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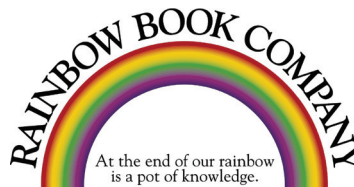
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# Institute Schedule at a Glance

## Thursday, March 9

8:00 – 10:00 PM Opening Pub Trivia Reception

## Friday, March 10

8:00 AM – 5:00 PM Registration Open

9:00 – 10:15 AM Opening Keynote

10:30 – 11:30 AM Breakout Sessions

11:30 AM – 4:30 PM Exhibits Open

11:30 AM – 1:00 PM Exhibits Lunch

1:15 – 2:15 PM Breakout Sessions & Performers' Showcase

2:30 – 3:30 PM Breakout Sessions & Performers' Showcase

3:30 – 4:30 PM Exhibits Break

4:30 – 5:30 PM Breakout Sessions

5:30 – 7:30 PM Dinner on your own

7:30 – 10:00 PM *NaturePlay: Take Childhood Back*  
Film Screening & Escape Box Experience

## Saturday, March 11

8:00 AM – 3:30 PM Registration Open

9:00 – 10:00 AM General Session

10:15 – 11:15 AM Breakout Sessions

11:30 AM – 12:30 PM Lunch in ballroom

12:45 – 1:45 PM Breakout Sessions

2:00 – 3:00 PM Breakout Sessions



# Dominican University Presents the 5th Annual Butler Lecture

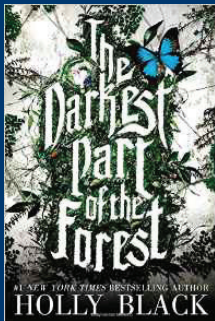


# Why Magic?

Presented by Holly Black

**Thursday, March 16, 2017 • 6 p.m.**

**Fine Arts Building • Martin Recital Hall**



Holly Black is the author of bestselling contemporary fantasy books for kids and teens. Some of her titles include *The Spiderwick Chronicles* (with Tony DiTerlizzi), *The Modern Faerie Tale* series, the *Curse Workers* series, the Newbery Honor Book *Doll Bones* (Simon & Schuster, 2013), *The Coldest Girl in Coldtown* (Little, Brown, 2013), the *Magisterium* series (with Cassandra Clare), and *The Darkest Part of the Forest* (Little, Brown, 2015). She was a finalist for an Eisner Award and is the recipient of the Andre Norton and Mythopoeic Awards. She currently lives in New England with her husband and son in a house with a secret door.

*Reception and book signing to follow in the Slate Lobby.*

**The event is free; online registration is required at [sois.dom.edu/butler2017](http://sois.dom.edu/butler2017)**

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# Institute Information

## BADGES

Institute badges must be worn at all times to gain admission to programs and exhibits.

## COFFEE

Morning coffee will be available each day from 8:00 to 10:30 AM.

## EXHIBIT HOURS

### Friday, March 12

11:30 AM – 4:30 PM	Exhibits Open
11:30 AM – 1:00 PM	Exhibits Lunch
3:30 – 4:30 PM	Exhibits Break

## HANDOUTS

Handouts are available at [ila.org/iysi](http://ila.org/iysi)

## HASHTAG

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## LOST AND FOUND

Articles may be turned in and reclaimed at the Registration Desk.

## MEALS

Lunch is included in each day's registration.

## MEDICAL EMERGENCIES/FIRST AID

Contact the Registration Desk.

## MOTHERS' ROOM

A mothers' room will be available in the Topaz Room on the Ballroom Level.

## REGISTRATION DESK HOURS

### Friday, March 10

8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

### Saturday, March 11

8:00 AM – 3:30 PM

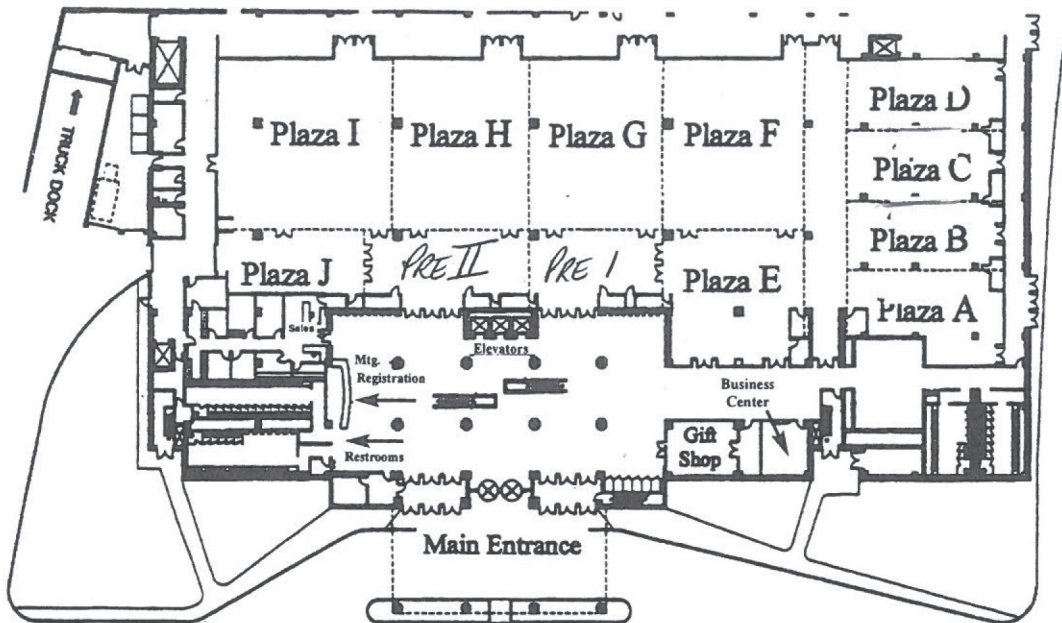
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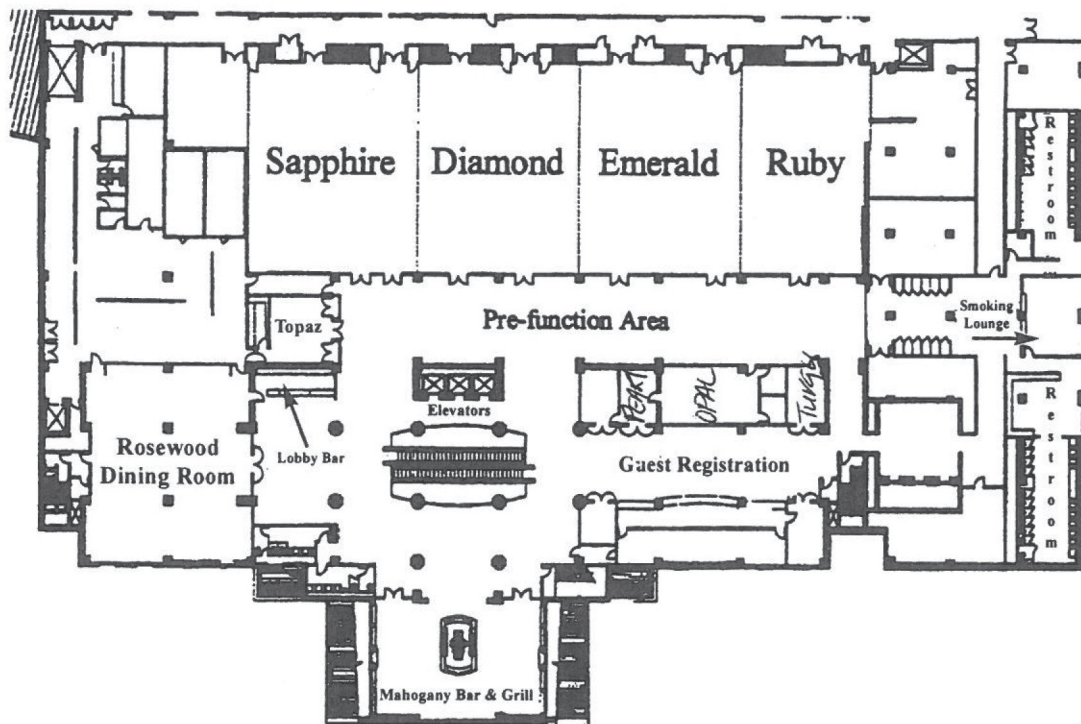




