ILA Showcase
Looking ahead to 2025

2025 Chair
Maisie Iven
Naperville Public Library
Broad thematic area:

Puzzles & Games
CRITERIA FOR THEME

BE UNIVERSAL IN PROMOTING READING
BE FOCUSED IN INTERPRETATION
BE DYNAMIC AND IMPLY ACTION
BE APPROPRIATE FOR ALL GENDERS
Criteria for Theme

Include the word "book," "read," or "library" (or related)
Lend itself to strong graphic interpretation
Have appeal to preK-8 students, YA, adults, and library staff
THEMES & TAG LINES

2022: CAMP/READ BEYOND THE BEATEN PATH
2021: COLOR/READING COLORS YOUR WORLD
2020: INVESTIGATION & DISCOVERY/DIG DEEPER! READ, INVESTIGATE, DISCOVER
2019: PERFORMANCE/IT'S SHOWTIME AT YOUR LIBRARY
TAG LINE VOTING

https://tinyurl.com/5dtm3nh9
Looking ahead to 2024

2024 Chair
Gretchen Schulz
Aurora Public Library
Summer 2024: Read, Renew, Repeat
Featured Artists

Holly Bradley – Early Literacy

Jason Chin - Elementary

Zoe Persico - Teens

James Stanley - All Ages
Summer 2023

2023 Chair
Donna Block
Bensenville Community Public Library
Featured Artists

Angela Dominguez

Michaela Goade

Joshua Mangeshig

Pawis-Steckley

Hannah Templer
CHILDREN

Presented by:
Kara DeCarlo
Orland Park Public Library
Little Mermaid Party

Ages 5-11

• Sing along
• Green screen underwater photo ops
• DIY coral reef and more!
Find Your Animal Voice
Ages 2-5

- Read
- Sing
- Listen and Draw
Tell Your Story (graphic novel memoirs)
Ages 8-11

- Pick a true story
- Arrange story
- Block out frames
- Illustrate story
Personalized keychain/bracelet

Ages 7-11

- Pick a word
- Find the letters
- String up beads
All About Me Mirror

Ages 5-11

- Read
- List your positive attributes
- Decorate a mirror
Teens

Presented by:
Donna Block
Bensenville Community Public Library
Poetry:
Blackout
Chalk
Magnetic
Open Mic

https://blackoutpoetry.glitch.me/
Zines:
Making Mini Zines
Passive Programming
Journals:
Bullet
Smash
Upcycled
Podcasts:
Listening
Making

https://teenagertherapy.com/
Volunteers:
Book Buddies
Gardening
Liberation Library
Project Linus
Summer Reading
Teen Advisory Groups
Adult

Presented by:
Lauren Pierce
Plainfield Area Public Library
Vote Your Voice!
Why hold a voter awareness event?

• Voting is a fundamental right.
• Libraries are a safe place for information access.
• But what about the current tense state of American politics?
  o Ensure the event is non-partisan.
  o No campaigning or political discussion.
  o Prepare for the 2024 elections.
Encourage voter registration

At the event, provide:

- Registrars and paper applications
- Laptops or tablets for online registration
- Handouts with information about local election rules, timeframes, and voting methods
- Election trivia
Invite a speaker

Possible speakers:
• County Clerk
• Local history or law professor
• Former or current election judges

Possible topics:
• How to become an election judge
• Election and voting rights history
• Election rules and procedures
• Fact-checking and informed voting
Informed voting resources

- **FactCheck**: factcheck.org
- **PolitiFact**: politifact.com
- **Vote Smart**: justfacts.votesmart.org
- **BallotReady**: ballotready.org
- **The Center for Public Integrity**: publicintegrity.org
- **NewsGuard**: newsguardtech.com
- **Illinois Voter Guide**: illinoisvoterguide.org
Voter advocacy groups

- League of Women Voters: lwv.org
- Voting Rights Lab: votingrightslab.org
- Brennan Center for Justice: brennancenter.org
- Common Cause: commoncause.org
- When We All Vote: whenweallvote.org
- Rock the Vote: rockthetevote.org
- HeadCount: headcount.org
Book Discussion Ideas
Memoir book club
Podcast discussion group
All Ages

Presented by:
Ellen Fitzgerald
Naperville Public Library
Karaoke Night
Local Government Panel
Matching Rocks
Parents as Teachers
Find Your Voice Fair
Outreach

Presented by:
Emily Mroczek
Arlington Heights Memorial Library
Part of the Whole: Embedded Librarianship in Public Libraries

- “Embedded Librarianship” librarians who provide services in the users’ environment.

- Benefits include a better image for the library, additional support within the community, and effective planning for services, programming, and resources.

- Look for leaders in the community, organizations doing positive work in your community, and issues that will be important in your community over the next few years

- Look for areas in the community that need support. Who is underserved and could use extra support from the library? Which communities need more attention?

- Ask yourself these questions: Does the organization add value to the community? How can the library help them with what they need? Will this increase the public perception of the library in the community?

- Look at the skills and resources that you and your staff have to offer. Is anyone bilingual? Do you have adequate staffing for this type of project?

- Develop a plan. Begin by approaching organizations and offering your support. Start small and build relationships over time.
Making the Most of Summer Outreach

- Summer outreach brings access when school is out!
- Summer reading in schools and libraries
- Bookmobile pop-ups
- Partnering at community events
- Engaging outdoor programming
Fill Your Little Free Library with Kindness

- Create a book display with books featuring acts of kindness or have a storytime focused on kindness.
- Provide blank books for kids to write and illustrate their own books on kindness.
- Ask that children to share their books with the community by placing the books in local free Little Libraries.
Community Clean-Up Day

**Program:** Clean Up Club or Community Clean Up

**Description:** Encourage adults, teens, kids or families to join you on specific clean up days throughout the summer. Choose locations where litter is prevalent. You can also create your own group/volunteer day or campaign through the clean up give back organization ([https://cleanupgiveback.org/](https://cleanupgiveback.org/)). This organization will provide supplies and the logistics that involve a clean up day.

**Supplies:**
- Trash Bags large and small
- Gloves
- Trash Grabbers
- Sanitizer

[Cleanup Club Chicago](http://example.com)
Decorations

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UPCYCLED CDS!
PATRON GENERATED ART!

Tiny Art Show at Benton Public Library: https://www.bentonlibrary.com/tiny-art-show-2/

Post-it note art at Naperville Public Library
INTERACTIVE DISPLAY: PLEDGE WALL

Conversation Wall: https://www.behance.net/gallery/16443335/DAILY-TOUS-LES-JOURS-CONVERSATION-WALL/modules/112169249

Climate Change Pledge: https://www.nationalgeographic.org/events/exhibitio
n/becoming-jane-pledge/
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Resource Guide Submissions

- **Getting Started**
  Publicity and Promotion; Registration and Recording; Staff Resources; and Slogans, Jokes, Tweets, and Quotes.

- **Crafts and Maker Ideas**
  Please include a list of materials, sources for materials, step-by-step instructions, and resources. An original drawing, sample, and/or photograph is required.

- **Programming**
  Participatory and Passive Programs, Storytimes, Events, and Presenters

- **Decorations and Displays**
  Please include a list of materials, sources for materials, step-by-step instructions, and resources. An original drawing, sample, and/or photograph is required.

- **Bibliographies and Other Resources**
  Fiction and nonfiction books, audio, or films for various ages. Indicate the reading level/interest category: board books, picture books, early readers, grades 2-6, teen, adult, or family.

The deadline for submissions is January 31, 2023.

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• Have your name published in the iREAD Resource Guide
• Build up your resume
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