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Programming Materials

Developed by Florida youth services librarians and ready to download, the FLYP Materials [website](#) has 18 complete programs based on the 2011 world culture theme.

Bulletin Board

Check the Bulletin Board [web-site](#) for posts about free webinar training for youth services staff and for vendors promoting their talent.

Your Early Literacy Manual is Now Available

It's never too early to start preparing children for reading success; we librarians educate parents and caregivers about their roles as a child's first teacher. The Division of Library and Information Services, through the annual membership purchased for Florida's public libraries, announces that the Collaborative Summer Library Program's 2011 Early Literacy Manual is now available for [download](#) from the CSLP website.

Although the primary audiences for FLYP's summer reading program have historically been readers, adding a summer reading program geared toward babies, toddlers, and preschoolers can have a positive impact on your library and your community members. First, more children will be involved in your library's summer reading program, boosting your circulation. Second, your library becomes a community destination and focal point for family reading fun.

This manual gives both the beginner and experienced youth services staff tools needed to incorporate early literacy into summer programs. It is 79 pages and divided into five sections to make downloading easier.

To access the manual, you will need to establish a logon to access the member's only pages. Then log in to the site and go to the Downloads Menu located in the green background. You will then see a link to the Early Literacy Manual.

[Download](#) summer reading program web banners like this one below for your website:



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Snippets and Snapshots

- Please Pass the Book was an amazing feat, as [students passed a book to one another](#) in a line nearly a mile long to help open the **Columbia County Public Library's** new branch in Fort White.
- **Sarasota and Manatee County** libraries are hosting the [Purnama Sari Balinese Dance Company](#), who will present authentic Bali temple dancing, masks and costumes at 10 Sarasota and Manatee County libraries this summer.
- *As the Butter Churns*: [Sherrie Rice](#), from Michigan's Brighton Library, hosted a Laura Ingalls Wilder program where youth played games that Ms. Wilder would have played, made corn husk dolls, and churned butter in little Solo plastic cups with lids. "Toward the end of the program they sampled their butter on bakery bread," Sherrie wrote in a blog. [Ehow](#) had a simple butter making [recipe](#) noted as "moderately easily" as it only requires a jar with a lid, a marble, heavy whipping cream and lots of shakes—or e-mail Sherrie for her way.
- Kara Wiseman, host for the **Polk County** FLYP Workshop, shares her Shutterfly [photos](#) from the workshop. Don't let your small library deter you from volunteering to be a host. Kara held the workshop in a charming local coffeehouse.
- Thank you note to the [FLYP Be-Tween](#) manual authors, Amanda Botsky and Annmarie Curtis:

"I think the programs like the scavenger hunt are very beneficial, especially to libraries that have been hit hard by the recession. It's awesome to have already-made programs that just need to be presented via laptop or printed out to use. Definitely saves a tremendous amount of staff time. Thanks again for all the hard work you and Annmarie put into the tween manual."

Jacksonville Elementary School Recognized as Outstanding

President of American Association of School Libraries to Visit Twin Lakes Elementary

As part of her tour of school libraries nationwide, Nancy Everhart, President of the [American Association of School Librarians](#), will visit [Twin Lakes Academy Elementary School](#) on Friday, February 18, 2011. [The Vision Tour](#) is Everhart's idea to showcase exemplary school libraries across the nation. Twin Lakes Academy Elementary School Library Program was chosen as an outstanding Florida school library by the [Florida Association for Media in Education](#).

On her tour, Everhart's goal is to gain support for [Learning4Life](#), a national plan for implementing the association's *Standards for the 21st Century Learner* and *Empowering Learners: Guidelines for School Library Programs*. By touring exemplary school libraries in each state, Everhart also hopes to raise the profile of what an outstanding school library can do for students, as well as the school and local community. She also hopes to create a celebrity roster of well-known educators, organizations and public figures as advocates for school librarians and their programs.

Twin Lakes Academy Elementary library is under the direction of Pat Dedicos, who was hired in 1998 to promote reading and inquiry.

InnerView: Sarasota Starts Storycasts

Marilyn Nykiforuk, Sarasota County Library System's youth section manager at the Selby Public Library, is founder and creator of Storycasts, a website of podcasts, vodcasts and more to encourage family reading.

How did Storycasts begin?

My passion was and is storytelling. Fifteen years ago, I was loading tapes into our Dial-A-Story system where children could dial a telephone number to hear a story book read to them. Now the program is archaic. Our calls have decreased from a monthly average of 1,200 calls in 2001 to fewer than 200 calls a month in 2010.

A year ago, I really knew nothing about podcasting and vodcasting, but I researched and practiced how to do both before pitching my project to the Kiwanis Club of South Sarasota. I called the club because they focus on youth and fulfill community needs. The Kiwanis Club thought the project had merit and gave me \$1,700 to buy the equipment, which included a microphone, sound board, high-definition video camcorder and the accessories.

Where is the project today?

In the past year, I quit counting after I had put in 1,000 hours – most of it on my own time. But I'm ready to begin promoting the website February 1. Recently, Sophie Williamson (age 11) and I were in the youth section picking out puppets for the filming of a vodcast, practicing a book review Sophie wrote about *Hoot* by Carl Hiaasen and testing out the microphone's sound in preparation of a podcast recording.

What do you think it will look like in the future?

I want Storycasts to have a complete menu of online story services for children, and it will be the go-to place for parents wanting to entertain their children for a few minutes or to find out how to make a new craft. The website also will be a place for teenagers to discover a new book while having a laugh, or a place to discover a local author.

I am hoping to have people of all ages participating and sharing their love of books and stories. Plus I hope to add two podcast and vodcast stories and puppet shows each month, and at least five to 10 book reviews from children across the county. We will feature once a month an easy craft project and present at least one guest author every second month. This will be a great year for stories!

Check out Marilyn's [Storycasts](#).



Marilyn Nykiforuk (on right) accepts her check from the local Kiwanis Club.

InnerView features an interview or conversation with a library innovator. E-mail the editor to share your latest ideas.



On right: Games and fun at the Flagler County FLYP workshop.



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