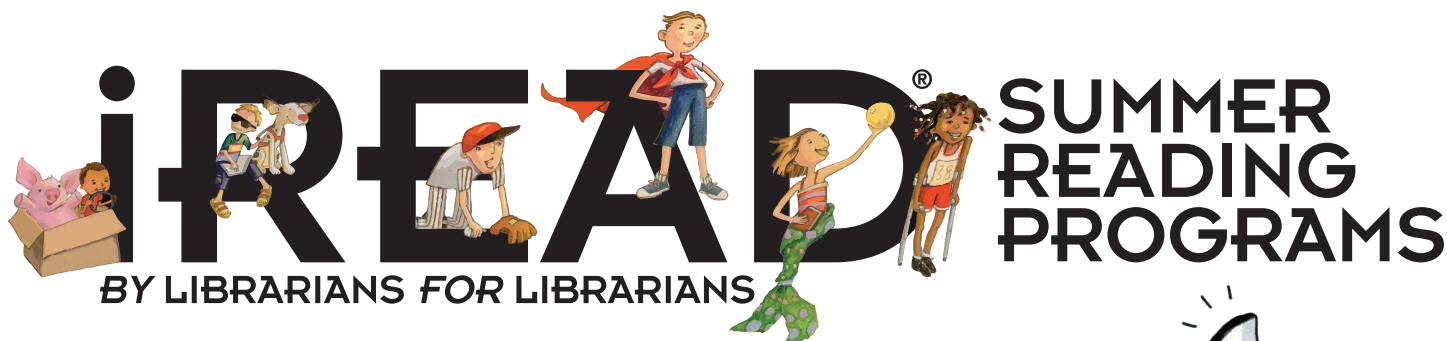




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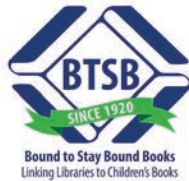
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Thursday, March 16

10:00 AM	Help Desk Opens
11:00 AM – 12:30 PM	Luncheon with Celia Pérez
12:45 – 1:45 PM	Breakout Sessions
2:00 – 3:00 PM	Breakout Sessions
3:00 – 3:15 PM	Snack Break
3:15 – 4:15 PM	Breakout Sessions
4:30 – 5:30 PM	Breakout Sessions
5:30 – 6:30 PM	Dinner on your own
6:30 – 8:30 PM	Evening Sponsor Reception
8:00 – 9:00 PM	Trivial!

Friday, March 17

8:00 AM	Help Desk Opens
8:00 – 10:00 AM	Coffee Break
8:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Sponsor Exhibits
9:00 – 10:00 AM	Workshop with Ann Torralba
10:15 – 11:15 AM	Breakout Sessions
11:30 AM – 12:30 PM	Buffet Luncheon
12:30 – 1:30 PM	Breakout Sessions
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Institute badges must be worn at all times to gain admission to programs and exhibits.

Sponsor Exhibit Hours

Thursday, March 16

6:30 – 8:30 PM	Sponsor Exhibit Reception (no conflict)
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Friday, March 17

8:00 – 9:00 AM	Sponsor Exhibits Coffee (no conflict)
9:00AM – 1:00 PM	Concurrent Sponsor Exhibits

Handouts

Handouts are available at ila.org/iysi

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10:00AM – 5:30 PM

Friday, March 17
8:00AM – 3:30 PM

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Lunch is included in each day's registration.

