

Youth Services Buzz



This issue of Youth Services Buzz collects relevant tidbits that you can hopefully use as we plan to head into the summer reading vortex

Spring 2012

TABOB Libraries Plan to Face off on June 30

The **TABOB** (Take a Bite out of Books) planning group has just announced six quiz titles for this year's competition. Teams of Middle school readers will square off on **Saturday, June 30 at the Champlain Centre Mall in Plattsburgh** to answer over seven Hundred questions culled from these exciting books: *Gollywhopper Games* by Jody Feldman; *When Zachary Beaver Came to Town* by Kimberly Willis Holt; *The Nine Lives of Travis Keating* by Jill MacLean; *The Kingdom Keepers: Disney After Dark* by Ridley Pearson; *Enchanted Glass* by Diana Wynne Jones; and *Dewey the Library Cat* by Vicki Myron.

Competition coordinator Jackie Viestenz, director of the Sherman Free Library, Port Henry, explains, "This is the seventh year that the Take a Bite out of Books competition is being held and we feel that we are really hitting our stride with this 'reading for pleasure activity.'" The children and adults who have participated in the past have said they really enjoyed reading the books and participating in the competition. It's a good way to get kids to read authors they might not pick up otherwise. The competition is for 5th, 6th and 7th graders. Each team consists of four children and one alternate.

Each team member will receive one or more books to enjoy between March and the June competition date, and a team tee shirt, along with the chance to read great books, make friends and perhaps take home the trophy as both Wilmington teams did in 2011. CEFLS will once again provide multiple copies of the competition titles for all contestants, and everyone is chomping at the bit for them to arrive! TABOB activities are also generously supported by the Stewarts Holiday Match Campaign, and the Plattsburgh Morning Rotary Club. We also appreciate our friends at LV Clinton County who provide the buzzers, some judges and lots of moral support!

Libraries that are participating this year are Saranac Lake, Rouses Point, Plattsburgh Public, Willsboro, Wilmington, Dannemora and Schroon Lake. It's not too late to get in on the action! If you are interested in competing, please contact Jackie Viestenz at fliibrar1!nycap.rr.com or 546-7461.



After a day long, hard fought Battle, E.M. Cooper Library, Wilmington Team One took home the trophy on July 16, 2011

A Fun Twist on Summer Reading



Are you dreaming of summer or perhaps rhomboids? The Massachusetts Library System is hosting a **FREE** summer reading webinar that is open to youth services librarians in New York state. At this webinar, you'll explore ways to combine summer reading crafts, stories, and family events with everyday life math, using **Mixing in Math**, a set of **FREE** materials designed especially for Summer Reading 2012. Come ready to explore shapes, sizes, and patterns in everyday life! Check the **Mixing in Math** website, <http://mixinginmath.terc.edu> to learn more.

Date: Monday, March 19, 2012

Time: 11:30-12:30 ET

Register here: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/VN36VWD>

Date: Monday, March 26, 2012

Time: 11:30-12:30 ET

Register here: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/VF7TXL6>



Check out this online club for kids and parents. Every month TBC chooses one

high-quality upper elementary or middle grade book to discuss. Conversations are led by children's librarians and scholars who have participated in the New York Council for the Humanities' Together—Book Talk for Kids and Parents program.

This year TBC is teaming up with **Summer Reading at NY State Libraries** to give kids a chance to make their summer reading even better! Visit the site's summer reading page for more information. Once there, readers can share their thoughts on the site or apply to be a guest blogger! Check it out and find out what the buzz is at tgrbookclub.wordpress.com



You Otter Be at the Wild Center!

Watch for information coming soon about our collaborative Library Day Pass program titled **“Check out the Wild”**. Each CEFLS member library will receive a museum pass and Visitors’ Packet that can be borrowed by patrons with their library card just like they would a book. The day pass admits one family (2 adults and their dependant children) for free to the **Wild Center in Tupper Lake**. As a neat finishing touch of reciprocity, the Visitors’ Packet will refer visitors back to CEFLS member libraries and invite them to “check out” our great collections for further information.

