

President's Column



Month by month in a school library: August brings library orientation, freshmen realizing all of the great things that we have in the library, and seniors showing that they aren't too cool to read. September is usually about instruction. Teachers start giving projects and the library is busy helping students with them. But October is one of my favorite times of the year, not only because we have a nice, long Fall Break, but also because I love Teen Read Week®. I feel like it's the time of year when I can really start showcasing all of the books and really cool things that we have going on in the library.

Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA) has done a great job of putting together a large variety of materials (<http://teenreadweek.ning.com/>) for you to utilize to celebrate this week (October 9-15). From holding school or community-wide events for teens to bringing in guest authors, the possibilities are endless. If a large event is too much for you to take on, try something small. At my library we hand out popcorn to anyone who checks out or returns a book on a specific day. We get a lot of people coming in because the smell of popcorn permeates the whole school and we have a great time!

October 16-22 will begin the celebration for National Friends of Libraries week. United for Libraries is the division of the American Library Association that represents library trustees, advocates, Friends groups, and library foundations. Their website (http://www.ala.org/united/events_conferences/folweek) has webcasts that may be helpful to this group of advocates for libraries. What a great way to celebrate the people who support libraries and to let them know how much that help and support is appreciated.

There is a lot to celebrate in October (and that also means we are one step closer to the ILF Annual Conference). Enjoy!

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Goodbye to Susan Smith

ILF said goodbye to Finance Manager Susan Smith on October 6. Susan has accepted another position at the Indiana Blind Children's Foundation and will continue to balance her work with her other love of performance. Look for Susan in *Beauty and The Beast* later this year through Booth Tarkington Civic Theater.



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