First Tuesdays: Summer Reading

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The Collaborative Summer Library Program

- Started in 1987 with 10 Minnesota library systems
  - The guiding principle remains the same - librarians sharing ideas, expertise and costs to produce a high-quality summer reading program for children.
- It works because members collaborate in the truest sense of the word.

www.cslpreads.org

- About CSLP – history, bylaws, officers and committees and rules of use
- Membership – members and state representative section
- Programs – current children’s program, young adult, upcoming, adults, and archives
- Learning Tools – Family literacy, summer reading research and diversity

www.readingrockets.org/article/15218

- What elements contribute to family literacy participation? (or why we need to be working with our schools year round)
- “Families need concrete suggestions about how to support literacy development at home. When making suggestions to parents, teachers need to keep in mind that effective family literacy interactions should seek to promote the natural and enjoyable interactions between parents and children, not to make the home environment a structured extension of the classroom.”
- This is what libraries do so well!!

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- Libraries in partnership with schools
- “Children in every income group who read six or more books at their grade level over the summer gained more in reading achievement that children who did not.”
  Barbara Heyns, Summer Learning and the Effect of Schooling
Other resources
- webjunction.org/566/articles/content/3758033
  Look for the link that says Be Creative and Express Yourself @ Your Library – 101 ideas
  Michele Farley, Indiana State Library
- www.cla-net.org/summer-reading/
  Site of the California Library Association
  School assembly skits, storytimes, training

Get involved
- Everyone has an opportunity for input ….
- Each year messages go out asking for feedback on what’s working, or not, and for suggestions for slogans, illustrators, and programming ideas.
- Please share your good ideas to be replicated elsewhere.
- The strength of the collaborative is in the breadth and depth of active library staff participation.

Youth Connections – your listserve
- Created at the request of youth services staff at the 2004 forum with Governor Locke. Use it!!
- Watch for updates from the Collaborative.

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Parents as Reading Partners

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Reading Is a Family Affair