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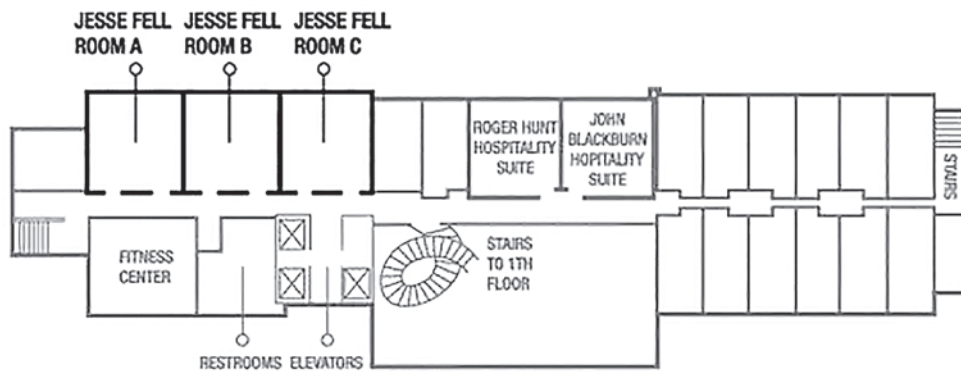
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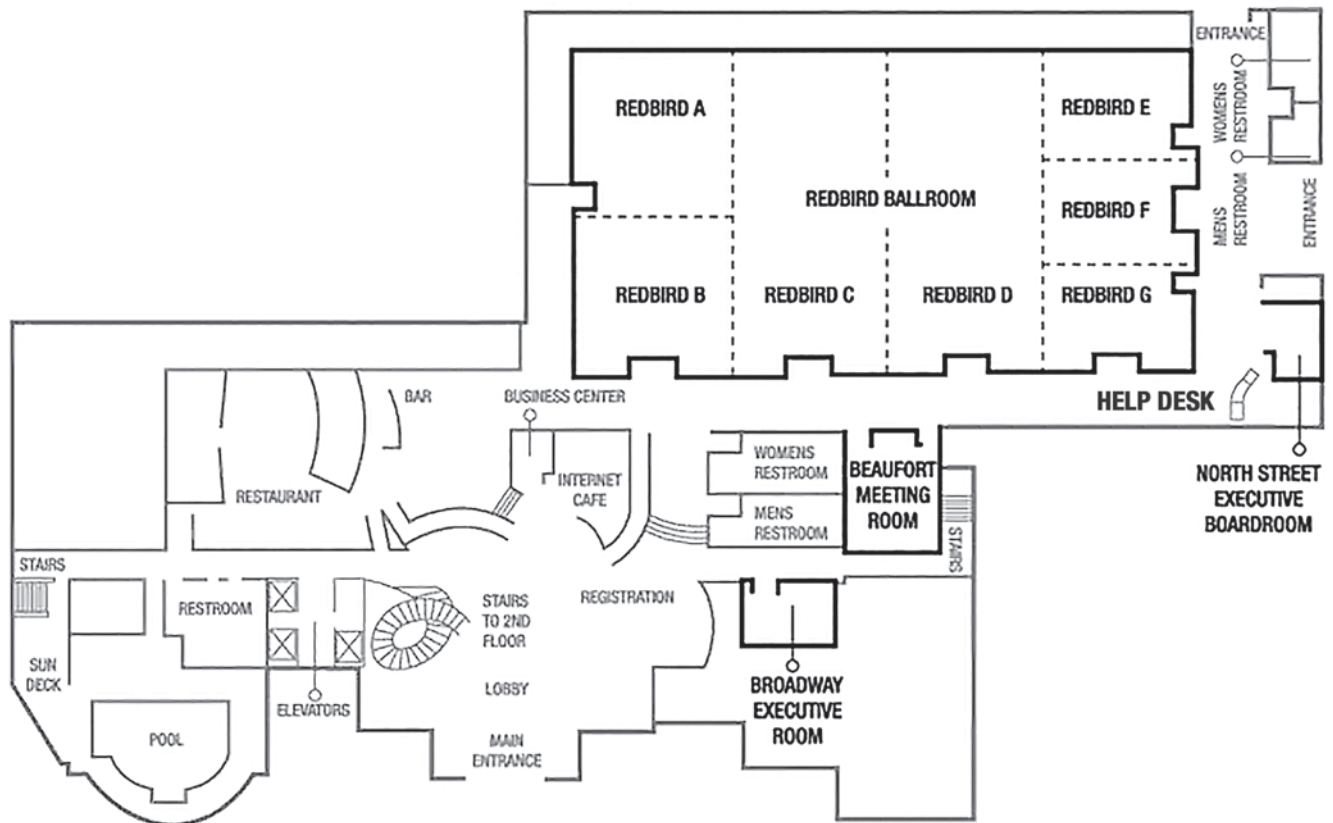
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Thursday, March 16

10:00 AM – 5:30 PM

Help Desk Open

11:00 AM – 12:30 PM



Luncheon with Celia Pérez

Room: Redbird CD

The Luncheon Keynote is made possible by the generous support of Reaching Across Illinois Library System.



Revolution Library Style Now!

