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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 [website](#) for posts about free webinar training for youth services staff and for vendors promoting their talent.

Register to Attend FLYP's Gaming Webinar

Join youth services staff on April 13 for the third webinar in the *Teens and Technology* series. Leading the discussion of the value of gaming programs for tween and teens is Paul Stonebridge, youth services manager for the Pasco County Public Library Cooperative.

Paul will focus on ways to incorporate literacy and promote other library activities via a medium favored by today's youth. He will talk about how using interactive gaming equipment encourages healthy behavior and social development among tweens as they progress into their teen and adult years while also giving them entertaining and educational activities which incorporate physical fitness, mental acuity and hand-eye coordination.



A Pasco Tween Teaches Children Games

Learn how team games such as Rock Band encourage an appreciation of the musical arts, expose tweens to various musical genres, promote teamwork, and help build leadership skills.

Paul stated: "Pasco's game nights often have 80 to 90 tweens and teens in attendance and use six to seven systems to accommodate the crowd and prevent excessive queuing or loss of interest. Keeping the tween/teen crowd fully engaged throughout a program is integral to successfully embedding the library's message and encouraging return visits based on a positive experience."

[Register](#) to attend.

CSLP *You Are Here* Teen Video Contest

Thanks to all of the teen librarians who promoted the CSLP *You Are Here* teen video contest. A total of 55 teens ages 13 to 18 participated in the 10 video submissions. Participating counties include Miami-Dade, Martin, Orange, Pinellas, Putnam, Seminole, and Suwannee. The state winner will be announced in the spring.



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Snippets and Snapshots

- February began the **Read for Rec Kickoff** at St. Petersburg libraries. St. Petersburg Mayor Bill Foster unveiled the new Read for Rec program where children who read 10 books will get a \$10 recreation card to use at city recreation facilities. During the kickoff, children met Raymond from the Tampa Bay Rays and Sparky the Fire Dog, saw a puppet show and won door prizes. ~From February 11 TampaBay.com
- West Palm Beach **Library Dog Tales** has grown into a daily and popular program for struggling readers to read to therapy dogs. "It's very unlike a classroom where a child can be reading aloud and another kid snickers when he mispronounces or is reading slow," said Jennifer Roddick, the library's youth services manager. "They're at a completely different level reading to the dog." ~From February 9 Palm Beach Post News
- The Clarence E. Anthony Branch of the Palm Beach County Library System holds a **Totally Tween Tuesday** for ages 9-12. Held after school, registration is required to attend weekly events such as Felt Fun, where you can make a cell phone holder or coin purse out of animal print felt; or Bead Buddies, where you can make a critter keychain. Other learning-and-doing programs include making a dream catcher and learning about Native Americans, or making a puppet and then putting on a puppet show.
- The Palm Beach County Library System's Glades Road Branch has a **Nail Art Fun** program where teens give themselves manicures and pedicures with decals, stencils and polish using ideas from nail art design books. The Hagen Ranch Road Branch hosted **I Heart Glee!**, a Karaoke night for teens to dress like their favorite characters from Glee and belt out popular songs.
- The Monroe County Public Library System is holding its second **One Island One Book** spring program by reading *The Last Resort*, a novel set in Key West and written by Pulitzer Prize-winner and Key West resident Alison Lurie. ~From February 2 Keynets.com
- Sarasota County Library System and the Baltimore Orioles have announced a new partnership to promote literacy through the **Orioles Big League Reader** program. As of Feb. 1, children age 6 and up who check out three books at any of the public libraries will receive a **Home Run Reading Card**. After reading the books and returning them to the library, a youth library staff member will initial their reading card, which is good for a general admission ticket to the March 9 Baltimore Orioles game at Ed Smith Stadium.
- Clowning Around: Want-to-be clowns ages 8-12 can get their start at a Volusia County Public Library System's **Clown-tastics** clown camp at Lake Helen Public Library from 9-4, March 14-18. This will be the first year for the camp, which the library is offering children during spring break.



Clown-tastics Karen Poulsen, Volusia library's support services manager, is also a puppeteer. (Photo from Clown Camp brochure.)

Submit your snippets and snapshots to the editor.

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Sharon Fiske, youth services coordinator at the Flagler County Public Library, held a **Duct Tape Workshop** where participants made beach bags using the **video instructions** from the 2010 FLYP workshop. She then planned a **Winter Carnival Duct Tape Contest** - challenging the adults to create masterpieces. Sharon shares her snapshots of the two popular and multi-generational programs.

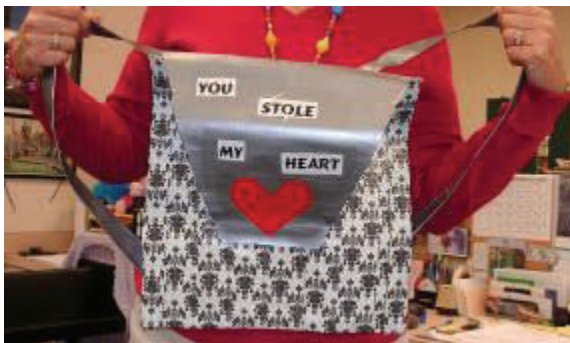


Left: In the summer, teens and adults worked on making beach bags.