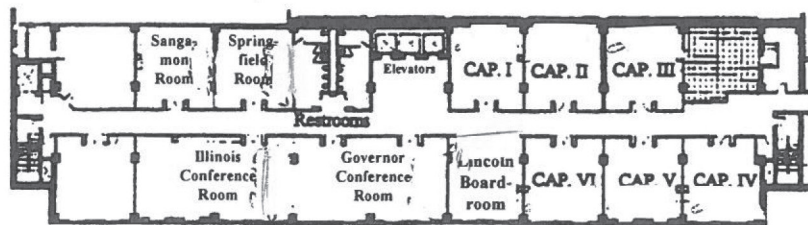
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# Institute Schedule Thursday, March 9

**8:00 – 10:00 PM**

## Opening Pub Trivia Reception

Think you know everything there is about Youth Services? Then prove your mettle in our first-ever Youth Services Pub Trivia event. Play as a team or take on the world by yourself, everyone is welcome. Don't feel like joining in?

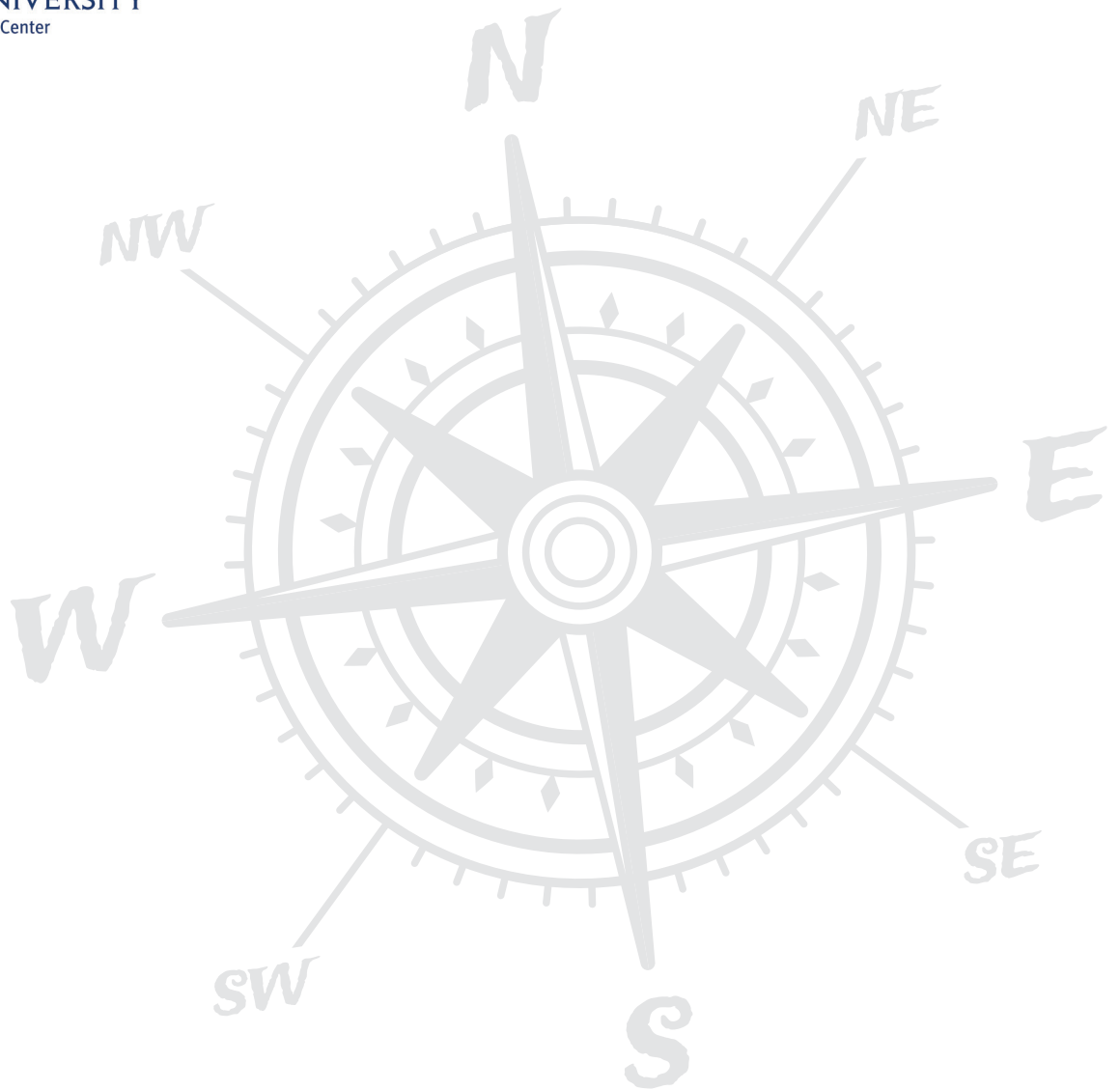
No worries – come for the networking and enjoy the refreshments, including a grilled cheese station and cash bar.