Luncheon with Celia Pérez

Punk, libraries and books for young readers — what do they have in common? Award-winning middle grade author Celia C. Pérez will talk about the intersection of these (think Venn Diagram!) in her journey as a reader and writer, and what embracing a punk ethos in challenging times can mean for youth services librarians. The keynote session will include time for questions and answers.

Plated Luncheon Menu:

Waldorf Salad with Mixed Greens, Green Apples, Cucumbers, Tomatoes, Raisins, Candied Pecans, Raspberry Vinaigrette

Tuscan Chicken; Lightly Breaded, Sautéed Chicken with Goat Cheese, Sundried Tomato Béchamel Sauce & Prosciutto

Vegetarian; Zucchini, Asparagus, Tomatoes, Beans & Rice

Key Lime Pie

Assorted Pepsi Soft Drinks, Coffee, Iced Tea, and Water Service

12:45 – 1:45 PM

Birth to Five Illinois - Bringing Voices from the Library to Reshape Early Learning Systems

Join this session to learn how library workers and patrons can play a valuable role in reshaping early learning systems in Illinois. Libraries often serve as first touchpoints for families with children under the age of 6, but they are rarely thought of as strong contributors to systems of early care and education. Birth to Five Illinois is a new statewide organization focused on elevating the voices of community members, including library workers, through a Council structure to increase equity in early learning and ensure that future funding and legislative decisions made at the State level are well-informed by local input. In this session, you will hear from library workers who currently serve on local Birth to Five Illinois Councils along with the Regional Council Managers for those areas. Panelists will discuss the importance and benefit of library representation in this new statewide initiative.

Speakers: Aimee Villet, Glen Carbon Centennial Library; Kyrie Kenny-Sumrak, Bensenville Community Public Library; Tammy Wrobbel, Birth to Five Illinois; Tiffany Lewis, Eisenhower Public Library District; Valerie Varju, Birth to Five Illinois

Room: Redbird G

Practically Magic: Tips and Tricks from Youth Services Managers to All Youth

Join a group of Youth Services Managers from across the state to share in a discussion on management and leadership. From time management to personnel conflict and everything in between you will hear practically magical tips and tricks that will help you create a more effective and efficient team. This session will offer insight to current department heads, assistant department heads or those looking to become leaders in the future.

Speakers: Jennifer Abler, Oak Lawn Public Library; Kelly Stulgate, St. Charles Public Library District

Room: Redbird B

Thursday, March 16

Music Production and Coding with TunePad App

Want to learn about a fun, interactive and scalable activity for tweens and teens? Well then come learn about TunePad and the Coded Beats program, facilitated by award winning teaching artist: Ozivell Ecford. This STEM/STEAM program is designed to get students creating music fast, while introducing them to the Python computer language. This program is super easy and very rewarding. Come and see what we can make together!

Speakers: Michael Horn, Northwestern University; Ozivell Ecford, Evanston Public Library

Room: Redbird F

Navigating Tragedy: A Library's Response to a Mass Shooting

On July 4th, 2022, Highland Park, Illinois experienced an active shooter situation at the annual 4th of July Parade in the city's downtown area. Seven people were killed and 48 were wounded. Just a few blocks away, the library became a sanctuary for staff and other parade participants. While the library's response was immediate, it continues to evolve as our community needs change. Libraries are integral to communities and in times of tragedy, they are safe havens for their users. When the unthinkable happens, how do you serve your community? What resources can a library provide to help heal a community? At this session, participants will learn our first-hand advice on how to prepare in times of tragedy, how to navigate the sometimes overwhelming amount of support you will receive, and what resources to provide to a grieving community.

Speakers: Marcia Beach, Highland Park Public Libraries; Marissa Jauch, Highland Park Public Libraries

Room: Redbird E

How to Make Weary Caregivers Plus Rambunctious Kids NOT Equal Stressed-Out Librarians

Ever been in this situation? You have weary caregivers with their rambunctious kids in the Youth Services Department and you don't have time to entertain them. If so, today we'll share with you twenty-five simple, fun activities you can provide for caregivers to do with their kids in the library so everyone has a good time!

Speakers: Joseph Friedman, Matteson Area Public Library District; Susan Fulcher, Matteson Area Public Library District

Room: Redbird A

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2:00 – 3:00 PM
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Finding Teen Volunteer Success

Learn how one library has gone from having a stressful, time-consuming Teen Volunteer program to one that has actually been able to relieve stress and save time for staff. Give teens a chance to show how helpful and dependable they can be and watch them become more confident, take ownership of certain tasks, and provide useful feedback and great ideas. Also, see how a regular volunteer program can serve many of the functions of an informal teen advisory board.

