



# ILLINOIS YOUTH SERVICES INSTITUTE

Growing, Networking, Inspiring

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**April 1-2, 2016** Marriott Bloomington-Normal Hotel and Conference Center

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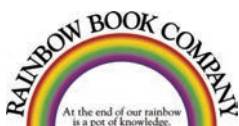
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## Institute at a Glance

### Thursday, March 31

7:00–9:00P.M.	Registration Open
8:00–10:00P.M.	Opening Cocktail Reception featuring Battledecks

### Friday, April 1

8:00A.M.–5:00P.M.	Registration Open
9:00–10:15A.M.	Opening Keynote
10:30–11:30A.M.	Breakout Sessions
11:45A.M.–1:00P.M.	Lunch
1:15–2:15P.M.	Breakout Sessions
2:30–3:30P.M.	Breakout Sessions
3:45–4:45P.M.	Breakout Sessions
4:45–6:30P.M.	Exhibits Opening Reception
6:30–8:30 P.M.	Dinner on your own
8:30–11:00P.M.	Youth Services Mashup

### Saturday, April 2

8:00A.M.–3:30P.M.	Registration Open
8:00A.M.–1:00P.M.	Exhibits Open
8:00–9:00A.M.	Exhibits Coffee
9:00–10:00A.M.	Breakout Sessions
10:15–11:15A.M.	Breakout Sessions
11:30A.M.–12:30P.M.	Exhibits Lunch
12:45–1:45P.M.	Breakout Sessions
2:00–3:30P.M.	Closing Author Panel and Book Signing

# Institute Planning Committee

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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 10:30A.M.

## EXHIBIT HOURS

Friday, April 1	
4:45–6:30P.M.	Exhibits Opening Reception
Saturday April 2	
8:00A.M.–1:00P.M.	Exhibits Open
8:00–9:00A.M.	Exhibits Coffee
11:30A.M.–12:30P.M.	Exhibits Lunch

## HANDOUTS

Handouts are available at [laconiyss.wix.com/iysi](http://laconiyss.wix.com/iysi).

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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. If you indicated dietary restrictions (e.g. vegetarian, gluten free) on your registration, a meal ticket will be required for Friday's lunch. Please pick up your ticket at the registration desk prior to lunch and present it to your server.

## MEDICAL EMERGENCIES/FIRST AID

Contact the Registration Desk.

## MOTHERS' ROOM

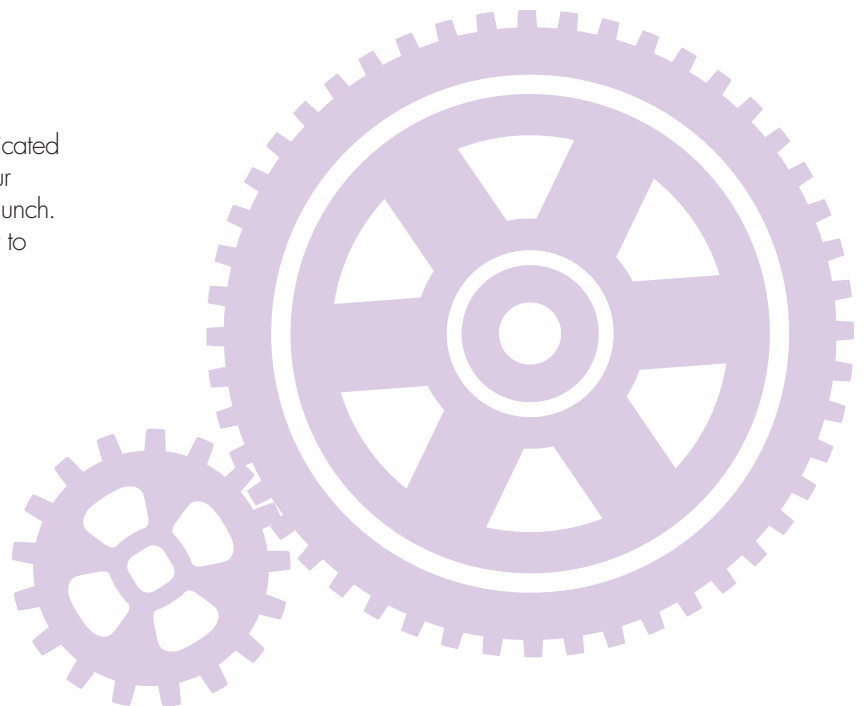
A mothers' room will be available throughout the Institute in the North Executive Boardroom, located near the Registration Desk.

## REGISTRATION DESK HOURS

Thursday, March 31	
7:00–9:00P.M.	
Friday, April 1	
8:00A.M.–5:00P.M.	
Saturday, April 2	
8:00A.M.–3:30P.M.	

## WIFI

Complimentary WiFi is available in the Marriott lobby.



# Institute Schedule Thursday, March 31

**8:00–10:00P.M.**

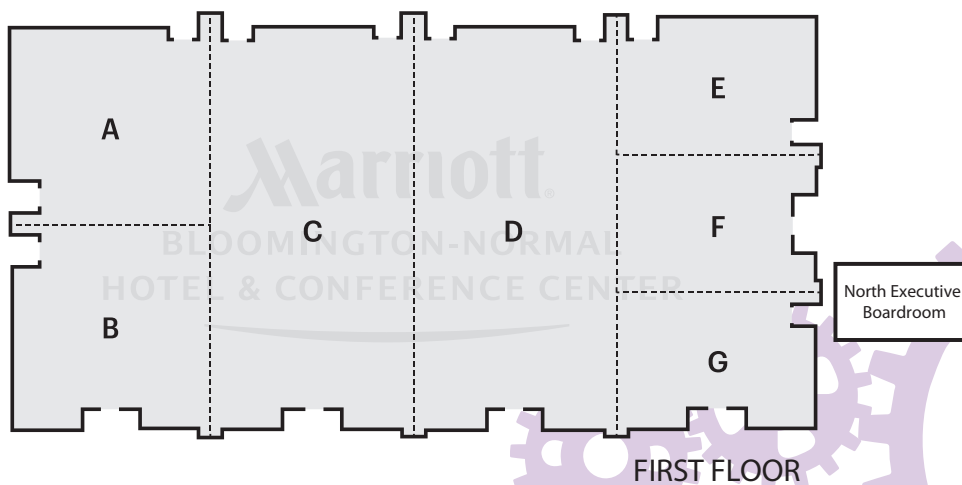
## Welcome Celebration & Battledecks

All Institute attendees are invited to attend this opening event. Light snacks and dessert will be served and a cash bar will be available.

Don't miss Battledecks – a competition where contestants present a deck of 10 slides in 4 minutes. There's one catch – they've never seen the slides before! If you've never seen a Battledecks competition, you won't want to miss this.

