**PRE-CONFERENCE DAYTIME EVENT**

**WLS Multi-language Book Fair**
Sponsored by The Westchester Library System
Thursday, April 3, 2014
From 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
White Plains Public Library,
100 Martine Avenue, White Plains, NY 10601

Come to the WLS Multi-language Book Fair, where Spanish, Arabic, Chinese, French, Hindi, Italian, and Japanese material will be showcased. The fair will offer adult and children’s titles of fiction and non-fiction, Audiobooks, DVDs as well as Electronic material. Even if you do speak the language—the vendors know their material and bring current and exciting titles to the fair. A personal contact with a book distributor will provide direct access to acquiring material in a specific focus, subject, genre, or format to better reflect your multi-language community. The fair will also offer multicultural cuisine from the countries represented. Food provides a wonderful way to introduce and share culture. For further information, contact Nancy Coradin at ncoradin@wlsmail.org.

**PRE-CONFERENCE EVENING EVENT**

**Dinner For All In Honor of Past YSS Presidents @ The Edge**
Thursday, April 3, 2014
White Plains Public Library, 100 Martine Avenue, White Plains, NY 10601

6:30 p.m. - Tour of The Edge, the new teen space at the White Plains Public Library
7:00 p.m. – Catered Dinner

Join fellow librarians and past YSS Presidents for a fun evening of good food and beverage, conversation, and a silent auction to benefit the YSS Spring Conference Scholarship.

Your hosts for the evening are:
Joyce R. Laiosa, 2013-2014 Past YSS President, Adjunct Professor at The University of Albany, and Retired Head of Youth and Family Services at Voorheesville Public Library,
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**WHILE YOU ARE IN TOWN...**

**New Library Spaces: An At-Your-Own Pace Tour**
Visit the beautiful and innovative new library spaces located in and around the Westchester County/New York Metropolitan area. Take a self-paced tour, choosing from the descriptive list and map that will be inside your conference folder.

For more information about the 2014 New York Library Association (NYLA) Youth Services Section (YSS) Spring Conference, contact Conference Chair, Terry Rabideau at trabideau@whiteplainslibrary.org.
CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS

Like, Post, and Pin: Successful Strategies For Social Media Use in Youth Librarianship – Move beyond bulletin boards, paper printouts and expand the reach of your services with a variety of social media platforms. Teen librarians explain how!

Everyone’s Welcome: Inclusive Library Programming – Two children’s librarians from Westchester County, NY divulge their successes and challenges in presenting programs geared toward children with special needs and their families.

Essentials of Book Blogging For Youth With Betsy Bird – Join SLJ blogger Betsy Bird as she discusses the wide range of book blogging sites out there and how they can be useful to you.

Family Science Night – Conduct science experiments as you participate in a “Family Science Night” session, presented by co-founder of the “Family Science Night” project, Priscilla Scaife. Learn how you may adapt this function for your library.

How to Make Your Library a Supportive Space For Kids and Families on The Spectrum – Public Library directors from the Finger Lakes area of New York guide you through easy adjustments and additions that can make any library a place where kids on the autistic spectrum have opportunities to succeed.

Get on Board: Celebrating All Populations – Learn how to bring different cultures together by establishing relationships that enrich and diversify your library programs. Children’s librarians from White Plains, NY and Greenwich, CT join with the Chairperson of the New York Cultural Society and Friends to share experiences.

Find the Common in Common Core: Fostering Collaboration Between Teachers, Schools, and Public Libraries – Learn from a school and public librarian how communication and collaboration in the area of the Common Core Learning Standards have been applied to connect the school day experience with the public library mission for youth in Voorheesville, NY.

MORE CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS

Science for Kids, Hands-on Style, at Queens Library and New York Public Library – Explore opportunities for helping children experience, appreciate and learn about science by hearing how Queens Library and New York Public Library have approached this challenge.

Developing a Diverse Graphic Novel Collection – With ever-tightening budgets and limited time, learn from an experienced teen librarian and the graphic novelist George O’Connor how to develop a dynamic, marketable and diverse graphic novel collection.

Early Literacy Storytime: Blending Tradition With Technology – Children’s librarians from NY and CT help you discover new techniques for incorporating research based early literacy skills with technology to create more effective, contemporary and engaging storytime programs.

Fundama: A DIY Skill Toy – Flow Circus, a performance based business promoting active learning and play through the juggling arts, introduces you to cheap and easy-to-make skill based challenges that children, tweens and teens can design, make and master.

Making Libraries Makerspaces – Discover the history of makerspaces, how libraries can incorporate maker philosophy into their programming, and adopt spaces for maker use from the viewpoint of a library director.

Table Talks: Best of Tween and Teen Programs – Power your way through concise and interactive discussions of some of the best library programs for tweens and teens as you select from the following talks presented by public librarians offering these programs:

For Tweens:
- Pet Lover’s Programming
- Library Mystery Scavenger Hunt
- Candy Sushi
- Tech For Tweens

For Teens:
- Teen Book Clubs For All
- Repurposing Books
- Using iPads in Library Programming For Teens
- No More Schedules: Teen Passive Programming

SPRING CONFERENCE SCHOLARSHIPS

YSS/NYLA members are encouraged to apply for a scholarship to attend the Spring Conference. Two awards are given annually for continuing education in the field of youth services: one to a veteran librarian and one to a new member of the library profession. The scholarship covers expenses for transportation and lodging (not to exceed $250 in reimbursement). The recipient’s conference registration is waived. Application deadline: February 1, 2014. Please see the YSS website for complete information, criteria, and to download an application: www.nyla.org/yss. For further information, please contact Sarah Cordts, Scholarship Committee Chair, at thevictorianscribe@gmail.com.

BOOK SALES AT THE CONFERENCE

The Voracious Reader, Larchmont, NY will be selling our authors’ titles at the conference. Plan to purchase a book and have it signed!

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SERVICE PROJECT

The Conference Service Project will benefit the Woodfield Detention Cottage in Valhalla, NY.

Details will be available in the full conference brochure that can be found online by going to www.nyla.org/yss and clicking on Events after December 15, 2013.