Speaker: Hilary Vissering, Morton Public Library

Room: Redbird G

Let's Find Out: Discussing and Exploring Cultural and Social Topics in Family Programming

Libraries are always exploring ways we can include Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) within our programs and services. This session will highlight a program called Let's Find Out in which families join the program to get a brief introduction into various cultural holidays and sensitive social themes that then creates an environment for families to begin discussions together. Participants in this session will be able to reflect, discuss, and evaluate cultural and social themes their communities may be looking to gain information on and the ways we can provide safe and welcoming space for families to begin having these discussions. Example programs discussed will be on Juneteenth, Indigenous People's Day and Service Animals. Participants will leave with sample program outlines.

Speaker: Alina Moore, Oak Lawn Public Library

Room: Redbird B

Outdoor Programming 101

What do voice amplifiers, desk deodorant, and surprise popsicles have in common? These things are necessities for delivering engaging and inclusive outdoor programming for children and their caregivers. Learn the ins and outs of outdoor programming from three storytime experts. Walk away with program ideas and best practices to implement at your library.

Speakers: Julia Frederick Beavis, Vernon Area Public Library District; Katie Salo, Glenview Public Library; Katy Schaper, Glen Ellyn Public Library

Room: Redbird F

Thursday, March 16

2:00 – 3:00 PM (Continued)

Social-Emotional Connections: Youth Programming and BEYOND!

As schools prioritize incorporating social-emotional learning (SEL) into curriculum, libraries can also take the leap and infuse SEL practices into storytimes, book discussions, and other youth and family programming. But it doesn't have to stop there! Everyday customer service, reference, and readers advisory interactions can also benefit from an SEL lens. This fun and interactive session will look at some ideas for creating social-emotional connections in all your work. A brief introduction about SEL competencies will offer a basic framework that anyone can adapt to their own authentic personality and work style. Deeper topics include talking about feelings and behavior with toddlers and preschoolers in storytime, building collaboration and cooperation into early literacy programs, igniting empathy and self-awareness in book and writing programs, and leading intergenerational and mindful family events. This session will also explore ways to connect with reluctant readers, teen volunteers, and parents and caregivers. Attendees will see how natural it can be to insert SEL practices into their daily lives and will have a chance to participate in some engaging activities, share their own ideas, or just sit back and watch.

Speaker: Amanda O'Brien, Skokie Public Library

Room: Redbird E

Bring Science & Stem Learning To Your Library!

The Museum of Science and Industry Chicago wants to help your library offer more high quality science and stem learning opportunities to youth in your community. MSI Chicago is the preeminent science education in the Midwest and features engaging programming that can augment what your library is already doing! We have learning labs, enrichment programming, workshops, and makerspace consulting that can help you offer more in 2023 and beyond.

Speaker: Jarrad McCarthy, Museum of Science & Industry Chicago

Room: Redbird A

3:00 – 3:15 PM

Snack Break

Room: Redbird CD

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Snack Menu:

Assorted Dried Fruits, Nuts, Chex Mix, Gardetto's, Goldfish, Doritos, M&M's
Assorted Pepsi Soft Drinks

3:15 – 4:15 PM

How to Create A Successful Escape Room (Virtual or In person)

What started with a simple Animal Crossing Escape Room grew into now over 40+ virtual escape rooms with totals well over 17,000 uses, and reaching countries around the world. White Oak Library District now attempts to have at least one new escape room every quarter even as the world is slowly returning to in-person activities. Using those same skills, the White Oak Library District are applying to in-person escape rooms. Learn the basics to making virtual and in-person escape rooms, the differences and similarities, and hints to making successful escape rooms. Escape rooms have a great capacity to reach patrons by engaging with the fandoms they love and associating them with their local library.

Speakers: Cindy Shutts, White Oak Library District; Faith Healy, White Oak Library District; Samantha Burkiewicz, White Oak Library District

Room: Redbird E

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Storytime Fundamentals: Strategies and Insider Tips for Creating Programs for Babies, Toddlers, Preschoolers, and School Ageds

Did you get assigned storytime for an age group you have never worked with before? Are you new to doing storytimes in general? Looking for some ideas to make your current storytime more successful? Join us to hear insider tips from librarians who have led hundreds or maybe even thousands of storytimes! Program plans, book and music suggestions, and theme ideas will be provided for each of four different age groups - baby, toddler, preschool, and elementary school.

