



Library Media Newsletter

April 4, 2011



Reading Comes Alive/All Kids Read with Harrison SOA – April 25

All Kids Read with Harrison School for the Arts will take place on April 25, 2011 when Polk County second-grade classes will travel to Harrison to see theatrical performances of five books they have been reading in school. There will also be a live feed into classrooms for students who are unable to attend at 11:30 on April 25th.

In collaboration with Sr. Coordinator of Library Media Services, Jacqueline Rose, the concept is the brainchild of theatre director Ilene Fins who wanted her students to have the opportunity to perform and inspire as many young readers as possible while entertaining them with the joy that is a live theatrical performance.

The senior theatre class read books selected by Polk County media specialists and chose five books to adapt and perform for all the second grade students in the county. Titles that will be performed include *Why Mosquitoes Buzz in People's Ears* by Verna Aardema, *Officer Buckle and Gloria* by Peggy Rathmann, *The Giving Tree* by Shel Silverstein, *Sylvester and the Magic Pebble* by William Steig and *One* by Kathryn Otoshi.

We look forward to seeing all second graders who are participating.

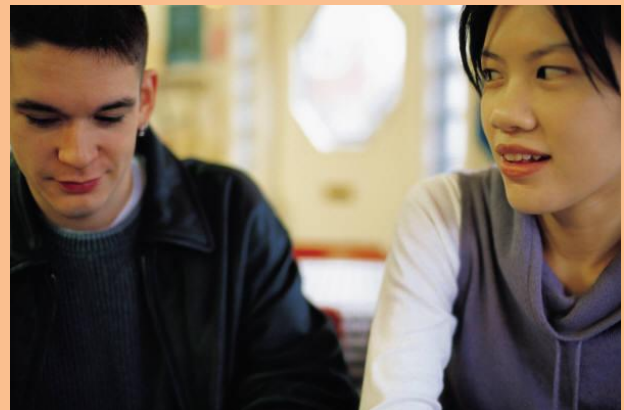


Celebrate National Bookmobile Day 2011

Audrey Niffenegger, Honorary Chair
April 13, 2011 - www.ala.org/bookmobiles

National Bookmobile Day – April 13

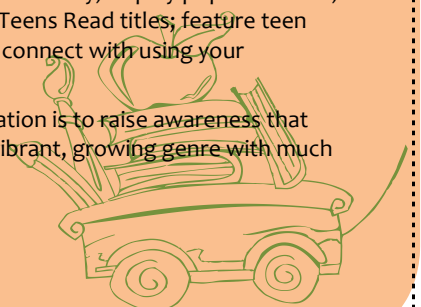
Contact the Polk Library Cooperative or your local public library so your students can get ready for summer reading. Remember, the Polk County Public libraries have excellent programs such as, books by mail, audio books, and eBooks online to help alleviate the summer slide. Post in your library the stops that the book mobile makes in our county.



Teen Literature Day – April 14

Have something special on Teen Literature Day on April 14 2011 by hosting events in your library; display popular novels; voting for their favorite FL Teens Read titles; feature teen authors or books that they connect with using your selection expertise.

The purpose of this celebration is to raise awareness that young adult literature is a vibrant, growing genre with much to offer today's teens.





DROP EVERYTHING AND READ DAY

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National DEAR Day is April 12 on the 90th birthday of Beverly Cleary. DEAR stands for Drop Everything and Read. It is a special reading celebration to remind and encourage families to make reading together a daily priority.

It is celebrated on Beverly Cleary's birthday because when her own children were young, they participated in DEAR at school. Their interest and enthusiasm for this special reading activity inspired Mrs. Cleary to give the same experience to Ramona Quimby, who gets to enjoy DEAR time with the rest of her class in *Ramona Quimby, Age 8*. Host your own Drop Everything and Read events on April 12 or have students do it at home by reading for 30 minutes!

April

April 25 All Kids Read/Reading Comes Alive with Harrison

April 28 Library Media Specialists Training

May Calendar

May 9 Middle Schools SSYRA Book Festival (Date Changed)

May 10 Elementary Schools SSYRA Book Festival

May 25 Student Library Books Due

June Calendar

June 2 Library closes for Inventory Completion

June 10 End of Year Library Survey due - Directions and survey can be found at:

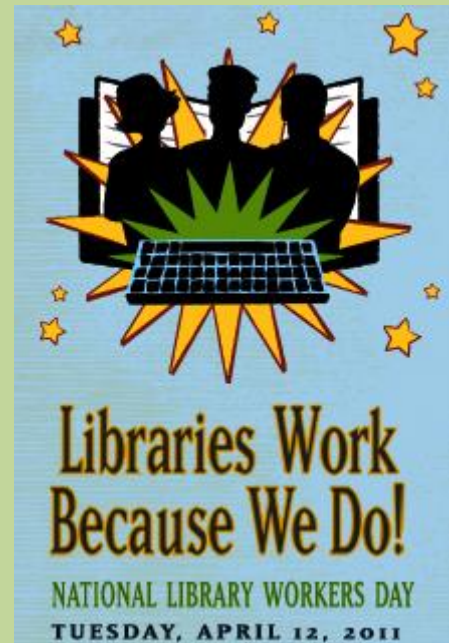
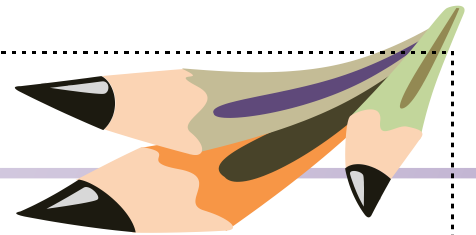
http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/2010-11_Library_Media_Inventory_Survey

June 13 Library Media Specialists Summer Training "Empowering 21st Century Learners"

June 15 End of Year Textbook Inventory due - Directions and forms found at:

<http://www.polk-fl.net/staff/mediaspecialists/documents/textbookinventory.wmv>

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Keep our kids reading all summer by participating in the Scholastic Summer Challenge or Read 100K Minutes to help prevent the summer slide.

Beginning April 27th, students/classrooms can view the live webcast to kick off the Scholastic Summer Challenge at 1 p.m. Visit:

<http://scholastic.com/bookfairs/minutes>

or

<http://www.scholastic.com/summerreading/index.htm>