**Location:** Diamond-Sapphire Ballroom

The Opening Reception is made possible by the generous support of the Butler Children's Literature Center.



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# Institute Schedule Friday, March 10

**8:00 AM – 5:00 PM**

## Registration Hours

Morning Coffee is made possible by the generous support of Baker & Taylor.



**9:00 – 10:15 AM**

## OPENING KEYNOTE

### Freedom, Curiosity and Risk: How a Library is Like an Adventure Playground

Suzanna Law & Morgan Leichter-Saxby



Adventure playgrounds have existed since WW2, giving urban children the chance to build their own environments using scrap lumber, piles of dirt, hand tools, and anything else they can find. These sites are carefully staffed by professionals known as playworkers, who keep children's open-ended play as their first priority. This approach is empathetic, non-judgmental and reflective, and playworkers are often in conflict with parents, teachers and other adults. While children on adventure playgrounds may be often covered in mud and shouting, there are many philosophical alignments between these sites and public libraries.

We can also support children's play in libraries, through the careful selection of site and materials and thoughtful staffing. Engaging the public through play is accessible and inclusive, attracting and supporting people with diverse needs or interests. It also encourages the development of human relationships between providers and visitors, fostering a local culture of rich imagination, enthusiastic literacy and civic engagement. To quote playwork theorist Drummond Abernethy, the real "adventure is in the mind of the child".

**Location:** Ruby-Emerald Ballroom

The Opening Keynote is made possible by the generous support of Reaching Across Illinois Library System (RAILS)



**10:30 – 11:30 AM**

## BREAKOUT SESSIONS

### From Futuring to Innovation

In this interactive program, we'll work to connect some of the work of ALA's Center for the Future of Libraries to innovative thinking, to help show how trend scanning provides a valuable first step to innovating in our libraries. This session will introduce some of the ways that futurists think, how it connects to models of innovation, and then engage the audience in a group activity to put those pieces together and start to envision the libraries of the future.

**Speaker:** Miguel Figueroa, American Library Association

**Stream:** Hot Topics and New Trends

**Audience Level:** Infants; Preschool; Elementary; Middle School; High School

**Location:** Plaza A-B

## Making STEMtastic Masterpieces with Digital Art

Learn how to utilize digital art to engage youth in immersive scientific experiences that mystify both the eyes and mind. Discover NGSS-aligned K-12 lessons that you can use to explore projects such as creating collages that defy the laws of physics, creating polar panoramic worlds, producing scientific instructional videos, exploring the science behind music, and designing robot/spacecraft/invention conceptual art. Access free resources, become inspired by others, and lead the way in transforming your library into a creative space that promotes innovation.

**Speaker:** Mary Baker, Northern Illinois University

**Stream:** Learning, Making, Doing

**Audience Level:** Preschool; Elementary; Middle School; High School

**Location:** Plaza E

# Institute Schedule Friday, March 10

**10:30 – 11:30 AM**

## **BREAKOUT SESSIONS (CONT.)**

### **Turning Outward: Collaboratively Serving Young Adults with Disabilities**

Find out how the Glen Ellyn Public Library recently transformed its services to teenagers and young adults with disabilities. By utilizing skills of staff members across multiple departments, libraries can efficiently develop effective outreach and programming beyond Sensory Storytime. In this session, youth and teen librarians will outline the ways in which their partnership has allowed them to reach unique populations, with an emphasis on outreach to Life Skills classes at local high schools. Participants will collaborate to create a program model that can be adapted for middle or high school students with disabilities in any community.

**Speakers:** Catherine Almendinger, Glen Ellyn Public Library, and Hannah Rapp, Berwyn Public Library

**Stream:** Advocacy, Outreach, Marketing

**Audience Level:** Middle School; High School

**Location:** Plaza F

### **TitleTalk: Trends in Publishing for Youth, Summer 2017 Edition**

Be the first to know about new literature trends, series, and key titles for children and teens. The Baker & Taylor CATS team will provide a sneak peak at forthcoming books, highlighting unique details, inside spreads, and top seller projections as far as six months before the books are published! Books are presented by trends, with a special focus on Summer Reading. Sample ARCs and supplemental publishing materials provided.

**Speakers:** Jill Faherty and Rita King, Baker & Taylor

**Stream:** Authors, Books, Resources

**Audience Level:** Preschool; Elementary; Middle School; High School

**Location:** Plaza C–D

### **Sing, Play and Read!**

Come sing, dance and play in this interactive and hands-on workshop! Participants will learn about Education Through Music, which utilizes song-experience games and literary works designed to get children excited to read.

**Speaker:** Nicole Lawton, Naperville Library

**Stream:** Learning, Making, Doing

**Audience Level:** Infants; Preschool; Elementary

**Location:** Governor Room

**11:30 AM – 1:00 PM**

### **Lunch in Exhibits**

Join our exhibitors for a buffet lunch in the exhibit hall

**Location:** Plaza G–J

The Exhibits Lunch is made possible by the generous support of Bound to Stay Bound Books.



**1:15 – 2:15 PM**

## **BREAKOUT SESSIONS**

### **Pop-Up Adventure Playground Session**

Team Pop-Up Adventure Play will be hosting a pop-up adventure playground as part of this event. Pop-Ups are public play events, stocked with found or donated materials that would otherwise be thrown away. As children transform cardboard boxes into boats or rocket ships and mix potions from leaves, they are able to navigate social and imaginative worlds at their own pace and in their own way, expressing their unique instincts and impulses. Trained adults (known as playworkers) provide materials and assistance, model strategies for parents and other adults, and provide training for local communities. These events combine three key agendas: play, community, and environmental sustainability.