Speakers: Christy Kepler, Oswego Public Library District; Jennifer Abler, Oak Lawn Public Library

Room: Redbird A

Yes, And: How Improv Skills Can Improve Communication

Millions of people laugh along with professional improvisors on shows like *Whose Line Is It Anyway?* and on Chicago stages at Second City or Improv Olympic, but did you know you can use the rules of improv in your professional life? Yes, And: How Improv Skills Can Improve Communication teaches attendees how to apply the primary principle of improv (yes, and) to their professional work, not only with the patrons they serve, but also with co-workers, parents and community partners. Flexibility, creativity and a good sense of humor serve anyone working with the public — of any age!

Speakers: Adam Woodworth, Children's Museum in Oak Lawn; Alissa Raschke-Janchenko, New Lenox Public Library

Room: Redbird G

Representation Matters: Practical and Personal Benefits of Community Diversity

In this presentation, we will be discussing the overarching benefits of diversity in a community, and the practical aspects of shaping your library's policies to meet the diverse needs of your community.

Speakers: Aneesa Iqbal, Carol Stream Public Library; Leigh Anne Wilson, Carol Stream Public Library

Room: Redbird F

Storyology SRP!

Join professional storyteller Jill Ross Nadler aka Page Turner for a fun hands-on presentation that's chock full of ideas for Summer Reading. Participants will learn a program's worth of activities that can be instantly used to inject creativity and fun into any library program including how to make your own pop-up book! Participants will also learn an interactive story and a non-competitive game that will have everyone giggling. Jill is the founder of Page Turner Adventures, which has been producing live storytelling shows and online programming for schools and libraries for over twenty years. The company has won national awards for their past three Online Summer Reading Programs and Jill is excited to share information about their 2023 Streaming SRP which is filled with stories, crafts, ebooks, puzzles, games, and activities that can be used for in-library programming and/or online. It's designed to take the stress out of summer reading by providing librarians with fantastic content, ready-made marketing materials, and increased statistics. So, grab some goggles and get ready for an adventure and a workshop that will transform everyone into an Official Storyologist!

Speaker: Jill Nadler, Page Turner Adventures

Room: Redbird B

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4:30 – 5:30 PM
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"The DJ Said What?": Putting on an Alt-Prom for an Anime Loving Crowd

Alternative proms are an ideal way to engage previously underrepresented groups of teens. In this mini alt-prom workshop, we will share our experiences, successes, and even some of our failures hosting alt-proms before and during a global pandemic. Learn how to host your own after-hours event with budget and space constraints. You will learn practical tips about the types of activities that can be offered, how to encourage interdepartmental cooperation, and how to market the event to your community. Whether they are in cosplay, comfy clothes, or their fanciest rainbow suspenders help every teen find their space at an alt-prom.

Speakers: Jennifer Smith, Plainfield Area Public Library; Tracey Vittorio, Plainfield Area Public Library

Room: Redbird A

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Beyond Storytime: Friday Family Fun @ Your Library

Feeling burnt out on your traditional storytime offerings and want to try something new to engage your youngest library users? Have staff with special skills but don't know how to translate those into early childhood programming? Are comp days and scheduling mishaps getting in the way of your ability to offer Friday morning programs? We say, "Friday... Fri-YAY!" Learn how to replicate our weekly Friday Family Fun programs that engage the early childhood audience with creative activities each week that include art, movement, STEM, and stories led by library staff. We will give you the tools to implement this easy prep, low cost, high interest program set that will build attendance and create lifelong users of your library.

Speakers: Amy Grossman, Lincolnwood Public Library;
Kevin Wonch, Lincolnwood Public Library

Room: Redbird E

Conmemorando La Cultura Latinx: Building Programs that Elevate Identity in Children and Tweens

Building programs that resonate with Latinx/Hispanic patrons is a daunting task when there is no exact rule book or cultural connection. However, the failure to neglect programming that helps build meaningful relationships and elevate the identity of our young patrons is necessary to create lifelong library users. We will cover the building blocks of creating programs that are culturally meaningful, accurate and fun. Including research, planning, implementation and concrete programming examples.