**Location:** Redbird D

### REDBIRD BALLROOM



FIRST FLOOR



SECOND FLOOR

# Institute Schedule Friday, April 1

**8:00A.M.–5:00P.M.**

Registration Open

**9:00–10:15A.M.**

**OPENING KEYNOTE**

**City Museum:  
the Big Dream**



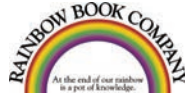
Since opening in 1997, City Museum has gone through a number of challenges. Bob Cassilly, the museum's founder, creative director, and visionary was not capable of thinking small or being deterred by naysayers or permit-issuers. In its infancy, the museum faced what seemed to be insurmountable odds and was told it would never survive. Bob, not one who was easily swayed by the opinions of others, kept building; motivated by his vision and love of his craft. Thanks to his creative genius, City Museum now has a bus hanging off the ever expanding roof space, hosts the world's largest climbing structure, and houses an intricate indoor cave system.

None of the hurdles the Museum has faced have been as large as the loss of Bob in 2011. However, in the true spirit of the Museum's creator, they are undaunted in their determination to proceed and move forward with Bob's vision, which rested on constant evolution and development, where you never have the same experience twice, regardless of how often you visit.

Executive Director Rick Erwin will discuss how the City Museum got to where it is today, how they get away with it, what they have planned for the future – and a whole lot of Bob Cassilly stories.

**Location:** Redbird D

Sponsored by Rainbow Book Company



**10:30–11:30A.M.**

## **BREAKOUT SESSIONS**

### **Outdoor Gardens**

An outdoor garden provides opportunities for patrons of all ages and abilities to learn, discover, create, and grow. Hear how underused outdoor spaces at the Jacksonville Public Library and the Sycamore Public Library blossomed into gardens ripe with program opportunities for all ages and abilities.

**Speakers:** Cindy Boehlke, Jacksonville Public Library, and Evelyn Lorence, Sycamore Public Library

**Stream:** Library Spaces

**Audience Level:** Preschool, Elementary, Teens, Adults

**Location:** Fell A

### **Media Mentorship**

What is Media Mentorship, and what does it have to do with library service to youth and families? Media Mentorship, at its core, is about supporting families in their media decisions and practice – a service that is vital in our digital age. We'll explore this exciting and important concept, discuss how it fits in with the types of services libraries have historically offered to children and families, and examine the current landscape of children, new media, and libraries.

**Speakers:** Amy Koester, Skokie Public Library, and Andrew Medlar, Association for Library Service to Children

**Stream:** Advocacy, Outreach, Marketing

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

**Location:** Fell B

### **Tinkering with Tweens**

Learn how to incorporate emerging technology into middle school programming and outreach. When libraries provide a fun learning environment, students can become creators, makers and learners – and even gain life skills. In this presentation, we will talk about the lessons learned and the many teachable moments that arise from planning these new workshops. We will tinker with cool technology, as well as discover innovative programming ideas designed for middle school students with a maker-inspired edge that doesn't break your budget.

**Speakers:** Katherine Dayton, Brookfield Public Library, and Christina Keasler, Glen Ellyn Public Library

**Stream:** Learning, Making, Doing

**Audience Level:** Middle School

**Location:** Redbird E

# Institute Schedule Friday, April 1

## Dragons in the Stacks

Tabletop role-playing games (RPG), like Dungeons & Dragons, are amazing ways to engage youth at your library. They can increase literacy, reinforce basic educational skills, teach creativity, and support agency and social skills in youth. In this session, you will learn what an RPG is, the benefits of gaming in your library, how to build a gaming collection, and how to start your own RPG-based program. All this and more, including the librarian who literally wrote the award-winning book on RPG's in libraries.

**Speakers:** Martha Buehler-Sullivan, Forest Park Public Library, and Steven Torres-Roman, DeKalb Public Library  
**Stream:** Learning, Making, Doing  
**Audience Level:** Middle School, High School  
**Location:** Redbird F

## Storytime Workshop

Learn how to "Jazz Up" your storytime by using various resources, including your voice, felt board stories, puppet shows, fun songs, pop-up stories, crafts, and games.

**Speakers:** Mary Ortiz, Peoria Public Library – Lincoln Branch  
**Stream:** Learning, Making, Doing  
**Audience Level:** Preschool  
**Location:** Redbird G

**11:45A.M.–1:00P.M.**

## Lunch

Lunch is included in Institute registration. Seating is open.

**Location:** Redbird AB

**1:15–2:15P.M.**

## **BREAKOUT SESSIONS**

### Succeeding in Teen Services: Tools & Resources to Amp Up Your Career

This session will explore career development opportunities offered by the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA) for pre-service librarians and library staff who work for and with teens. Session attendees will learn about continuing education offerings, mentoring programs, leadership opportunities, available grants/scholarships, and more. Participants will leave with concrete ideas for building or expanding personal learning networks in ways that will help them build new skills and knowledge to advance their career.

**Speaker:** Sarah Hill, Lake Land College and YALSA President-Elect  
**Stream:** Career Development  
**Audience Level:** Middle School, High School, Library Students & Staff  
**Location:** Fell A

### All About the Babies: Creative Ways to Serve Babies in the Library

Three storytime leaders will discuss strategies for bringing out the best in your programming for babies and their caregivers. Learn how to deliver extra value to patrons and re-energize storytimes by experimenting with format, outreach, and learning opportunities through sign language and other activities.

**Speakers:** Susan Farnum, Forest Park Public Library; Vicki Rakowski, La Grange Public Library; and Jen Thompson, New Lenox Public Library District  
**Stream:** Learning, Making, Doing  
**Audience Level:** Infants, Preschool  
**Location:** Fell B

### The Family Frontier: Boldly Going Where Few Libraries Have Gone Before

Can't we all just get along? The short answer: YES! Learn how to make the most of your programming budget and staff time by working collaboratively with other library departments and offering creative family programs for all ages. We'll share some of our most successful experiments in multi-age programs, offer tips for inter-departmental programming and discuss what kind of all-ages programs have worked in your libraries. You'll never look at programming (or teamwork) the same way!

**Speakers:** Sara Henry and Tiernen Peacy-Dye, Shorewood-Troy Public Library District  
**Stream:** Learning, Making, Doing  
**Audience Level:** Family & Combo  
**Location:** Redbird E

### The Cluck of the Town: How Superheroes, Chickens and Zombies Put a Feather in Our Cap!

Learn how the Alsip-Merrionette Park Public Library District created an action-packed summer with a variety of creative and innovative programs that can be replicated at your library. Discover the ins and outs of planning and hosting events that expand your patrons' experiences and perceptions of the library.

**Speakers:** Amy Malysa and Wendy Roe, Alsip-Merrionette Park Public Library District  
**Stream:** Advocacy, Outreach, Marketing  
**Audience Level:** Preschool, Elementary, Middle School  
**Location:** Redbird F

# Institute Schedule Friday, April 1

**1:15–2:15P.M.** (continued)

## Tactile Tech: Adventures in Making Technology Accessible to Children and Families

On Giving Tuesday 2014, the Normal Public Library Children's Department started a campaign to raise funds for what we called the Technology Playground. We wanted to use our library as a community space to provide technology and technology tools to everyone in our community. We wanted the Technology Playground to be a place where kids and families could explore, create, experiment, manipulate, and have fun. We saw this as an opportunity to reach out to families who did not have access to new and emerging technologies, such as iPads, robotic tools, and tablet manipulatives. After starting and hosting successful technology classes for older children, we wanted to try and extend this service to families and make it available at anytime. In 2015, we met our goal and launched the Tech Playground. Join us as we discuss how we started the Tech Playground and the highs and lows of the Playground in the first year that it has been open. We will discuss programming ideas and give participants a chance to interact with many of our different tech tools!