**Speakers:** Suzanna Law and Morgan Leichter-Saxby

**Stream:** Learning, Making, Doing

**Audience Level:** Infants; Preschool; Elementary; Middle School; High School

**Location:** Ruby-Emerald Ballroom



# Institute Schedule Friday, March 10

## Performers' Showcase I

Discover new performers for your library! This showcase will feature:

- Chris Fascione: Juggling Funny Stories
- Library Balloon Show
- Kevin Farris and The Infinite Possibilities
- Improv Playhouse

**Audience Level:** Infants; Preschool; Elementary; Middle School; High School

**Location:** Diamond-Sapphire Ballroom

## The Junction of STEAM and Literacy: Where Branding Meets Expanding

Programming for children is becoming increasingly STEAM/Maker focused. However, if you ask library patrons what the purpose of a library is, they generally answer "BOOKS!" Although libraries are constantly changing, their brand has undoubtedly always been books. Rather than asking patrons to change their perception of the library, why not create programming that combines both literacy and STEAM/Maker elements? The presenters will discuss their programs that incorporate the best of both worlds for children and their families. These programs have been proven to engage and excite children of various abilities, and also promote the library's collection, increasing circulation.

**Speakers:** Rosana Santana, Schaumburg Township District Library, and Samantha Eichelberger, Fox River Valley Public Library District

**Stream:** Advocacy, Outreach, Marketing

**Audience Level:** Infants; Preschool; Elementary; Middle School; High School

**Location:** Plaza A-B

## Welcome to the Writing Apocalypse—Empowering Readers Through Digital Storytelling

From robot overlords to the zombie pandemic, tweens and teens are bombarded with ideas about the end of the world. What connections do these YA novels have with classic literature? How can you use the apocalypse to create a writing utopia? This session will introduce you to writing activities, resources, and prompts you can use in the library and also present ideas for using YA books to kick off STEM, design, and maker challenges. When it comes to tough topics, students have opinions and voices. Learn how you can arm them with the knowledge and technology to become advocates for change.

**Speakers:** Gillian King-Cargile and Kristin Brynteson, Northern Illinois University

**Stream:** Learning, Making, Doing

**Audience Level:** Middle School; High School

**Location:** Plaza E

## Inspired Products, Inspiring Processes: Building Better Art Programs for Ages 0–5

Process-oriented crafts support brain development and literacy skills for ages 0-5, but the products they create are rarely picture-perfect. What if you could guide little ones and caregivers through art programs that embrace the process, but still send home a show-stopping product at the end of the day? In this hands-on exploratory session, you'll gather tried-and-true project ideas as well as the tricks and tools that will let you plan your own outstanding art programs. Hefty budgets and art degrees are not required!

**Speaker:** Maggie Kutsunis, Vernon Area Public Library District

**Stream:** Learning, Making, Doing

**Audience Level:** Infants; Preschool

**Location:** Plaza F

## Best Children's Books for Social Diversity

Need help finding books for children on social diversity? Let Christina and Kerry do the work for you! Come hear this dynamic duo book talk and share their favorite diverse picture and chapter books.

**Speakers:** Christina Giovannelli, Caputo and Kerry Devitt, Arlington Heights Memorial Library

**Stream:** Authors, Books, Resources

**Audience Level:** Preschool; Elementary; Middle School

**Location:** Governor Room

# Institute Schedule Friday, March 10

**2:30 – 3:30 PM**

## **BREAKOUT SESSIONS**

### **Performers' Showcase II**

Discover new performers for your library! This showcase will feature:

- The Laser Comedy Show
- Paddy Lynn Storytelling
- T-Rexplorers
- Smarty Pants

**Audience Level:** Infants; Preschool; Elementary; Middle School; High School

**Location:** Diamond-Sapphire Ballroom

### **Saving the World and Escaping to Tell the Tale: Library Escape Rooms**

Escape rooms are a hot trend right now, but planning one can seem like a daunting puzzle. What are they, how do you adapt this kind of activity into a library-suitable program, and what does it have to do with literacy? Avoid the pitfalls and learn some tricks used to create escape-style rooms from two librarians who have designed rooms for their libraries. Participants will get to work in teams and practice creating miniature scenarios of their own. (No, we won't lock the doors on you!)

**Speakers:** Neal Schlein, Mahomet Public Library District, and Ron McCutchan, Princeton Public Library

**Stream:** Hot Topics and New Trends

**Audience Level:** Elementary; Middle School; High School; Other Family/Adult

**Location:** Plaza A–B

### **Let's Get Started: Writing a Winning Grant for a Set of Monarch, Bluestem, Caudill, or Lincoln Books**

How successful are you at writing grants? Do you receive the grants you apply for? We will be sharing tips for writing a successful grant to win a set of Monarch, Bluestem, Caudill, or Lincoln books for your library. The new Readers' Choice book lists are out and the Illinois School Library Media Association (ISLMA) LBSS Endowment Fund grant window opens March 15th. Here is your chance to get feedback as you write your grant. We will highlight the guidelines and rubric provided, answer questions, and assist you in starting your grant out right. Good Luck!

**Speakers:** Anna Nalewajka and Becky Robinson, ISLMA

**Stream:** Authors, Books, Resources

**Audience Level:** Elementary; Middle School; High School

**Location:** Plaza E

### **Best Practices for Training New Employees**

How do you train new employees? Do you have a checklist or a manual? Bring your training materials and share your best practices (or things that did not work) for training new employees. If your library does not have training materials or you want to update existing training materials, this is a great opportunity to see how other libraries train their employees.

**Speakers:** Alice Kuhn, Hinsdale Public Library, and Holly Jin, Skokie Public Library

**Stream:** Management, Training, Career Development

**Audience Level:** Other Librarians

**Location:** Plaza F

### **1000 Books Before Kindergarten: How and Why**

1000 Books Before Kindergarten is a great way to encourage development of early literacy skills and is one more way to connect with our youngest patrons and their families. Come and learn how two libraries have implemented the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program. Whether your library already has this program or you've just started to think about it, this is an opportunity to learn how to tailor this program to fit your community's needs. This program will include overview, specifics from each library, resources available, and time for questions.

**Speakers:** Claudia Krauspe, Helen Plum Memorial Library, and Amy Teske, Carol Stream Public Library

**Stream:** Authors, Books, Resources

**Audience Level:** Infants; Preschool

**Location:** Illinois Room

### **Putting the M in STEAM**

Is math missing from your library's STEAM line-up? Not to worry! You don't need to be a math whiz to inspire the kids in your community. In this session, you will bash your way through math anxiety with the Morton Grove Public Library, and get motivated to help kids make positive associations with mathematics. With tea parties, sports, murder mysteries, and mayhem, attendees will learn how to plan low-cost, in-house programs for youths ages 3 to 12. Arithmetic skills optional; open minds required.

**Speakers:** Jess Alexander and Courtney Schroeder, Morton Grove Public Library

**Stream:** Learning, Making, Doing

**Audience Level:** Preschool; Elementary

**Location:** Governor Room

# Institute Schedule Friday, March 10

**3:30 – 4:30 PM**

## Exhibits Break

Join our exhibitors for a closing reception and afternoon snack.