Speakers: Melisa Martinez, West Chicago Public Library District;
Rosie Camargo, South Holland Public Library and Niles-Maine District Library

Room: Redbird B

Title Talks with CATS

Discover what's hot off the press and what trends to look out for in fall 2023 as presenters booktalk the latest and greatest titles for kids and teens from lots of different publishers. What are the upcoming season's buzziest titles? Check out this session to get ideas for books your library needs to order for your book displays and book lists.

Speaker: Sara Shepard, Baker & Taylor

Room: Redbird F

Family Time for Summer Reading

After the Pandemic, we decided to do something different with our Summer Reading Program. We decided to ask less of our families and change how we run our program. Instead of having programming for different ages at different times, we created Family Time and had programming for everyone all at the same time. It was crazy and chaotic, but in this post-pandemic world, it was just what we needed.

Speakers: Cindy Boehlke, Prairie Skies Public Library District;
Deb Gruen, Prairie Skies Public Library District; Jennifer Nass,
Prairie Skies Public Library District

Room: Redbird G

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5:30 – 6:30 PM
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Dinner on your own

Thursday, March 16

6:30 – 8:30 PM

Evening Sponsor Reception

Enjoy light refreshments while visiting with our sponsors.
A cash bar will be available.

Room: Redbird CD

Reception Menu:

Antipasto Display: pepperoni, capicola, prosciutto, mozzarella, provolone, olives, roasted peppers, marinated mushrooms, artichoke hearts, and grissini breadstick

Imported & Domestic Cheese Board: chef's selection of imported & domestic cheeses, dried fruits, grapes, assorted nuts, and artisan crackers

Garden Vegetables Display: broccoli, zucchini, baby carrots, mushrooms, red peppers, cherry tomatoes, and avocado ranch dip

Fresh Baked Cookies & Mini Cupcakes

8:00 – 9:00 PM


Totally Random Trivia with the Totally Random Twins

Bring your random selves to answer random topic questions as part of a random team and win random prizes!

Room: Redbird CD

Facilitators: Jennifer Abler, Oak Lawn Public Library;
Stuart Griner, Chicago Public Library

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Room: Redbird CD

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9:00 – 10:00 PM



Music Benefits for Child Development, Health and Wellness

Workshop with Ann Torralba

Ann Torralba, aka Little Miss Ann will share the benefits of music in an early childhood learning environment. Music can build some of a child's educational, social emotional, and motor skills. During this fun and informational multi-modal presentation, Ann will present how music affects the brain, lead discussions and share examples of positive music experiences, model songs for educators to use in their learning environment, and share resources for implementing music into the learning environment.

Room: Redbird CD

The Workshop is made possible by the generous support of iRead.



10:15 – 11:15 PM

Building Large Play Structures Using Recycled Materials: Absurd? Maybe. Awesome? ABSOLUTELY!

Library play structures provide excellent opportunities for imaginative play, language development and family interaction. Children love to climb inside for make-believe play with friends or to snuggle up and read with family. Unfortunately, most libraries don't have the ability to install a professionally-built reading nook or play structure. But you can build your own sustainable structures using patron-donated upcycled materials (e.g. milk jugs, egg cartons, plastic bottles, etc.), a generous amount of hot glue, and some old-fashioned determinism and ingenuity. The results will delight your patrons, draw visitors and press attention, promote sustainability, and ignite the creativity of library staff.

Speakers: Emily Fogle, Glencoe Public Library; Susan Schober, Glencoe Public Library

Room: Redbird B

Get Connected! Networking and Affinity Groups that Support and Uplift BIPOC Library Staff

The importance of affinity and networking groups for library workers has become an even more valuable resource as a way to feel seen, learn from each other, and make helpful connections in the field. In this presentation, diversity, equity, and inclusion advocates will discuss some of the networking and professional development opportunities for BIPOC Youth and Young Adult Services staff and will answer questions about ways people can get involved themselves.

Speakers: Joyce Arellano, Fountaindale Public Library District; Rosie Camargo, South Holland Public Library and Niles-Maine District Library

Room: Redbird G

Small-Scale Partnerships Can Make a BIG Difference

It makes no difference if your library's budget is small, medium, or large. Engaging community organizations and local businesses can result in beneficial funding or in-kind donations for your programs and collections, outreach, or other library activities. You will develop great relationships that may inspire others to inquire or participate.