The Wild Center is a fun place for families to visit any time of the year. Families love the swimming otters, multi-media shows and engaging exhibits. There is also plenty to explore outside the Center, including 31 acres of marked trails (and a cafeteria that has won rave staff reviews).

CEFLS and the Wild Center are working out the details with an anticipated launch date of June 1—just in time for summer excursions! This program is generously provided by the Wild Center with the goal of increasing awareness and use of this terrific local resource.



A new literacy resource for child care providers, **“2012 Summer Reading at New York Libraries Early Literacy Partner Manual”** can now be downloaded from the “Summer Reading at New York Libraries” <http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/summer/>, click on Downloadable Materials.

This new manual will assist child care providers and teachers of young children in partnering with a public library, or public library system, to help families gain the full advantage of public library resources and programs during the summer months. Developed by the New York State Education Department in partnership with the Collaborative Summer Library Program and public library system youth services consultants, the manual contains information on public library summer programming for the young child along with extensive book lists related to the Summer Reading at New York Libraries 2012 slogan, **“Dream Big READ.”**

Libraries are encouraged to share the manual, in either electronic or paper form, with local child care providers and teachers of young children. It is hoped that this new resource will lead to strengthened relations between libraries and all those who serve and educate the young child.

April is Autism Awareness Month!



The New York State Department of Health Bureau of Early Intervention is asking public libraries throughout New York State to help promote autism awareness and support New Yorkers with autism by displaying a variety of FREE materials for their patrons during April. Over 170 libraries took part in this event in 2011. We are urged to participate in New York’s Libraries and Autism campaign and to help families in local communities – and all across New York – learn about autism and support those living with a diagnosis. Watch for these materials coming your way soon:

- ☺ "Learn the Signs" brochures and posters
- ☺ Bookmarks directing people to NY State’s online autism resource
- ☺ Information Cards with Child Developmental Milestones

You Wouldn't Want to.... Miss these books!

The Reader: A nine year old boy who would rather play with Legos (or do anything) than read

The Challenge: 300 minutes of required reading a month in order to win a pizza coupon and pass third grade.

The solution: The "You Wouldn't Want To" series recommended by our reading Sherpa **Karen Armstrong** of "It Takes a Town to Raise A Reader" workshop fame.

There are 72 intriguing titles in this colorfully written and illustrated series. I imagine we'll be reading most of them this year and next. Some of the books we've earmarked to try include:

You Wouldn't Want to be Sick in the 16th Century: Diseases You'd Rather Not Catch by Kathryn Senior

You Wouldn't Want to Be on Apollo 13! A Mission You'd Rather Not Go On by Ian Graham

You Wouldn't Want to Be in a Medieval Dungeon! Prisoners You'd Rather Not Meet by Fiona MacDonald

You Wouldn't Want to be Married to Henry VIII: A Husband You'd Rather Not Have by Fiona MacDonald

You Wouldn't Want to be a Skyscraper Builder! A Hazardous Job You'd Rather Not Take by John Malam

You Wouldn't Want to Live in a Wild West Town: Dust You'd Rather Not Settle by Peter Hicks

You Wouldn't Want to be a Suffragist: A Protest Movement That's Rougher Than You Expected by Fiona MacDonald

You Wouldn't Want to be a Victorian Schoolchild by John Malam

The Verdict: (Edward) I like the pictures and learning about different history facts. It's fun to read! I still like Legos better.

The Verdict: (Julie) Sanity Saved! We're learning lots in a fun way and enjoying that free pizza coupon!

- Julie and Edward

Ebook Juvenile/YA Collection Clear for Launch!

3-2-1 Blast off!

Our **Overdrive ebook** site is set to launch on **Thursday, March 15!**

We've been busy hand picking some great titles for juvenile and young readers and will continue to add content as funding allows. Most of the titles purchased are both epub and Kindle compatible which means that they will play on almost any reader, which Betsy and Chad will be happy to put through its paces for you. Log in and look for these titles.