**Location:** Plaza G-J

The Exhibits Break is made possible by the generous support of Rob Innes, Publishers' Representative.

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**4:30 – 5:30 PM**

## BREAKOUT SESSIONS

### College, Career & Adulting Meetup — How Can We Help Teens?

Let's talk about college and career readiness for teens! Need inspiration from other librarians to offer something new? What has worked for you? What are you thinking about trying? Come chat and brainstorm ideas to improve the college and career readiness of the teens in your communities. "Adulting" is hard — how can we help?

**Speakers:** Sarah Hill, Lake Land College Library

**Stream:** Advocacy, Outreach, Marketing

**Audience Level:** Middle School; High School

**Location:** Plaza A-B

### The Play-to-STEAM Continuum: Evoking Creativity in the 21st Century Children's Library

The Chicago Public Library is re-invigorating service to children with our new, redesigned central Children's Library, the Thomas Hughes Children's Library, powered by Excelon. Currently under renovation, this newly developed space will evoke some of the most important elements in sparking creativity in children. In this session, we will describe our design principals and thinking for this space, participants will take part in a literacy & STEAM related activity and brainstorm ways in which their own libraries can take best practices and current research on creativity and the Play-to-STEAM continuum.

**Speaker:** John Mangahas, Chicago Public Library

**Stream:** Learning, Making, Doing

**Audience Level:** Preschool; Elementary; Middle School

**Location:** Plaza E

### How to Break Up with a Program

Breaking up with a program is a sensitive and often uncomfortable experience. We'll guide you through three libraries' practices on saying goodbye to a beloved (or not so beloved) program. Just remember: It's not you, it's your program.

**Speakers:** Michelle Kilty, Aurora Public Library; Anne Luzeniecki, Helen M. Plum Memorial Public Library District; and Tyler Works, Indian Prairie Public Library

**Stream:** Management, Training, Career Development

**Audience Level:** Infants; Preschool; Elementary; Middle School; High School

**Location:** Plaza F

### Connect with Caudill

Illinois author Rebecca Caudill connected with her readers through her books, and her namesake award does the same! Come and learn how the Rebecca Caudill Young Readers' Book Award can bring together the libraries, schools, and kids in your community; explore the outstanding titles on the new 2018 Master List; and share inspiration and practical advice on connecting today's young Illinois readers now and into the future.

**Speakers:** Andrew Medlar, Rebecca Caudill Young Readers' Book Award

**Stream:** Authors, Books, Resources

**Audience Level:** Elementary; Middle School

**Location:** Illinois Room



# Institute Schedule Friday, March 10

4:30 – 5:30 PM

## BREAKOUT SESSIONS (CONT.)

### Ignite Session

This Ignite Session will feature four 15-minute presentations:

- **Kids Choose: The Monarch Award**  
Join us for a book talk on the newest Monarch Award nominees and to discuss Monarch related programming in both school and public libraries.
- **Maker Kits**  
Learn how we incorporated the maker movement into our department with ready-made kits. Created for children ages 3-12, these kits are made from a variety of materials and appeal to a variety of interests. Children can build greeting cards with circuits that light up, try their hands at making origami and friendship bracelets, or create a colorful piece of mathematical art with geoboards. Maker kits can fit into any budget; consider simple craft supplies or complex tech equipment. Kits help libraries utilize their space and patrons' interest in new, low-impact ways!
- **Homework Heroes**  
Discover how we are pairing enthusiastic, adult volunteers with students needing homework help at our weekly Homework Heroes sessions. We will share tools and resources that we use to provide this assistance — no prior experience with "Eureka Math" needed!
- **Play Time**  
The Jacksonville Public Library has recently created a play area in the Youth Services Department. This was created using our own talent and ingenuity and some help from our friends. We did not have a budget to purchase larger play area components, nor the space, so we decided to get clever and build our own play area that fits our space and our needs. Discover ways to implement ideas on a scale that fits your library space and budget.

**Speakers:** Rachael Dabkey, La Grange Public Library; Cindy Boehlke, Jacksonville Public Library; Debbie Dunn, Black Hawk Elementary School; and Debbie Swiatek, Gail Borden Public Library District

**Stream:** Hot Topics and New Trends

**Audience Level:** Infants; Preschool; Elementary; Middle School

**Location:** Governor Room

### Programming for Multi-Needs

When a local high school multi-needs teacher approached our public library, she wanted to bring her class to the library so that the students would become more comfortable using a community resource. Through hands-on activities such as basic coding, crafting, robotics, library skills, and more, we've been able to form relationships with the students and see tremendous potential. Now in our second year of partnering, we tailor our lessons and projects to align with the department curriculum and goals and use classroom skills. Hear what we've learned and bring your own ideas on developing programming with multi-needs classes in your area.

**Speakers:** Lynette Pitrak and Erin Linsenmeyer, Downers Grove Public Library

**Stream:** Advocacy, Outreach, Marketing

**Audience Level:** Elementary; Middle School; High School

**Location:** Plaza C–D

5:30 – 7:30 PM

### Dinner on your own

7:30 – 10:00 PM

### NaturePlay: Take Childhood Back Film Screening

Join us for a film screening of the stunning, award-winning documentary *NaturePlay*. This film explores the Scandinavian method of teaching, living and enjoying nature, and juxtaposes against the high stakes/high stress of American testing culture. It will leave you inspired and wondering how we as librarians can help our youth find more opportunities to play. Refreshments and a cash bar will be available at this event.

### Escape Box Experience

Do you work well in high-pressure situations? Are you good at solving problems? Then end your Friday evening with our Escape Box Experience. Participants will be tasked with finding clues, solving problems, and ultimately breaking into locked boxes to save themselves and the universe. This event will take place after the movie screening.

**Location:** Diamond-Sapphire Ballroom

# Institute Schedule Saturday, March 11

8:00 AM – 3:30 PM

Registration Open

9:00 – 10:00 AM

## **SATURDAY KEYNOTE**

### **Dream it, See it, Touch it, Link it: The Narrative of Nature Play**

Anamari Dorgan, Morton Arboretum



Nature Play and storytelling are far from mutually exclusive. Outdoor adventure play and storytelling are universal human activities that support successful social, emotional and intellectual development. Through shared stories children build more than linguistic understanding, but derive cultural meaning, social rules, and religious beliefs. Through nature play children build more than muscle — they explore boundaries, build critical observation skills and contextualize experiences from all other sources to construct personal and social meaning.