**Speakers:** Lyndsey Carney and Julia Martin, Normal Public Library

**Stream:** Library Spaces

**Audience Level:** Preschool, Elementary

**Location:** Redbird G

**2:30–3:30P.M.**

## **BREAKOUT SESSIONS**

### Do it Anyway!: Literacy Outreach with ELL Families

At the Morton Grove Public Library, our YS Department's favorite outreach endeavor is bringing family literacy programming to the English Language Learner (ELL) Parent Center. The families we meet speak Assyrian and Arabic, Chinese and Korean, Spanish, Gujarati, and more. We forge beautiful relationships built on humor and mutual respect — with the little twist that none of us is bilingual. Participants will build a toolbox of strategies, including components of Every Child Ready to Read (ECRR2), to cross language barriers and empower ELL parents to become literacy leaders for their children.

**Speakers:** Jess Alexander, Mary Ann Rohn, and Debbie Wiedeman, Morton Grove Public Library

**Stream:** Advocacy, Outreach, Marketing

**Audience Level:** Preschool, Elementary, Families

**Location:** Fell A

### Think Outside: No Box Required

Maximize your programming space by heading outdoors! For the past four years, we at the Glenwood-Lynwood Public Library have been using our 'backyard' as a programming space every chance we can get. During this panel discussion, you will learn you do not have to be an Environmentalist to create outdoor-centered programs for youth. From hosting family campouts to Nature Tales for little ones, we will share examples of outdoor programs you can easily replicate at your own facility or park.

**Speakers:** Ann Marie Scandura, Chris Wager, and Joelle Wake, Glenwood-Lynwood Public Library District

**Stream:** Learning, Making, Doing  
**Audience Level:** Infants, Preschool, Elementary, Middle School, High School, Family

**Location:** Fell B

### Be Bold, Go Big!

A great way to entice patrons of all ages into the library is large scale games and life-size activities. We'll discuss different game options, how to scale games to your library space and budget, as well as modifying game elements to test different knowledge sets such as STEAM, history, and library skills. We will also present the best way we've found to navigate the gray area between fair use and copyright. Come prepared to play with us!

**Speakers:** Celeste Emanuel and Naomi Timpe, Eisenhower Public Library District

**Stream:** Learning, Making, Doing  
**Audience Level:** Preschool, Elementary, Middle School, High School

**Location:** Redbird E



# Institute Schedule Friday, April 1

## Making More – with ProKits and the ShareableLibrary

You want more, right?! We all do. We all want more time, money, and materials to better serve our communities. Meet two ILEAD teams who can help. Create videos, record podcasts, and more with Library ProKits! Level up your technology game, borrow a ProKit, and discover new ways to use digital media equipment in your library. Share sewing machines, LEGO WeDots, Ozobots, ukuleles, expertise, and more with the ShareableLibrary. It's like Craigslist for librarians who dream of free exchange of gadgets and expertise. Come and discover how much more we could accomplish together if we truly start sharing resources. The possibilities are endless.

**Speakers:** Arianne Carey, Niles Public Library; Erica Cullinan, Naperville Public Library-95th Street; Marissa Garcia, Berwyn Public Library; Jennifer Hovanec, Indian Trails Public Library; Uma Nori, Thomas Ford Public Library; Shaira Rock, Elmhurst Public Library; Alison Tseng, Algonquin Area Public Library District; Natalie Williams, Indian Prairie Public Library; and Deidre Winterhalter, Niles Public Library  
**Stream:** Learning, Making, Doing  
**Audience Level:** Preschool, Elementary, Middle School, High School  
**Location:** Redbird F

## Kids Like to Move It, Move It: Movement with a Purpose

Learn new songs and movement activities that will transform your story times. In this interactive workshop, Cindy and Gail will introduce you to materials that your children will ask for again and again. These activities build critical literacy skills while enhancing the joy of your story time reading experience. Learn about the research showing the many benefits of creative movement for children's physical, cognitive, social, and emotional development. Discover resources to help you develop your own music and movement programs. Come prepared to move!

**Speakers:** Gail Hintze, Chillicothe Public Library, and Cindy Snoke, Morton Public Library  
**Stream:** Learning, Making, Doing  
**Audience Level:** Preschool, Elementary  
**Location:** Redbird G

**3:45–4:45P.M.**

## **BREAKOUT SESSIONS**

### Hosting Successful Teen Job Fairs

Learn how to develop a Teen Job Fair from the ground up in your community. We will discuss marketing plans and strategies for teen participation, job skills cultivation, and partnerships with local businesses in differing communities. Discover how to create a lasting impact on the youth employment rate with a Teen Job Fair at your library.

**Speakers:** Katie LaMantia, Schaumburg Township District Library, and Tyler Works, Indian Prairie Public Library  
**Stream:** Learning, Making, Doing  
**Audience Level:** High School  
**Location:** Fell A

## Limitless Libraries: Reaching Readers Outside Our Walls

Two school librarians, four middle schools, six days a week; (wait, that number should be five) and eight periods a day is not enough to reach all the readers. Attendees will learn about the strategies and programs we use to promote reading everywhere all the time. No cloning required!

**Speakers:** Michelle Glatt, Chiddix Junior High and Evans Junior High, and Courtney Knowles, Parkside Junior High and Kingsley Junior High  
**Stream:** Advocacy, Outreach, Marketing  
**Audience Level:** Middle School, High School  
**Location:** Fell B

## Take Make Play

How can the 21st century library effectively engage first-time users and reluctant adopters with emerging technology? Chicago Public Library's 2015 ILEAD U team answered that question through the development and implementation of easy-to-use, portable tech kits, designed to attract patrons of all ages inside and outside the library. During this session we'll share the lessons learned throughout the process, strategies for replication, and of course, a hands-on play-test!

**Speakers:** Matt Egan, Stuart Griner, Brent Lipinski, and Katherine Tigges, Chicago Public Library  
**Stream:** Advocacy, Outreach, Marketing  
**Audience Level:** Elementary, Middle School, High School, All Ages  
**Location:** Redbird E

# Institute Schedule Friday, April 1

**3:45–4:45P.M.** (continued)

## Make It Count: Dynamic Tween and Teen Programming for Any Budget

Refill your tank with ideas for awesome tween and teen programming that you can do at your library now. Test drive activities and experience hands-on examples of successful programs.

