

CYC 2010: Winning Combinations

The 4th Annual **C**hildren & **Y**outh **C**onference for North Texas Library Personnel
Thursday, August 5, 2010 Lockheed Martin Recreation Area (Fort Worth)

Keynote

Combining Literacy, Technology, Curiosity & Adventure

Children are born with insatiable curiosity and a strong sense of adventure, and they grasp new technologies easily. But when it comes to finding quality content or information on the Internet, most children are hopelessly lost in the woods. Mark Moran will discuss recommend strategies for teaching kids the critical missing component – Web literacy.

***Mark E. Moran** is Founder and CEO of Dulcinea Media, which provides free content and tools to help people learn how to use the Web effectively. Its products include findingDulcinea and SweetSearch.*

Break-Out Sessions

Crossing the Thin Grey Line ■■■■■■

In many ways, there is a thin grey line between school libraries and children's services at public libraries. How can they work together to help children see the library as not only a place to meet friends and participate in activities but also a place to study and learn?

***Craig Tappe** has spent the past 25 years helping people realize the full potential of their influence. Serving as Library Specialist for Vance Hunt & Associates keeps him in constant contact with libraries across the state.*

Do Your Sites Meet Universal Access Regulations for Website Design? **ALL**

"It is and has been the position of the Department of Justice since the late 1990s that Title III of the ADA applies to websites," Thomas E. Perez, assistant attorney general for the DOJ's civil rights division, said at a recent conference. Related regulations are in the works and could be finalized as soon as September, according to the DOJ. This session will provide an overview of ways to determine whether or not your library's websites are in compliance.

*Roanoke Public Library Director **Jesse Ephraim** has been doing professional Internet development since before invention of the World Wide Web. He believes that the demand for small screen access is helping to promote training in and movement toward website accessibility.*

Docs for Kids, Parents, Teachers & Librarians ■■■■■■

Government web sites offer authoritative, up-to-date resources which often aren't copyrighted. Many have materials designed specifically for teachers. Come receive tips on mining through this untapped gold mine of free information to expand your resources despite limited budgets.

***Suzanne Sears**, Assistant Dean for Public Services University of North Texas Libraries, notes that 13 years as a government documents librarian has given her in-depth knowledge of the valuable information available for free if you just know where to look. She has been writing and presenting on this particular topic for over 10 years.*

For library personnel who provide services for ■ Infants; ■ Toddlers; ■ Preschool; ■ Kindergarten;
■ Elementary; ■ Middle School; ■ Junior High; ■ High School; ■ Parents

Helping Youth Access the Talking Book Program and Newsline

The Newsline program makes over 300 publications nation-wide available. The Talking Book Program in Texas offers a total of over 80,000 fiction and non-fiction titles. Learn more about both programs, how young people can qualify for their services and how you can help spread the word to young people and their parents.

As Newsline Coordinator for the National Federation of the Blind/Texas, Stephen Tompkins is responsible for promoting the Newsline program to potential Texas subscribers. He's been an avid user of the Newsline system since 1995 and of the Talking Books Program in its three formats since childhood.

Making Thinking Visible

Sharing how you think when you read aloud with young people can help them internalize the process and can help them increase their comprehension. Elaine Sloan will demonstrate the technique for reading aloud so that listeners will make connections when they read. Research, techniques and strategies to be discussed come from books by Eileen Oliver Keene, Debbie Miller and Sharon Grimes.

A Garland ISD elementary school librarian since 1990, Elaine Sloan read books and talked reading skills at times but didn't know how exciting read alouds could be until she began her journey to make thinking visible. Her website <http://www.texaslibrarian.com/> highlights reading strategies in over 200 books which she has read with these techniques. She welcomes others to use the blog information with readers.

Reading Club 101: Basic Ideas & Strategies for Conducting a Reading Club for Kids

Designed for both school and public libraries, this session will provide a basic guideline for planning and executing a successful reading club at the library and will include tips for programs which are easy to run yet rewarding for readers!

Virginia Lynn Mundt has been a librarian and storyteller in the Dallas area for several years. She also presents reading club workshops and other training sessions to librarians throughout the state. She lives in Richardson with her family, which includes four people, two dogs and one very fat cat!

Ten Steps to Better Web Research

DulcineaMedia asked 300 students what they do when they can't find the information they need online; responses included, "I just think real hard" and "I punch the screen. Just kidding. LOL. LOL." We also asked how they know when a Web site is credible. Responses: "If it looks good." "I don't know, I just go with it." "If it has the information I need." Mark Moran will present ten steps to a better way for students to find information on the Web.

Mark Moran is Founder & CEO of Dulcinea Media, which provides free content and tools to help people learn how to use the Web effectively. He always finds the information he needs online, so he only punches the screen when he doesn't like what it says.

Texas 2x2: Step Right Up! Learn All about It!

You haven't heard of the Texas 2x2 Reading List! Come see the books on the 2010 list and see what you have been missing.

"Reading has been my passion since I was a young child sitting on my mom or dad's lap and listening to them read to me," Kristi Betts explains. "I followed my mother's footsteps for six years as a kindergarten teacher and then followed my father's and became a librarian." For the past 11 years she has been the Librarian and Instructional Technology Specialist for four year olds at Irving ISD's Kinkeade Early Childhood School.

Using the Internet to Get Children More Excited About Books

Will the growth of virtual information mean the end of physical books? Or could it produce a boon in reading? The Internet offers many tools to enhance kids' enjoyment of books and turn them into lifelong readers.

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What Comes Next? Help with Materials Selection for Young Children ■■■

Storytelling, songs, fingerplays and more will add to this dynamic overview of books with patterns, rhythms, sequences and other connections which help children anticipate what will happen next in each story. The discussion will explore cumulative tales, predictable stories and concept books appropriate for young children.

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Workforce Solutions Youth Services – Planning for the Future ■■

Get details on Workforce Solutions Youth Services, a program designed to help 17-21 year-old youth achieve their educational and employment goals. Educational assistance offers support with high school diplomas, GED classes, college preparation and vocational training. Employment programs assist with work readiness, work experience, advanced job search assistance and resume and interviewing skills.

Workforce Solutions Youth Services Outreach Specialist Carlos Zamora has worked with the Workforce Solutions programs for over three years and has addressed personnel at local ISDs, community programs, faith-based organizations and social services agencies. He engages and relates to the youth in our communities and encourages them to pursue their goals despite negative experiences they may have been through in their lives.