Our exploration will focus on the benefits of nature play, the value of connecting literacy to nature play, and review key developmental stages and age-ideal approaches to supporting lifelong connections to nature through words. We will examine the shared elements of storytelling and nature play — socialization, observation, and contextualization — and identify creative opportunities to meaningfully link literacy with nature play.

**Stream:** Learning, Making, Doing

**Audience Level:** Infants; Preschool; Elementary; Middle School; High School

**Location:** Ruby-Emerald Ballroom

10:15 – 11:15 AM

## **BREAKOUT SESSIONS**

### **Creating Family Experiences at the Library**

Let's talk family programs beyond story time. Do you have an awesome family tech program? Is your family book club the best in all the land? Do families conduct experiments, play music, and create art together at your library? Come share and/or be inspired by ideas that answer the question: How does your library create programs that encourage families to learn and play together?

**Speakers:** Tabatha Anderson and Allison Parker, Barrington Area Library

**Stream:** Hot Topics and New Trends

**Audience Level:** Infants; Preschool; Elementary; Middle School; High School

**Location:** Plaza A-B

### **Pika-Who? Beyond Pokemon Go in Your Library**

Pokemon Go has come and gone but how do you keep those trainers coming to the library? Pokemon programming! Learn the basics of running successful Pokemon programming at your library that supports literacy, math skills and library use. We will cover basic Pokemon lingo and present several different activities that have become part of our popular recurring program. If you want to fill your patron Pokedex or you don't know what a Pokedex is, this is the program for you!

**Speaker:** Will Savage, Lisle Library District

**Stream:** Hot Topics and New Trends

**Audience Level:** Elementary; Middle School

**Location:** Plaza E

# Institute Schedule Saturday, March 11

**10:15 – 11:15 AM**

## **BREAKOUT SESSIONS (CONT.)**

### **Mad Skillz at Chicago Public Library**

Join Chicago Public Library staff to learn about our Mad Skillz Initiative. Mad Skillz is our digital media professional development program for staff that includes traveling digital media kits. These kits have been used for staff professional development and by staff for programs in their branch library locations. Participants will learn about the programs and logistics that went into forming the kits as well as get some hands-on time using a few of the kits.

**Speaker:** Julie Koslowsky, Chicago Public Library

**Stream:** Management, Training, Career Development

**Audience Level:** Middle School; High School

**Location:** Plaza F

### **STEAM Unleashed**

Engineering challenges, bug races, paper sculptures, and soldering are just a few of the programs you can take back to your library. Ideas for all types of programs from passive to week-long camps targeted at teens, grade schoolers, tweens, families, and preschoolers. This is fully tested STEAM and STEM programming for all ages and all budgets.

**Speakers:** Penny Blubaugh and Rebecca Jozwiak, Eisenhower Public Library District; and Julie Reckamp, Byron Public Library District

**Stream:** Learning, Making, Doing

**Audience Level:** Middle School; High School

**Location:** Illinois Room

### **Literary Parties @ Your Library**

From early elementary to tweens, find out how to transport your students into their favorite books. Learn how to create engaging programs with Elephant and Piggie, Mr. Lemoncello, and Harry Potter (to name a few).

**Speakers:** Catherine Almendinger, Glen Ellyn Public Library; Margaux Deutsch, Thomas Ford Memorial Library; and Rachel Weiss, Wheaton Public Library

**Stream:** Learning, Making, Doing

**Audience Level:** Elementary; Middle School

**Location:** Governor Room

### **Budding YouTubers: Digital Content Creation and Filmmaking for the Younger Generation**

Do you have patrons who dream of YouTube stardom? Film production appeals to a wide-range of interests and allows patrons of any skill level to express creativity and imagination and helps transition them from content consumers to original content creators. Public libraries of any size can easily implement a digital filmmaking program that engages the most digitally connected generation to date. Learn how to implement a low-cost, fully-fledged, and scalable digital filmmaking program that includes: script writing, storyboarding, acting, directing, filming, and editing.

**Speakers:** Lisa Barefield, Mary Beth Fuller, and Sandra Sasal, Bartlett Public Library District

**Stream:** Learning, Making, Doing

**Audience Level:** Elementary; Middle School; High School

**Location:** Plaza C–D

**11:30 PM – 12:30 PM**

### **Buffet Luncheon**

Lunch is included in your registration and seating is open.

**Location:** Diamond-Sapphire Ballroom

**12:45 – 1:45 PM**

## **BREAKOUT SESSIONS**

### **Think Outside the Library**

Stuck inside your library all day and want a reason to get out? Outreach is the answer! Borrow and adapt our ideas for school-aged outreach programming while learning from our mistakes! Try the games and activities we've planned for our monthly after-school 4th and 5th grade and Park District after-hours care programs. Get ready to reach those kids who don't make it to your library by visiting them at their point of need.

**Speakers:** Jessica Parker and Emily Thompson, Geneva Public Library District

**Stream:** Advocacy, Outreach, Marketing

**Audience Level:** Elementary

**Location:** Plaza A–B

### **STREAMS**

How do you integrate STEM education into your elementary library? Come learn how we have used STREAMS to take library education and experiences to the next level. We are excited to share, learn and talk out logistics for transitioning your library to the next level.

**Speaker:** Ryan Lambert, Farmington Central School District

**Stream:** Learning, Making, Doing

**Audience Level:** Preschool; Elementary; Middle School

**Location:** Plaza E



# Institute Schedule Saturday, March 11

## IMPROVing our Summer Reading Program and Everything Else

How we said “Yes, and...” while removing barriers to service, reducing staff burnout and saving money! You can do it, too! Share great ideas at this interactive discussion and explore how the rules of improv comedy can bring a fresh perspective to your work.

**Speakers:** Jennifer Norborg and Genevieve Grove, Oak Park Public Library

**Stream:** Learning, Making, Doing

**Audience Level:** Preschool; Elementary; Middle School

**Location:** Plaza F

## Tween to Teen: Collaboration in Action

Learn how to transition your youth patrons into the teen area with some great tween and teen programming. We will discuss resources for staying up-to-date with current trends, successfully blending and transitioning age groups, and crafting unique and creative programming that tweens and teens will actually want to attend. Hands-on DIYs, STEAM projects, reading programs, and much more will be shared.