The best selling Flavia du Luce series by Alan Bradley
Big Nate and *Big Nate Out Loud* by Lincoln Peirce
Billy the Kid and *The Vampyres* by Michael Scott
Thirteen Ways to Sink a Sub by Jamie Gilson
The House that Jack Built (Little Golden Book)
Ivy and Bean: Secret Treasure Box (books 1-3) by Annie Barrows
Love Bites by Trisha Telep
Sugar and Ice by Kate Messner (courtesy of Ewa Jankowska in memory of Betsy Whitefield)
4-H Guide to Digital Photography by Daniel Johnson
52 Cool Tricks for Kids by Lynn Gordon
Judy Moody and the Not Bummer Summer by Megan McDonald
Okay for Now by Gary D. Schmidt
Afternoon on the Amazon (MTH #6) and three other Magic Tree House titles by *Mary Pope Osborne*
So You Want to Catch Bigfoot? by *Morgan Jackson*
The Adventurous Boys' Handbook by *Stephen Brennan*
The Adventurous Girls' Handbook by *Stephen Brennan*
Dog Heroes by *Mary Pope Osborne*

Do you or your readers have suggestions for other juvenile or YA topics and titles to purchase? Would you or your patrons like to donate a juvenile title in memory or honor of someone? If so, please contact Julie at CEFLS (wever@cefls.org). Prices range from \$5.99 for books by authors that no one has ever heard of to \$75.00 or more for really hot titles. We are hoping that prices land back in the realm of reality soon.





Grants Round Up

Calling all high flying ideas!

The Captain Planet Foundation will make awards ranging from \$250 to \$2,500 to non-profit organizations, including libraries. The Captain Planet Foundation's mission is to fund and support hands-on, environmental projects for children and youth—which gives lots of tie-in potential for this year's CSLP theme of **“Dream Big, Read”** and **“Own the Night”**. Captain Planet aims to encourage innovative programs that empower children around the world to work individually and collectively to solve environmental programs in their communities. The foundation believes that through environmental education, children can achieve a better understanding and appreciation for the world in which they live.

For an application and information on the types of projects that can be funded, contact the Captain Planet Foundation at <http://captainplanetfoundation.org/>. The next application deadline is May 31, 2012 (for June 30 funding). I am willing to write up an online application but am strapped for ideas. If you want to collaborate and are feeling creative, let's talk!

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NetSafety is Everyone's Business!

www.NetSmartz.org is an online educational resource that helps teach kids how to safer both on and offline. Designed to be used at home, at school and in the community (the library), the site provides parents, educators, community leaders and law-enforcement officials with a variety of resources including activities, games, Internet safety pledges and real-life stories. Users report that these tools really help adults build kids' safety awareness and increase their self-confidence on and offline. Check the site out and let us know what you think!

Time to Vote for 3Apples Book Award



The Youth Services (YSS) and School Library Media (SLMS) Sections of the New York Library Association have announced that voting is now open for the 2012 3Apples Book Awards. The 3Apples Book Award has been developed to encourage the joy of reading for pleasure and to give the children of New York state the opportunity to participate in honoring their favorite books.

Fifteen titles in three categories—Young Readers, Children and Teens—have been nominated. In order to vote in April 2012 for the best of 15 choices, students need to read or listen to at least three of the nominated books and then vote at their school or public library.

Readers in PreK-Grade 2 (ages 3-8) may vote for their favorite book in the Young Readers category. Entrants include *The Cat in the Hat* by Dr. Seuss, *The Hallo-Weiner* by Dav Pilkey, and *Hi Fly Guy* by Tedd Arnold. Students in grades 3-6 can opt in on selections in the Children's Category. Contenders include *Because of Winn Dixie* by Kate DiCamillo, *The BFG* by Roald Dahl and *BoneL Out of Boneville* by Jeff Smith. Teens of New York State have nominated some great books including *Hetalia Axis Powers, Vol. 1* by Hidekas Himaruya, *Someone Like You* by Sarah Dessen, and *The Lost Hero* by Rick Riordan.

Visit the 3Apples web site at www.3applesbookaward.org for downloadable ballots, ideas you can use to celebrate and promote the winning titles in May, and complete information!

Vote early, vote often!

We're saving a tree!

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