**Speakers:** Kerry Devitt, Arlington Heights Memorial Library; Evan Mather, Bloomingdale Public Library; and Rachel Weiss, Wheaton Public Library

**Stream:** Learning, Making, Doing

**Audience Level:** Elementary

**Location:** Redbird F

## CATS TitleTalk: Trends

Learn about the upcoming publishing trends in children's and teen books in this fun and informative presentation. Every season Baker & Taylor analyzes all of the upcoming titles and determines common themes to indicate publishing trends. Then we hit the road and present to librarians all over the country to help with their selection, programming, and recommendations to patrons. It's professional development with some good laughs thrown in.

**Speakers:** Jill Blades and Jill Faherty, Baker & Taylor, Inc. Children's and Teen Services

**Stream:** Authors, Books, Resources

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

**Location:** Redbird G

**4:45–6:30P.M.**

## Exhibits Opening Reception

Join our exhibitors for a reception, featuring a potato bar. A cash bar will also be available.

**Location:** Redbird C

**6:30–8:30P.M.**

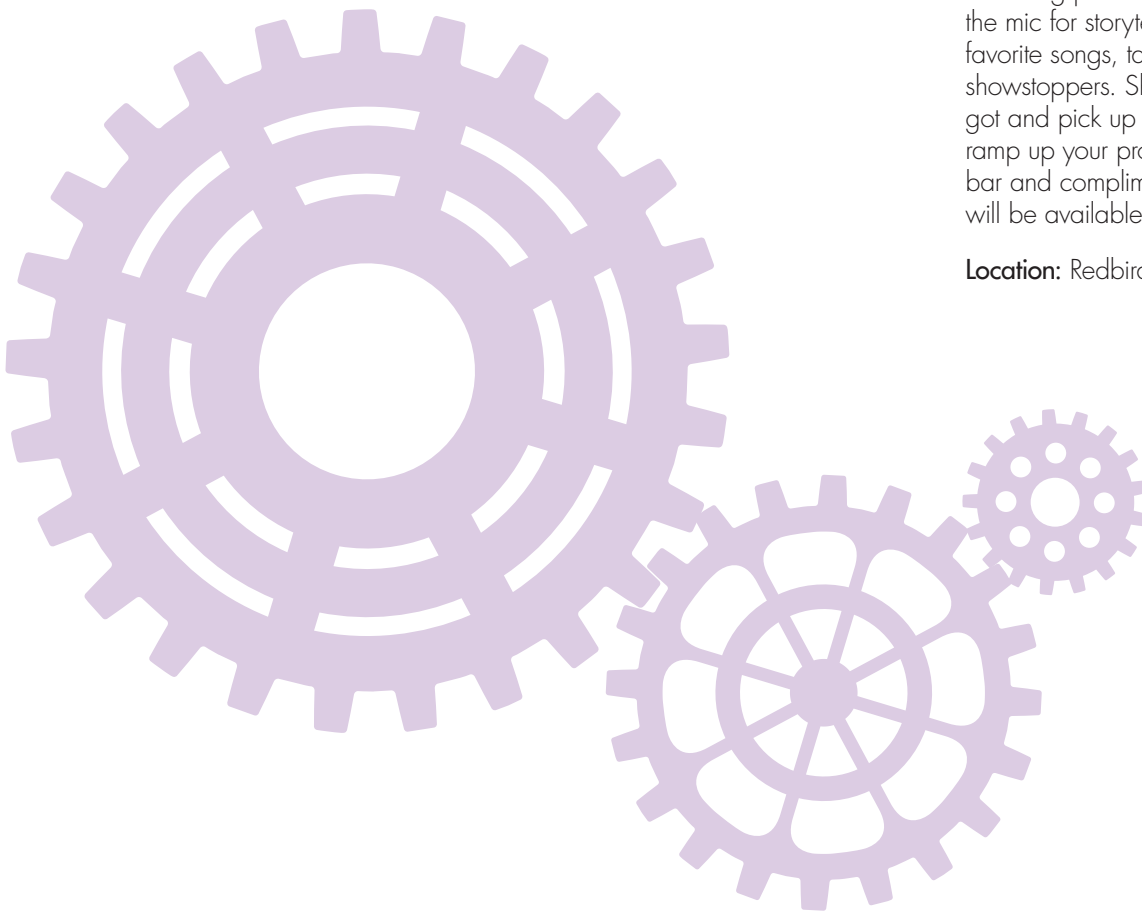
## Dinner on Your Own

**8:30 –11:00P.M.**

## Youth Services Mashup

Finish your Friday with this fun and festive event! The evening begins with lightning-round performances from our exhibiting performers. Then we'll open the mic for storytelling and sharing favorite songs, tales, and program showstoppers. Show us what you've got and pick up some new ideas to ramp up your programming. A cash bar and complimentary light snacks will be available.

**Location:** Redbird EFG



# Institute Schedule Saturday, April 2

**8:00A.M.–3:30P.M.**

Registration Open

**8:00A.M.–1:00P.M.**

Exhibits Open

**8:00–9:00A.M.**

Exhibits Coffee

**9:00–10:00A.M.**

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## **BREAKOUT SESSIONS**

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### **The Multi-Intelligence Library: Meeting the Academic and Socio-Emotional Needs of Secondary Students**

Brainstorm innovative ways to implement multi-intelligence programming in a secondary school or public library setting. Using Gardner's theory of multiple intelligence, youth services and school librarians can develop and implement programming that meets the individual needs of each student-patron. Sing, make, and color your way into a 21st century learning commons.

**Speakers:** Gretchen Zaitzeff, University High School

**Stream:** Learning, Making, Doing

**Audience Level:** Middle School, High School

**Location:** Fell A

### **Silly Storyyoga: Ways to Strike a Pose with Your Little Library Yogis & Zen and the Art of Office Yoga: Finding "Om" Away from Home**

Discover cool ways to use yoga in your storytimes without having to become a twisty pretzel. From sun salutations to belly breathing, we'll explore fun yoga poses and learn why yoga is so good for kids. Then, we'll wrap the session up with some office Zen. You don't need to "Om" in the office or throw down a yoga mat to find a few moments of inner peace in your busy workday. By taking the time to do simple stretches and yoga, you can loosen stiff muscles and get the tension out. Learn some stress-relieving stretches and poses without breaking a sweat.

**Speaker:** Jen Thompson, New Lenox Public Library District

**Stream:** Learning, Making, Doing

**Audience Level:** Toddler, Pre-School, Lower Elementary & Librarians sitting at a desk all day

**Location:** Fell B

### **Red Raccoon Game Talk and Demo, Session 1**

In this two-session program, learn about current board game trends and how to host open play opportunities at your library. The avid gameplayer and proprietor of Red Raccoon Gaming will share his years of experience in working with the gaming community and how to best engage gamers of all ages.