**Speakers:** Rachel Reinwald, Lake Villa District Library; Kara DeCarlo, Orland Park Public Library; Tegan Anclade, Warren Township High School; and Natalie Djordjevic, Green Hills Public Library District

**Stream:** Learning, Making, Doing

**Audience Level:** Elementary; Middle School; High School

**Location:** Illinois Room

## Reconstructing Storytime

Are the bones of your storytime creaking with age? Revitalization goes beyond new songs, authors, and puppets. Evolve your storytime program to incorporate elements from Every Child Ready to Read, Common Core, STEAM, high/low technology, and other defining trends. We'll take an in-depth look at the various possible parts of storytime. With the aid of guided questions and listed examples, you'll map out priorities and start drafting a new schedule of activities and rules. Define the role of storytime leader for your library, transform your program, and create new adventures for your community.

**Speaker:** Celeste Emanuel, Eisenhower Public Library District

**Stream:** Learning, Making, Doing

**Audience Level:** Infants; Preschool; Elementary

**Location:** Governor Room

## Baby Lapsit Toolkit

This workshop is your guide to making the most impact with your baby storytimes. Get music suggestions to fit every mood, learn how you can shake up your format, and take away tips to wow your parents and caregivers.

**Speakers:** Susan Farnum, Forest Park Public Library, and Amber Creger, Schaumburg Township District Library

**Stream:** Learning, Making, Doing

**Audience Level:** Infants

**Location:** Plaza C–D

**2:00 – 3:00 PM**

## BREAKOUT SESSIONS

### Adventures in Bloom

Adventure awaits just outside your library doors. Gardens enhance storytimes and are a perfect springboard for STEAM programs. Join us for harrowing tales of rescued toads, impromptu worm races, and tending flower beds with 60-plus preschoolers! When you walk out of this program you'll have practical ideas to begin gardening adventure in any size space.

**Speakers:** Jacqueline Christen, Glenside Public Library District, and Mary Bradshaw, Sterling Public Library

**Stream:** Learning, Making, Doing

**Audience Level:** Preschool; Elementary

**Location:** Plaza A–B

### Learning Through Play—STEAM in Storytime

Are you interested in presenting cool STEAM workshops and programs to a very young audience? Little learners do best when learning through play. In this hands-on workshop we will explore some of the science and technology concepts that can be adapted for a toddler or preschool audience. Books, songs, crafts and the other components of a traditional storytime combine with sensory bins, science experiments, slime and apps! Join us as we travel through a year of STEAM programming for ages 2–5. You will leave with lots of ideas!

**Speakers:** Sarah Garcia and Angela Van Vuren, Aurora Public Library, Eola Road Branch

**Stream:** Learning, Making, Doing

**Audience Level:** Preschool; Elementary

**Location:** Plaza E

# Institute Schedule Saturday, March 11

**2:00 – 3:00 PM**

## **BREAKOUT SESSIONS (CONT.)**

### **Whomp Ribbit Roar: Interactive Storytime Fun!**

Storytime can be rollicking fun! Get ready to make animal (or construction vehicle or robot) sounds, move your body, and enjoy a wild rumpus! The presenter will share favorite picture books (and tips) that have proven to be surefire hits with toddlers, preschoolers, and early elementary students (K to 2nd grade). An extensive list of books will be provided. The session will end with a chance for participants to ask questions, and share ideas and success stories.

**Speakers:** Brian E. Wilson, Evanston Public Library

**Stream:** Learning, Making, Doing

**Audience Level:** Infants; Preschool; Elementary

**Location:** Plaza F

### **Make it Pop: Programming in Response to Pop Culture Trends**

In a galaxy far, far away, patrons have little interest in movies, games, and TV shows. Fortunately, things are much different closer to home where fans of pop culture passionately celebrate and crave anything Harry Potter, Star Wars, and more. Libraries can tap into this never ending fountain of fandom and create programming that caters to the excitement inherent in the young, and young-at-heart. Join us and be inspired to bring out the best of pop culture trends in your library.

**Speakers:** Courtney Moore, Patty Lawley, and Allison Riggs, Hinsdale Public Library

**Stream:** Hot Topics and New Trends

**Audience Level:** Elementary; Middle School; High School

**Location:** Illinois Room

### **Let's Have a Ball!: Fairy-Tale Events for the Whole Community**

You are cordially invited to the most enchanting session of this year's IYSI conference! Learn how we brought living, breathing, fairy-tale characters and their worlds to life at our libraries, how we slayed the budget dragon and the Big Bad Logistics Wolf, and cast a spell over our communities.

**Speakers:** Marissa Garcia, Berwyn Public Library, Jason Driver, Chicago Public Library; and Kathryn Wicks, Urbana Free Library

**Stream:** Hot Topics and New Trends

**Audience Level:** Other Families/  
All Ages

**Location:** Governor Room

### **Making Room for Tweens and Middle Schoolers at Your Library**

The era of Tween Services is upon us! Publishers know it and you know it, too! Tweens and middle schoolers demand collections, outreach, programs, spaces, services – and snacks – that meet them on their own turf. Hear about the origins and evolution of Tween Services at four demographically varied libraries. Learn about the trials, errors, and triumphs that led to eventual success at serving tweens and middle schoolers within their communities. We can serve tweens better when we collaborate, so there will be ample time for Q&A and networking with other Tween Services folks.

**Speakers:** Laura Goldsborough, Thomas Ford Memorial Library; Christina Keasler, Glen Ellyn Public Library; Kylie Peters, Geneva Public Library; and Monica Tapia, Schaumburg Township District Library

**Stream:** Hot Topics and New Trends

**Audience Level:** Elementary;  
Middle School

**Location:** Plaza C–D

# Program Streams

## Advocacy, Outreach, Marketing

Friday, 10:30–1:30 AM	Turning Outward: Collaboratively Serving Young Adults with Disabilities	Plaza F
Friday, 1:15–2:15 PM	The Junction of STEAM and Literacy: Where Branding Meets Expanding	Plaza A–B
Friday, 4:30–5:30 PM	College, Career & Adulting Meetup – How Can We Help Teens?	Plaza A–B
Friday, 4:30–5:30 PM	Programming for Multi-Needs	Plaza C–D
Saturday, 12:45–1:45 PM	Think Outside the Library	Plaza A–B

## Authors, Books, Resources

Friday, 10:30–11:30 AM	TitleTalk: Trends in Publishing for Youth, Summer 2017 Edition	Plaza C–D
Friday, 1:15–2:15 PM	Best Children's Books for Social Diversity	Governor Room
Friday, 2:30 – 3:30 PM	Let's Get Started: Writing a Winning Grant for a Set of Monarch, Bluestem, Caudill, or Lincoln Books	Plaza E
Friday, 2:30–3:30 PM	1000 Books Before Kindergarten: How and Why	Illinois Room
Friday, 4:30–5:30 PM	Connect with Caudill	Illinois Room