Above: During the carnival, adults created a wedding cake and a snack-time treat. The coffee placed first in the adult category and the cake took second place.

Below: Teens and adults make Valentine's Day bags and rose art (a ring, hair clip, headband, boutonniere and stem roses).



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InnerView: Sorority Supports Rural County

Interview with Kristine Odahowski, Children's Librarian, Gadsden County Public Library System

What is the background of the partnership?

Our library is using the 2011 theme of *One World, Many Stories*, which makes a perfect marriage with *School America: Books Around the World*, a reading program sponsored by the Gadsden County Florida Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. in partnership with our library system. The *School America* program is part of the sorority's national literacy program which began in 1989. I met with local Delta members this year and we decided that we would have a bigger partnership and our focus would be to encourage children to read stories from around the world.



A Family Watching the Program

What activities are planned?

Rural Gadsden County is fortunate to have local government-funded programming, which it seeks to supplement with contributions, grants and partnerships. Our library director, Dr. Carolyn Poole, supported our library's sponsorship of a local African dance and drum group.

To promote the programs in the schools, the Delta sorority members were able to have the school system use their automated call system to inform parents. Also many of the Delta members work in the school system so they also promoted the program by word of mouth. Patricia Taylor, the chairperson of the *School America* committee, led the program. The Deltas provided the refreshments and new and gently-used books to families attending.

We had over 250 people jammed into the library for the kickoff. Two cheerleading groups from local elementary schools performed their reading cheers. Families experienced African culture during the performance of the African Caribbean Dance Theatre, Inc. and each child received a book to take home. The program was the best attended that I have seen at the library.

Prior to the program, we encouraged parents to sign up their children for a library card. I distributed reading logs and booklists during the program and children will also be getting reading logs from their teachers. The reading logs include the title of the book, author, and a space to write what they liked about the book. Children are encouraged to chart their progress and do other creative activities like writing poetry or drawing a picture. A [blog](#) was set up so kids could see their art work and book comments online and parents could keep updated on related library programming. In May, the sorority will host another program and the top three students who have read the most books will receive recognition.



African Caribbean Dancers

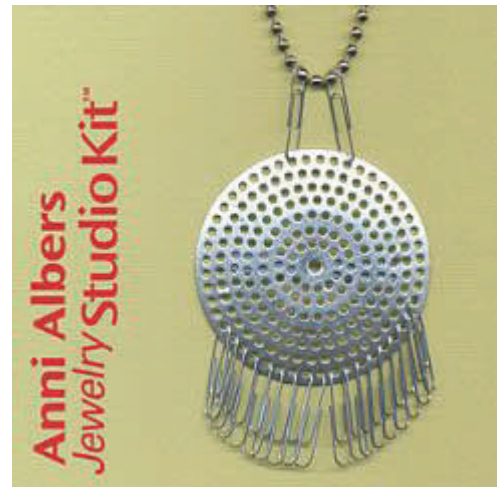
I'm so pleased with the partnership because we are using the theme for year-round planning and found an organization that is supportive during the school year. I encourage you to check the [National Delta Theta Sigma Sorority](#) website and also to search for other local sorority and fraternity chapters in your area that could be contacted to be a partner during the school year.

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

Succinctly Stated: Blogger's Ideas for Activities

"One of the fun ideas I am working on now is a program for the summer called **Junk Yard Jewelry** inspired by the book *Kid Made Modern* by Todd Oldman. Artist **Anni Albers** is highlighted on page 160-161. The photo on the right is an example of Albers' 1941 technique of using materials found in hardware stores like a strainer to create jewelry. Fun!"

~ **Jodie Raddatz**, Young Adult Librarian, Lee County Library System, South County Regional Library



CSLP Manual Erratum

On page 203 of the CSLP 2011 Manual is a map of Africa for a fill-in-the-country "Where in Africa Is..." The game has an error. The country of Zaire is now the Democratic Republic of Congo.

For St. Patrick's Day:

- "Last year I had my kids make leprechaun traps. I gave them white paper lunch bags and put out our leftover stickers and decorative pieces from previous years. We drew rainbows on the inside. I flipped around the program and had them do craft first (instead of last). When their traps were finished I had the kids hide them in the children's room. We went back into the story room for books and I had a coworker put a chocolate coin in each. Everybody loved it! It worked really well with *The Night Before St. Patrick's Day* by Natasha Wing."
- Put shamrocks in books and give a Hershey's kiss to whoever finds one and turns it in.

Crafting Coupons: If you can't include crafts in your programs, display a low-skill, simple supply craft and set aside a worktable. Children who check out books can get a coupon to redeem for materials to make the craft on their own. Put on the coupon that when the craft is removed from the display (because you are out of supplies), the coupon is invalid.

Another youth services staff member did a **Whatchamacallit Contest**. "I do a whatchamacallit contest from time to time that features old-time kitchen, farm, or carpentry tools from my personal collections or from patrons' collections. Those who could guess at least 75 percent of the items won a Whatchamacallit candy bar. These displays always attracted a lot of attention and often grandparents would be brought in by children who wanted to know what the items were so it became an intergenerational activity." Consider using old technology equipment during Teen Tech Week.

Springtime Love is in the Air: Bundle together like-minded teen romance novels with a ribbon. The teen, when checking out the gift-wrapped set, gets a surprise box of Sweetheart candies.

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