 4 years.

The North Richland Hills Chess Club was started late 2005 by a member of the Watauga Chess Club & Liz Brockman, Children's Services Coordinator at North Richland Hills Public Library. That first year she learned about chess with the kids. Now Liz & another staff member conduct the Chess Club with occasional help from a Tarrant Chess Club member, teaching the basics of chess & providing a place for kids to compete. This summer they started with 27 kids; now they're having about 43 each week. NRHPL has participated in 2 tournimants & hosted 1.

The Colleyville Public Library Chess Club was started in 2004 by Library Director Mary Rodne & a volunteer. Since its inception, the program has proven to be very popular, attracting about 80 children each summer. For nearly 17 years prior to working in Colleyville, Mary Rodne was director of a Chicago suburban library and worked with its Chess Club. That group, the Bloomingdale Public Library Chess Club, was very active, annually participated in an area public library chess tournaments and placed first numerous times.

Merchant Librarian in 5 Minutes

Learn the language, review business models & discover ways to rejuvenate your library & your patrons through effective merchandising. Even the smallest change can result in a big impact!

Midway through Cindi Rockett's 10 years as a school librarian, she attended a Librarian-As-Merchant session at TLA. Since then she has been implementing the ideas she learned & sharing her experiences with library colleagues & others in this area. She is currently at Lamar Middle School in Irving ISD.

North Texas 23: Project Review & Do-It-Yourself Expo

Over 300 people registered for North Texas 23: A Round-Up of Web 2.0 Technology by June 1, 2009. A leadership team of 23 people have each been serving as mentor to a group of the participants in the free, 10-week, hands-on learning experience. In addition to reviewing the North Texas 23 project, this session will provide suggestions for those planning to develop a similar program for their own groups.

<http://northtexas23.blogspot.com/>

Jeff Bond, Science Reference Librarian at Texas Christian University, helped to lead a 23 Things learning experience at TCU in 2008 & then agreed to serve as Coordinator for a North Texas Library Partners/TLA District 7 project which he named "North Texas 23: A Round-Up of Web 2.0 Technology." At the time, he had no idea that the program would be as well received as it turned out to be.

The Quick & Dirty Dozen: Tips on Cheap & Easy Accessibility

Need inexpensive & uncomplicated ideas to make your library accessible so that young people who have disabilities can feel included & encouraged to participate in activities? This session will provide four ideas for each of three areas - vision, hearing & mobility.

Carolyn Davidson Brewer, who has a background of working in public & college libraries, has written articles on the ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) & provided workshops on the topic. She brings creativity to this presentation, challenging you to think accessibility in new ways.

Mary Jo Venetis has also provided many workshops on various aspects of accessibility & diversity, encouraging librarians to recognize how to improve their library services for people who have different needs. She is also hearing impaired & strives to be a role model for others.

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Need some easy, inexpensive ideas for using paper to enhance your library programs & displays? You can use paper to "go green" on a budget while producing creative classroom & library tools in a snap! If you're papersmart, that is! Learn some quick, simple & cost-effective tricks for die-cuts, crafts, library tours, games, puzzles, displays & more.

Virginia Lynn Mundt has over 20 years' experience in public libraries, many of which were spent serving as a librarian to youth & teens. She has presented dozens of summer reading club workshops for several Texas State Library Systems & co-authored Furry Tails! Funny Tales! The 1998 Texas Reading Club Manual. Virginia currently works at Rowlett Public Library. Under the stage name Virginia Lynn, she performs as a professional storyteller.

Science Fridays: Science in the Library

At Townsell Elementary in Irving, science instruction & reinforcement involving the librarian, the instructional technology specialist & input from the classroom teachers is a weekly event. This concept has been in use there for years & has improved through occasional tweeking & revision.

Townsell Elementary Librarian Skye Bryant has been an educator for 27 years & an Irving ISD librarian for 23 of those.

In 30 years as an educator, Susan Vaughan has taught Special Education, 4th grade & 4th grade gifted & talented students. She is currently Instructional Technology Specialist at Townsell Elementary in Irving ISD.

Speed-Geeking



Participants will be given opportunities to learn about 4 out of 5 different Web 2.0 tools in 45 minutes, speed-dating style. Options will include Advanced Twitter, Animoto, Flip Videos, Scratch.mit.edu & Texting from Your Email.

Facilitators will be Lea Bailey, Director of Learning Resources at Irving ISD, & Donna Kearley, Coordinator of Library Services for Denton ISD.

Teen Boards & More: Getting Young Adults Involved



This Spring when Azle Public Library moved from the 9,600-square-foot facility it had occupied for 31 years & into the brand-new 21,600-square-foot Azle Memorial Library facility, Azle teens suddenly had their own library space. This presentation will describe how that library formed a teen board to involve young adults in library programming & activities.

Brandi Head has been working at Azle library since 2001 & has been involved with technology & system administration since 2007. When the new library opened in March, she began to oversee all of the teen programs & activities as well.

Jennifer Witherspoon, librarian at Forte Junior High in Azle, serves as liaison to Azle Memorial Library's Teen Board.

Using Shadow Puppetry 2 Teach



Contemporary film-making has reintroduced the value of puppetry of all kinds, making the concept itself "cool" & prompting today's youth to learn various subjects under the guise of practicing puppetry. Focusing on the applications of only one form of puppetry, that of shadow puppets, this session suggests how young people can learn about history, math, technology, cultures, team-building skills & more while developing puppet shows for their peers, for younger students & even for youtube.

Elizabeth Beamon has been a puppeteer & storyteller for 20 years, 8 of them as a member of Southlake Public Library's staff. She has instructed teens on puppetry techniques & has extensive experience with children & with adults who are young at heart.

Roanoke Public Library Director Jesse Ephraim has been a storyteller & puppeteer for many years. He has studied shadow puppet techniques from many cultures, particularly those of Southeast Asia.

The duo has performed shadow puppet presentations at the 2009 Tejas Storytelling Festival & at a variety of other events.

3:15-3:30 p.m. Door Prizes

YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN!!!