## Hot Topics and New Trends

Friday, 10:30–11:30 AM	From Futuring to Innovation	Plaza A–B
Friday, 2:30–3:30 PM	Saving the World and Escaping to Tell the Tale: Library Escape Rooms	Plaza A–B
Friday, 4:30–5:30 P.M.	Ignite Session	Governor Room
Saturday, 10:15–11:15 AM	Creating Family Experiences at the Library	Plaza A–B
Saturday, 10:15–11:15 AM	Pika-Who? Beyond Pokemon Go in Your Library	Plaza E
Saturday, 2:00–3:00 PM	Make it Pop: Programming in Response to Pop Culture Trends	Illinois Room
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## Program Streams

### Learning, Making, Doing

Friday, 10:30–11:30 AM	Making STEMTastic Masterpieces with Digital Art	Plaza E
Friday, 10:30–11:30 AM	Sing, Play and Read!	Governor Room
Friday, 1:15–2:15 PM	Pop-Up Adventure Playground Session	Ruby-Emerald Ballroom
Friday, 1:15–2:15 PM	Welcome to the Writing Apocalypse - Empowering Readers Through Digital Storytelling	Plaza E
Friday, 1:15–2:15 PM	Inspired Products, Inspiring Processes: Building Better Art Programs for Ages 0–5	Plaza F
Friday, 2:30–3:30 PM	Putting the M in STEAM	Governor Room
Friday, 4:30–5:30 PM	The Play to STEAM Continuum: Evoking Creativity in the 21st Century Children's Library	Plaza E
Saturday, 10:15–11:15 AM	STEAM Unleashed	Illinois Room
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Saturday, 2:00–3:00 PM	Whomp Ribbit Roar: Interactive Storytime Fun!	Plaza F

### Management, Training, Career Development

Friday, 2:30–3:30 PM	Best Practices for Training New Employees	Plaza F
Friday, 4:30–5:30 PM	How to Break Up with a Program	Plaza F
Saturday, 10:15–11:15 AM	Mad Skillz at Chicago Public Library	Plaza F

### Performers' Showcase

Friday, 1:15–2:15 PM	Performers' Showcase I	Diamond-Sapphire Ballroom
Friday, 2:30–3:30 PM	Performers' Showcase II	Diamond-Sapphire Ballroom

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## **Histories for Kids/HFK Presents**

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## **Illinois Heartland Library System**

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## **Ingram Content Group**

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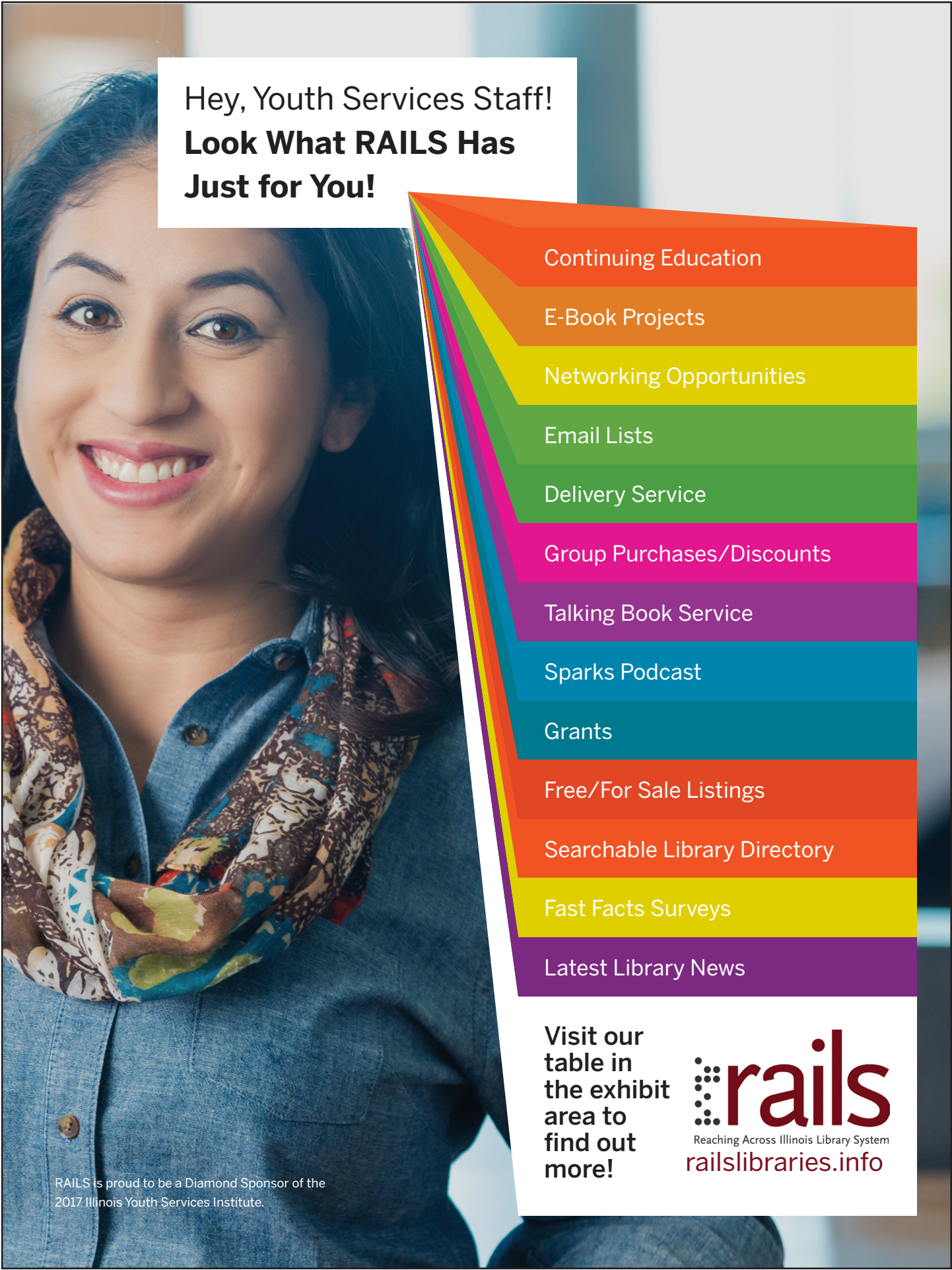


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