**Speakers:** Jamie Mathy, Red Raccoon Gaming

**Stream:** Learning, Making, Doing

**Audience Level:** All

**Location:** Fell C

### **Thinking Outside of the Box: Developing New Youth Spaces, Big or Small**

Is your library embarking on a new youth remodel project, but don't know what to expect? Or perhaps you need inspiration and ideas for repurposing your existing space? Come hear from two librarians and their experiences rethinking and redefining youth spaces to better serve the needs of their community. Attendees will be equipped with strategies for communicating their vision to architects, directors, staff, and community, as well as best practices for the before-and-after of space and project planning. This program will also feature a small-library perspective about rethinking existing space to do more with less.

**Speakers:** Renee Grassi, Glen Ellyn Public Library, and Ryann Uden, Barrington Area Library

**Stream:** Library Spaces

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

**Location:** Redbird D

# Institute Schedule Saturday, April 2

**9:00–10:00A.M.** (continued)

## Tinker, Maker, Librarian

Make your library a destination where kids and teens come to explore and create. Learn practical tips on how to run fun and innovative STEAM programming that appeals to a variety of interests and skill levels. The programs we will cover highlight a range of age groups, cost levels, and staff involvement. Participants will get an opportunity to try the recommended projects, tools, and equipment. Discover how to maximize your skills and resources through shared technology programming experiences with other local librarians by starting your own local Tinker group.

**Speakers:** Katie LaMantia, Schaumburg Township District Library; Renee Neumeier, Evanston Public Library; and Alison Tseng, Algonquin Public Library

**Stream:** Learning, Making, Doing  
**Audience Level:** Elementary, Middle School, High School  
**Location:** Redbird E

## Read — For the Win! Summer Reading Share

Whether you're a small, medium, or large library, we know you're excited about "Read – For the Win!" iREAD representatives from different-sized libraries will lead breakout groups sharing ideas for the upcoming summer. From marketing to your community to registering participants to activities for all ages, there's always something new to learn from our peers. Also, learn about the resources iREAD provides to help you make the most out of your summer!

**Speakers:** Kate Kite, Wood River Public Library; Joe Marcantonio, Plainfield Public Library District; and Nikeda Webb, Matteson Public Library  
**Stream:** Learning, Making, Doing  
**Audience Level:** Infants, Preschool, Elementary, Middle School, High School  
**Location:** Redbird F

**10:15–11:15A.M.**

## **BREAKOUT SESSIONS**

### Service Opportunities for Teens

Encouraging teens to get involved in community building strengthens our community and engages young people in activities that build leadership, confidence, and critical skills. Take your teen advisory groups to the next level and learn more about what libraries are doing to take their teen groups outside the library and into their communities.

**Speakers:** Summer Kosuge, Northbrook Public Library; Becca Boland, Hinsdale Public Library; Susan Farnum, Forest Park Public Library; and Lynette Pitraic, Downers Grove Public Library

**Stream:** Learning, Making, Doing  
**Audience Level:** High School  
**Location:** Fell A

### Enhancing Stories with Sensory Experiences

Reading allows parents to bond with their children, promote language development, model positive reading behaviors, and support learning with their children. How can a Sensory Storytime program empower families and provide them with the power of books? How do you create sensory experiences while meeting the needs of children of all abilities? We will cover the four components in creating successful sensory storytimes: play, sensory, literacy and inclusion. And discuss strategies for success and how to overcome obstacles.

**Speakers:** Hayley Anderson and Lydia Bryant, National Lekotek Center  
**Stream:** Learning, Making, Doing  
**Audience Level:** Infants, Preschool  
**Location:** Fell B

### Red Raccoon Game Talk and Demo, Session 2

Looking to become more knowledgeable on how to play popular board games? Join us for this fun hands-on program, where you'll get first-person experience learning how to play the games introduced in session 1.

**Speakers:** Jamie Mathy, Red Raccoon Gaming  
**Stream:** Learning, Making, Doing  
**Audience Level:** All  
**Location:** Fell C

### Un mundo bilingüe — Fun Programs in Spanish and English for Everyone

Are you looking for ways to reach out to your Spanish-speaking children and families? Do you have trouble getting good attendance at your Spanish/bilingual programs? Are you in need of some new Spanish/bilingual programming ideas? A panel of children's librarians will share their ideas, resources, and stories of successful and unsuccessful programs as they have been bold and experimented at their libraries! We can all learn from each other, so come prepared to share your ideas and discuss your experiences with Spanish/bilingual programming.

**Speakers:** Tina Birkholz, Gail Borden Public Library; Marissa Garcia, Berwyn Public Library; and Kelly Von Zee, Addison Public Library  
**Stream:** Advocacy, Outreach, Marketing  
**Audience Level:** Infants, Preschool, Elementary, Middle School  
**Location:** Redbird D

# Institute Schedule Saturday, April 2

## Make Book Talks Come Alive Through Digital Storytelling

At Lincoln Elementary School, the students have been using digital storytelling tools to create compelling book trailers as a way to promote reading among their classmates. Learn about the tools and processes we are using to get the students really excited about reading and sharing. Attendees are encouraged to bring their laptops to this session, as we will be creating a book trailer together.

**Speaker:** Andrea Jamison, Lincoln Elementary School District 156  
**Stream:** Books and Authors  
**Audience Level:** Elementary, Middle School, High School  
**Location:** Redbird E

## Sew Much Fun!

Learn how to implement hand-sewing programs for elementary and middle school students. This program will feature examples from sewing programs, discuss what has been learned, and include a small hands-on project attendees can try together.

**Speakers:** Laura Mesjak, Gail Borden Public Library  
**Stream:** Learning, Making, Doing  
**Audience Level:** Elementary, Middle School  
**Location:** Redbird F

**11:30 A.M.–12:30 P.M.**

## Exhibits Lunch

Enjoy a buffet lunch while spending time with our exhibitors.

**Location:** Redbird C

**12:45–1:45 P.M.**

## **BREAKOUT SESSIONS**

### Early Science Learning: Inspiring a New Generation of Explorers

Learn about how the Chicago Public Library and the Museum of Science and Industry leveraged a partnership to produce exciting and engaging hands-on project-based activities during the summer as part of the Chicago Public Library's award-winning Summer Learning Challenge and through the Museum of Science and Industry's innovative Summer Brain Games. Learn how we demonstrate excellence in accelerating academic achievement and promoting literacy for young people between birth and twelfth grade in the summer months.

**Speakers:** Jason Driver, Chicago Public Library, and Brett Nicholas, Museum of Science and Industry  
**Stream:** Learning, Making, Doing  
**Audience Level:** Infants, Preschool, Elementary, Middle School, High School  
**Location:** Fell A

## The Missing Links: Partnering Public Libraries and Schools to Promote Student Success

Public Libraries and schools share the same patrons, but often overlook opportunities to work together. What are the possibilities if they do? Learn how to build strong relationships with schools starting with how to make initial contact and navigate barriers that may prevent positive communication. Then pick up strategies for how to leverage your library's resources to best serve schools and gain some new ideas for successful partnerships.