Speaker: Stephanie Spetter, Des Plaines Public Library

Room: Redbird A

Friday, March 17

Spicing Up Storytime for Preschoolers — Enhancing Literacy Opportunities Beyond Books

Have you ever wished there was a way to get your kids to pay better attention during storytime in the preschool classrooms you visit? Are you looking for new ideas to spark participation by your library storytimers so that your stories will be more magical than ever? Then let us help you Spice Up Your Storytime! Using examples of surefire fingerplays, transitional rhythm and movement songs, flannel boards, sign language, yoga, musical accompaniment and all manner of props and puppets, we will show you our favorite ways to enhance early literacy opportunities and stories you select to engage and delight young ones. With strategies that cater to language development, enjoyment of stories, and interactive participation (even for caregivers/teachers), we will serve up some useful tips to make storytime go from boring to engaging, hopefully with a generous dollop of humor!

Speakers: Laura Didier, Fountaindale Public Library; Melissa Luce, Fountaindale Public Library

Room: Redbird E

Stem Talks

Join us for a collection of shorter talks about maker and STEM programming. Subjects will include contributions from Brookfield Public Library about their 3D Print Club and teaching teens DJ fundamentals with digital music producing at your library.

Speaker: Ozivell Ecford, Evanston Public Library; Alan Ortiz, Brookfield Public Library; Audrey Fetcho, Brookfield Public Library

Room: Redbird F

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11:30 AM – 12:30 PM
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Buffet Luncheon

Room: Redbird CD

Italian Market Buffet Luncheon Menu:

- Caesar Salad
- Caprese Salad
- Baked Chicken Alfredo
- Beef Strip Loin with Mushrooms
- Marinated Grilled Vegetables
- Lemon Berry Mascarpone
- Assorted Pepsi Soft Drinks
- Coffee, Iced Tea, Water Service


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12:30 – 1:30 PM
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Breaking from Tradition: Leading Staff Through Change to Elevate Youth Services

All too often, youth services departments find themselves set in a routine, recommending the same go-to titles and offering the same programs. As libraries work to make their services, collections and programs more inclusive, how do managers effectively make the changes to move beyond legacy practices and move their departments forward? Implementing change can be a long and challenging process. Using examples from our library and experience, this session will cover the basics for leading through change when employees push back and push hard. From implementing new storytime guidelines to explaining why a staff member's favorite childhood book might not be the best readers' advisory choice today, we'll explore ways to show staff how to embrace change, encourage out-of-the-box thinking and gain staff buy-in.

Speakers: Joyce Arellano, Fountaindale Public Library District; Melisa Martinez, West Chicago Public Library District


Room: Redbird F



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Creating a Balanced and Inclusive Collection for Spanish Speaking and Bilingual Patrons

Laura Rodríguez-Romaní, owner of Los Amigos Books, a bookstore for children and young adults that specializes in authentic Spanish language and bilingual books, will present on the importance and components of a balanced and inclusive collection for Spanish speaking and bilingual patrons.

Speaker: Laura Rodríguez-Romaní, Los Amigos Books; Susan Farnum, Forest Park Public Library

Room: Redbird B

Ha Ha... Made You Read! : Tricking Teen Patrons into Literacy Skills

Sometimes it feels like pulling teeth when we try to get teen patrons to join the latest book club, or writing camp. Literacy skills are crucial for lifelong learning and success, so it can be so frustrating when teens seem resistant to something so good for them. Much like parents sneaking vegetables into fruit smoothies, librarians can flip the script and design programming that offers fun challenges enriched with literary skills. Addison Public Library has employed rather unconventional ways to sneak in literacy skills. From passive programs encouraging storytelling, Word of the Day, and Wiki-races to NaNoWriMo, role play groups, and a full murder mystery!

Speaker: Courtney Moore, Addison Public Library

Room: Redbird A

The Program Mechanics!

Do you have a library program in need of a tune-up? Bring it to the Program Mechanics! Need a complete overhaul? Bring it to the Program Mechanics! Our team of qualified program fixers is ready to tackle problems big and small. We also do custom builds from the ground up. So don't let a flat program get you down. The Program Mechanics will have you back up and running before you know it! (Audience participation encouraged.)