**Speakers:** Carol Capra and Barbara Fitzgerald, Mount Prospect Public Library, and Michelle Walsh, Lincoln Middle School  
**Stream:** Advocacy, Outreach, Marketing  
**Audience Level:** Elementary, Middle School, High School  
**Location:** Fell B

## Get the Youth Services Job You Want

Get the Youth Services Job You Want: Employment Specialist Dierdre Junta gives you straight talk about resumes, cover letters, and interview skills. Also, a small panel of hiring Librarians will tell you what they want to see and hear (as well as what they DON'T want to see and hear) during the hiring process.

**Speakers:** Deirdre Junta, Employment Specialist/Volunteer Program Coordinator, Business and Career Services, Inc. (Illinois workNet Center); Jen Abler, Oak Lawn Public Library; Christy Kepler, Oswego Public Library; Ruth Anne Mielke, Bartlett Public Library District; and Stephanie Spetter, Des Plaines Public Library  
**Stream:** Career Development  
**Audience Level:** Infants, Preschool, Elementary, Middle School, High School  
**Location:** Redbird D

# Institute Schedule Saturday, April 2

**12:45–1:45P.M.** (continued)

## All Are Welcome: Practicing Inclusion and Accessibility

You don't have to be a special education professional to serve youth with disabilities. Bring your resourcefulness, creativity, and quick thinking to this hands-on workshop where you'll learn strategies for inclusion and experiment with tools for accommodating children and teens with learning, developmental, and/or communication differences.

**Speakers:** Renee Grassi, Glen Ellyn Public Library, and Holly Jin, Skokie Public Library

**Stream:** Advocacy, Outreach, Marketing

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

**Location:** Redbird E

## Get Ready for the Reading Frenzy – The Readers' Choice Book Lists are Here!

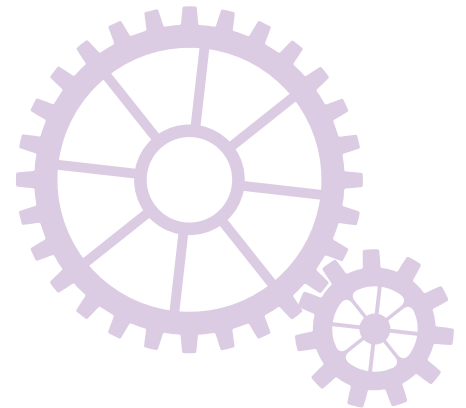
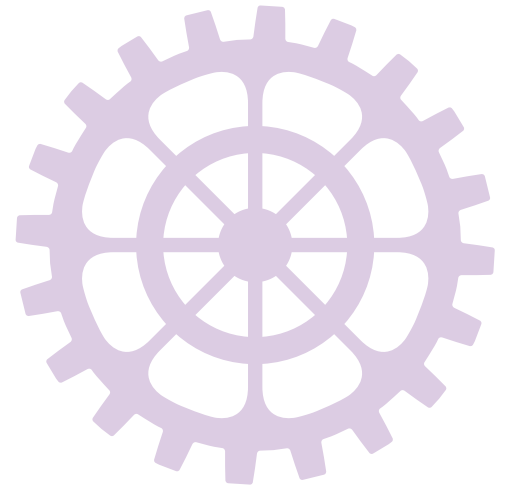
Need awesome books that fly off the shelves? The new Illinois Readers' Choice master lists – Monarch, Bluestem, Caudill, and Lincoln – have arrived. Learn more about the awards process and find out how you could win a free set of books for your own library. We will break into groups for book talks and conversation on promoting and participating in these K–2 programs in both school and public libraries.

**Speakers:** Becky Robinson, Illinois School Library Media Association; Michelle Glatt, Chiddix Junior High School; Janet Thompson, Chicago Public Library, West Belmont Branch; and Deidre Winterhalter, Niles Public Library District

**Stream:** Authors, Books, Resources

**Audience Level:** Elementary, Middle School

**Location:** Redbird F



**2:00–3:30P.M.**

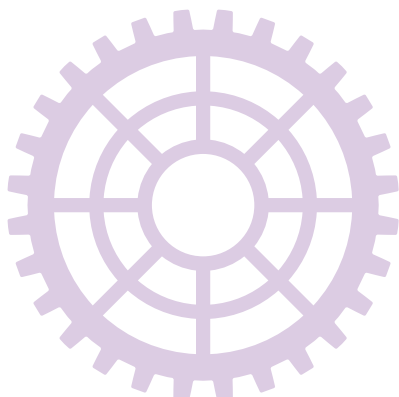
## Closing Author Panel



Authors Julia Durango, Stephanie Hemphill, and Aaron Reynolds close out the 2016 Illinois Youth Services Institute. A book signing will follow the panel.

**Location:** Redbird D

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# Program Streams

## Advocacy, Outreach, Marketing

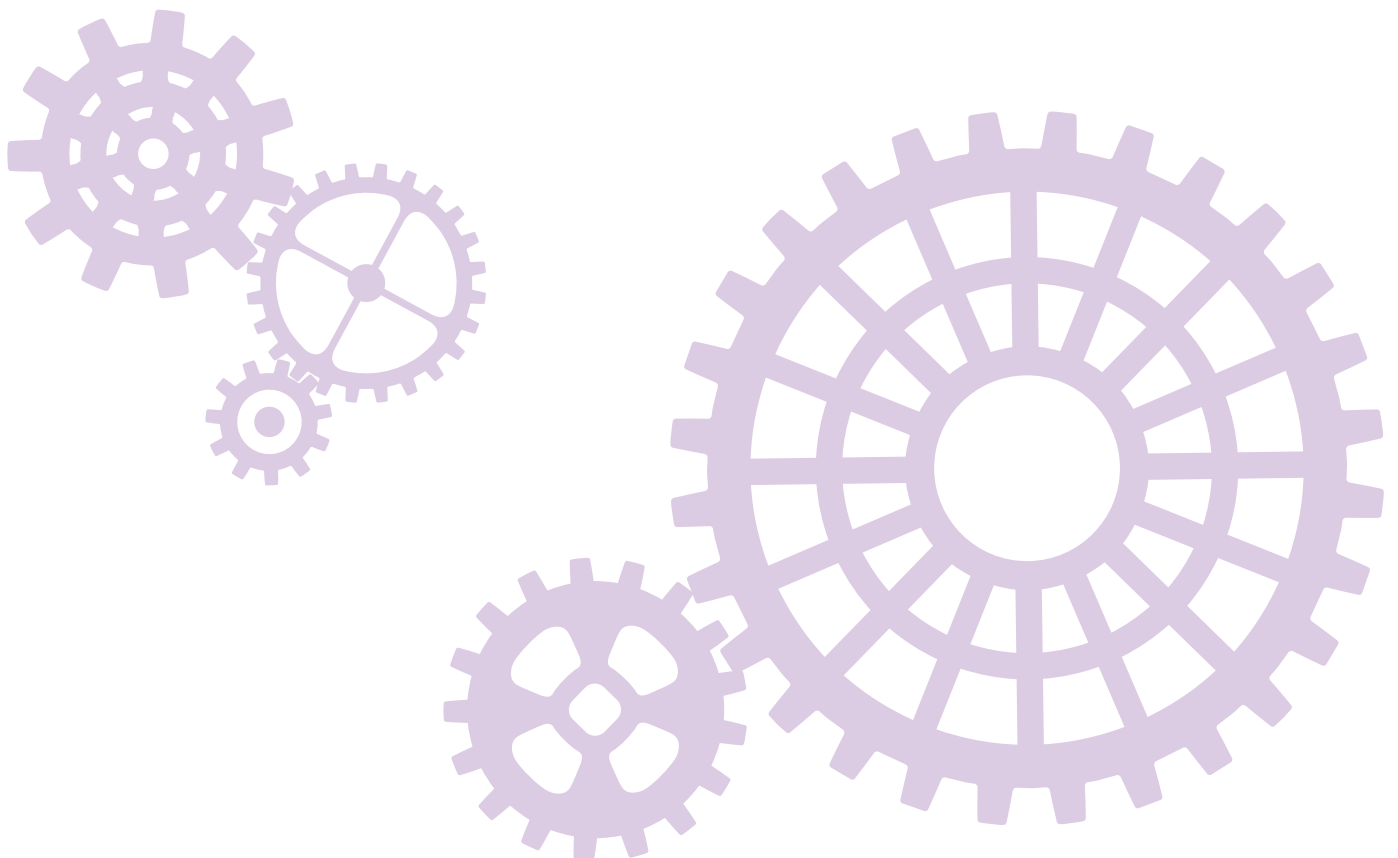
Friday, 10:30–11:30A.M.	Media Mentorship	Fell B
Friday, 1:15–2:15P.M.	The Cluck of the Town: How Superheroes, Chickens and Zombies Put a Feather in Our Cap!	Redbird F
Friday, 2:30–3:30P.M.	Do it Anyway!: Literacy Outreach with ELL Families	Fell A
Friday, 3:45–4:45P.M.	Limitless Libraries: Reaching Readers Outside Our Walls	Fell B
Friday, 3:45–4:45P.M.	Take Make Play	Redbird E
Saturday, 10:15–11:15A.M.	Un mundo bilingüe - Fun Programs in Spanish and English for Everyone	Redbird D
Saturday, 12:45–1:45P.M.	The Missing Links: Partnering Public Libraries and Schools to Promote Student Success	Fell B
Saturday, 12:45–1:45P.M.	All Are Welcome: Practicing Inclusion and Accessibility	Redbird E

## Authors, Books, Resources

Friday, 3:45–4:45P.M.	CATS TitleTalk: Trends	Redbird G
Saturday, 10:15–11:15A.M.	Make Book Talks Come Alive Through Digital Storytelling	Redbird E
Saturday, 12:45–1:45P.M.	Get Ready for the Reading Frenzy-The Readers' Choice Book Lists are Here!	Redbird F

## Career Development

Friday, 1:15–2:15P.M.	Succeeding in Teen Services: Tools & Resources to Amp Up Your Career	Fell A
Saturday, 12:45–1:45P.M.	Get the Youth Services Job You Want	Redbird D



# Program Streams

<b>Learning, Making, Doing</b>		
Friday, 10:30–11:30A.M.	Tinkering with Tweens	Redbird E
Friday, 10:30–11:30A.M.	Dragons in the Stacks	Redbird F
Friday, 10:30–11:30A.M.	Storytime Workshop	Redbird G
Friday, 1:15–2:15P.M.	All About the Babies: Creative Ways to Serve Babies in the Library	Fell B
Friday, 1:15–2:15P.M.	The Family Frontier: Boldly Going Where Few Libraries Have Gone Before	Redbird E
Friday, 2:30–3:30P.M.	Think Outside: No Box Required	Fell B
Friday, 2:30–3:30P.M.	Be Bold, Go Big!	Redbird E
Friday, 2:30–3:30P.M.	Making More – with ProKits and the SharableLibrary	Redbird F
Friday, 2:30–3:30P.M.	Kids Like to Move It, Move It: Movement with a Purpose	Redbird G
Friday, 3:45–4:45P.M.	Hosting Successful Teen Job Fairs	Fell A
Friday, 3:45–4:45P.M.	Make It Count: Dynamic Tween and Teen Programming for Any Budget	Redbird F
Saturday, 9:00–10:00A.M.	The Multi-Intelligence Library: Meeting the Academic and Socio-Emotional Needs of Secondary Students	Fell A
Saturday, 9:00–10:00A.M.	Silly Storyyoga: Ways to Strike a Pose with Your Little Library Yogis & Zen and the Art of Office Yoga: Finding “Om” Away from Home	Fell B
Saturday, 9:00–10:00A.M.	Red Raccoon Game Talk and Demo, Session 1	Fell C
Saturday, 9:00–10:00A.M.	Tinker, Maker, Librarian	Redbird E
Saturday, 9:00–10:00A.M.	Read - For the Win! Summer Reading Share	Redbird F
Saturday, 10:15–11:15A.M.	Service Opportunities for Teens	Fell A
Saturday, 10:15–11:15A.M.	Enhancing Stories with Sensory Experiences	Fell B
Saturday, 10:15–11:15A.M.	Red Raccoon Game Talk and Demo, Session 2	Fell C
Saturday, 10:15–11:15A.M.	Sew Much Fun!	Redbird F
Saturday, 12:45–1:45 P.M.	Early Science Learning: Inspiring a New Generation of Explorers	Fell A
Saturday, 12:45–1:45P.M.	The Missing Links: Partnering Public Libraries and Schools to Promote Student Success	Fell B
<b>Library Spaces</b>		
Friday, 10:30–11:30A.M.	Outdoor Gardens	Fell A
Friday, 1:15–2:15P.M.	Tactile Tech: Adventures in Making Technology Accessible to Children and Families	Redbird G
Saturday, 9:00–10:00A.M.	Thinking Outside of the Box: Developing New Youth Spaces, Big or Small	Redbird D



# Exhibitors

## **Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC)**

50 E. Huron St.  
Chicago, IL 60611  
312-280-2164  
www.ala.org/alsc  
ALSC, a division of the American Library Association (ALA), is the world's largest organization dedicated to the support and enhancement of library service to children. With a network of more than 4,000 children's and youth librarians, literature experts, publishers and educational faculty, ALSC is committed to creating a better future for children through libraries.

## **Baker & Taylor**

2550 W. Tyvola Rd. Suite 300  
Charlotte, NC 28217  
800-775-1800  
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Baker & Taylor is the premier worldwide distributor of digital and print books and entertainment products. The company leverages its unsurpassed worldwide distribution network to deliver rich content in multiple formats, anytime and anywhere. Baker & Taylor offers cutting-edge digital media services and innovative technology platforms to thousands of publishers, libraries, schools and retailers worldwide.

## **Bound to Stay Bound Books**

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Jacksonville, IL 62650  
800-637-6586  
www.btsb.com  
We provide prebound juvenile library books with full processing and automation support available.