Speakers: Beth Bozzo, Lansing Public Library; Jess Alexander, Morton Grove Public Library; Kara DeCarlo, Orland Park Public Library; Kelli Simmerman, West Chicago Public Library District

Room: Redbird G

Ready, Set, Advocate: Youth Services Remix!

Advocacy is about telling your library's story...and who's better at telling stories than Youth Services? This session takes the Ready, Set, Advocate model developed by ILA and remixes it especially for Youth Services staff. Learn tips, tricks, and strategies for effective library advocacy, and ways that you can use your voice, talent, and skills to get the message out about the impact libraries have on their communities.

Speakers: Nanette Donohue, Champaign Public Library; Sara Murray, Algonquin Area Public Library

Room: Redbird E



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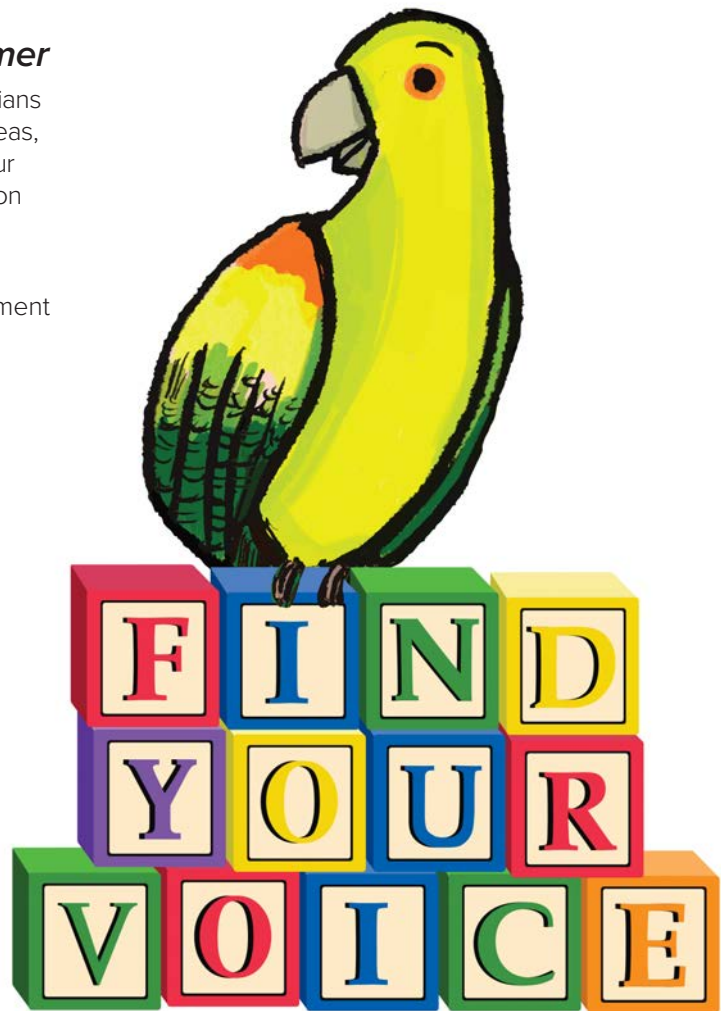
1:45 – 3:00 PM

Find Your Voice! with iREAD this Summer

iREAD is the Summer Reading program created by librarians for use in libraries for all ages. Join us as we share art, ideas, and discuss the ways that you can Find Your Voice in your library this summer. We will also have a preview discussion of 2024: Read, Renew, Repeat. Bring any questions you might have and ideas to share!

Speakers: Becca Boland, iREAD Content and Development Manager; Erin Emerick, Schaumburg Public Library

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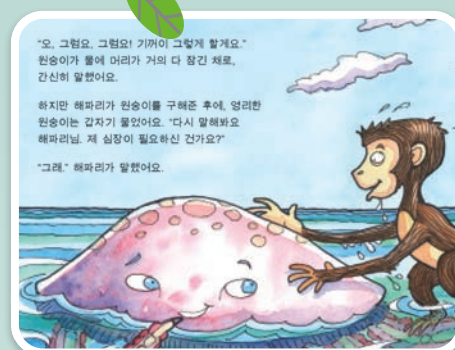


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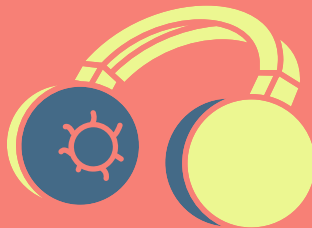
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