## **Brainfuse**

271 Madison Ave.  
New York, NY 10016  
779-203-6316  
home.brainfuse.com  
Founded in 1999, Brainfuse is one of the nation's leading online education providers, offering institutions live online tutoring, homework help, test preparation, intensive writing assistance, and collaborative learning/self-study tools. Learn more about Brainfuse at: www.brainfuse.com, or call us toll free at 1-866-BRAINFUSE.

## **Children's Plus, Inc.**

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Beecher, IL 60401  
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www.childrensplusinc.com  
Children's Plus, Inc. offers nearly 300,000 titles in our K-12 children and young adult collection. We specialize in custom built lists, our 100% guaranteed library editions and personalized service.

## **Chris Fascione: Juggling Funny Stories!**

708-383-8788  
chrisfascione@earthlink.net  
www.JugglingFunnyStories.com  
Award-winning family entertainer Chris Fascione is a one-of-a-kind story performer not to be missed! He combines acting, comedy and juggling as he acts out children's books, becoming a multitude of hilarious characters while promoting reading. Even the audience gets involved, whether on stage or from their seats. He brings literature to life with his boundless energy and humor, receiving rave reviews from kids, parents, and librarians alike. You'll be laughing throughout his high-spirited, participatory shows!

## **Histories for Kids**

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Orland Park, IL 60462  
708-218-7001  
hfktales@gmail.com  
www.historiesforkids.com  
Histories for Kids specializes in historical portrayal and storytelling for children of all ages. The 45 minute, one-man interactive performances give audiences a new, first person perspective on the people and events that make up our history and culture. Not a lecture... an experience! Actor Terry Lynch has performed at numerous schools, libraries, historical societies, etc., nationwide. He's been part of the summertime fun at Taste of Chicago, and has appeared on the WGN Morning Show. With numerous show titles to choose from, history happens when you least expect it!

## **Illinois Heartland Library System**

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Edwardsville, IL 62025  
618-985-3711  
epopit@illinoisheartland.org  
www.illinoisheartland.org  
Illinois Heartland Library System provides support for resource sharing among libraries.

## **iREAD**

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Chicago, IL 60654  
312-644-1896  
iread@ila.org  
www.ireadprogram.org  
Get ready to Read – For The Win! Check out the 2016 iREAD Summer Reading Program.

## **ISLMA**

P.O. Box 1326  
Galesburg, IL 61402  
309-341-1099  
islmaexec@gmail.com  
www.islma.org  
Promotes reading by offering the Readers' Choice Book Award Program and grants to win book sets from all four programs.

## **Kidworks Touring Theatre Co.**

3136 N. Damen Ave. #2  
Chicago, IL 60618  
773-972-7112  
kidworkstheatre@aol.com  
www.kidworkstheatre.org  
Kidworks Touring Theatre celebrates its 29th season, "opening the doors between education and imagination and bringing literature, geography, history and science to life." We offer a variety of multicultural and environmental touring performances and workshops for children ages 4-12. All of Kidworks programs provide an abundance of audience participation, and educational information, while incorporating dancing, drumming, drama and the visual arts. From "African-American History," to "Going Green," to "Holidays around the World" we cover it all! + Don't miss Kidworks new program "SPORTS-N-GAMES AROUND THE WORLD" designed to tie in with the iRead summer reading theme "Read for the Win" and CSLP's theme "On your mark, get set, READ."

# Exhibitors

## **LACONI**

[www.laconi.net](http://www.laconi.net)

LACONI is comprised of eight sections, each of which prepares continuing education programs for staff working in Illinois libraries. Attendance at programs provides opportunities to share ideas and best practices as well as develop relationships with peers. The LACONI sections are Youth Services, Middle Managers, Technology, Technical Services, Circulation, Reference/Adult, Outreach/Promotions and Administrators.

## **Library Furniture International**

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Northbrook, IL 60062

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[www.libraryfurniture-intl.com](http://www.libraryfurniture-intl.com)

LFI offers products and solutions for Children's and Teen Areas. Stop by our table to discuss your library's needs or for new ideas to brighten and/or renew your kid's areas.

## **The Mystery Shop**

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[www.TheMysteryShop.com](http://www.TheMysteryShop.com)

The Mystery Shop is a traveling theatre specializing in adult and children's interactive mysteries and programs. We excite the mind as well as the funny bone. Hosting a Mystery Shop event is EASY — you provide the location and we'll do the rest! We provide interactive mysteries for all ages, all groups. Our children's mysteries are age-appropriate: Grades K-2 and Grades 3-6. Our adult programs are also perfect for middle school and high school students. Storytelling programs and mystery workshops complete our "mysterious" line-up.

## **National Lekotek Center**

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[www.lekotek.org](http://www.lekotek.org)

Play is the way kids learn, develop skills, and reach milestones. The National Lekotek Center mission is to make the world of play accessible for ALL children, especially those who have disabilities or special needs. Toys and play empower children to reach their full potential and increase inclusion within the family and community.

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## **Open Source Classroom, LLC**

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Open Source Classroom's Maker Space is a place where you can exercise your creativity and innovative ideas using 3D printers and other open source technologies. Open Source Classroom is a strong supporter of helping educators integrate open source technologies into their curriculum so that students can engage in engineering related activities both in and out of the classroom.

3D Literacy is a new concept that focuses on combining 3D Printing, 3D CAD Design, and 3D Programming to build a strong foundation of engineering fundamentals.

Open Source Classroom, LLC, offers a variety of classes centered around 3D Literacy for children and members of the community as well as professional development workshops for teachers. Open Source Classroom's Maker Space provides a collaborative learning environment for both teachers and students to explore their creative ideas and push the limits of innovation.

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## **Rainbow Book Co.**

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## **Reaching Across Illinois Library System**

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[www.railslibraries.info](http://www.railslibraries.info)

The Reaching Across Illinois Library System (RAILS) provides a number of programs and services of special interest to youth services staff, including continuing education, delivery, Talking Book services for children unable to read standard print, networking opportunities, a shared e-book collection, online discussion forums, discounts, and much more.

# Exhibitors

## **Rob Innes Publishers Representative**

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Let Rob help you build your youth non-fiction collection! With nearly thirty-five years of experience selling non-fiction to Illinois libraries, I can help you select the best books for your patrons. Databases and audiobooks, too.

## **The Science Alliance**

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thesciencealliance@gmail.com  
www.thesciencealliance.com

The Science Alliance presents interactive science shows and hands-on workshops for K-8th and family audiences! With engaging and educational programs in Chemistry, Health, Physics, Entomology, Reptiles, Electricity and Environmental Education, your participants are sure to have a blast learning about science!

## **ScribbleMonster**

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Creative learning at its best... make a musical playdate with ScribbleMonster. Acclaimed by the likes of National Public Radio and Parenting Magazine, Jim and Jayne's background in music and special education makes them welcoming to all children, including those with special needs. ScribbleMonster's programs are aligned with Common Core Standards and STEAM initiatives for Early Childhood. Their various themed programs and positive male and female representation are ideal for a young audience.

## **Sea Beast Puppet Company**

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## **T-Rexplorers**

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