CATS Spring Workshop (formerly Winter Workshop)
May 11, 2020
Library 21C

90 Minute Sessions:

**Connected Learning: Linking Teen Interests & Opportunity**
Presenters: Beth Crist & Catherine Boddie

Descriptions: Tweens & teens don't just learn in the classroom, of course—they learn everywhere. And this learning doesn't happen in a vacuum. Tweens & teens learn best when their experiences are guided by their own interests, supported by their peers and mentors, have tangible connections to real world career and civic opportunities, and include diverse backgrounds. The Connected Learning model builds on these principles, and libraries are the perfect environment for this type of learning, providing a place for tweens & teens to connect, engage, and thrive. In this interactive session, explore the benefits of Connected Learning, what it looks like in different library settings, and how you can cultivate it in your library, using content from YALSA.

**Growing Libraries Together: A Discussion About Early Learning in Colorado Libraries**
Presenters: Kate Brunner, Melody Garcia, & Gail Yerbic

Description: What does early learning look like in your library and community today? What are your best keys to success? How about your dreams of what it could look like tomorrow? What’s currently keeping you from achieving those dreams? The Colorado State Library's Growing Readers Together team wants to learn from you! Children’s library staff around the state are invited to join us for a “World Cafe” discussion on the triumphs and challenges libraries across Colorado are experiencing when it comes to early learning programs, services, and community engagement. Possible discussion topics include: --Exploring the importance of Colorado’s early learning landscape and the role your library and Family, Friend and Neighbor care plays within it. --Brainstorming creative ways to enrich high-quality early learning in Colorado libraries with support from Growing Readers Together. --Discovering new strategies for community engagement and partnerships in support of early learning. Our ideal goals for this discussion are to: --Better understand areas of need in CO libraries’ service to young children and their caregivers, while helping libraries understand their role in the early learning landscape --Cultivate buy-in for early learning services as a priority and share best practices and innovations in early learning --Collect stories, data, ideas, and feedback Growing Readers Together can share with all public libraries statewide

**It's All Fun and Games Until Someone Learns to Read, Then It's Educational: How did we get to be this way as a profession?**
Presenter: Lu Benke

Description: How can we know where children’s librarianship is headed unless we know from where we have come? This presentation will give an overview of the quirky yet heartfelt path that our profession has taken since its beginning in 1889. Learn how we came by such things as overflowing storytimes as tools of our trade and adopted the anthem of “the right book for the right child at the right time.” Marvel at how we dealt with early frictions between schools and public libraries, squared off among ourselves over whether fairies were a good thing, and faced showdowns with the earliest library directors upset over puppet shows. Did you know we started off being known as literacy educators then purposefully moved away from that designation until recently? Throughout our 130+ year history, children’s librarians have been clear—reading and libraries should be fun—and that is what this presentation is as well.
45 Minute Sessions:

Hang out and mess around: transforming teen spaces with passive programming  
Presenter: Julie Graf and Becca Hugues

Description: Running low on time, energy, and money? Learn how to lower behavior incidents, increase teen participation, and build relationships through fun, production-centered activities. We'll share examples of passive programs and explore how they bring together elements of connected learning as teens seek more self-directed, informal opportunities with peers after school. We'll end the session with a hands-on activity!

Science Programs for the non-Scientist  
Presenter: Carol Scheer

Description: Science-challenged attendees will discover techniques to bring STEM programming to their libraries. They'll learn where to find ideas, how to make the most of resources, and get to try out different program ideas.

Roll For Initiative: Dungeons and Dragons at Your Library  
Presenter: Cory Reimers

Description: Dungeons and Dragons is back and as popular as ever. This session will give library programmers the tools they need to host Dungeons and Dragons programming. Beginners and veterans alike will learn how to make the time-consuming elements of this type of program feasible. Best of all, there is no need to worry about putting stress on already tight programming budgets. The resources that will be provided are free and readily available.

Colorado Blue Spruce Young Adult Book Award  
Presenter: Teresa Allen

Description: This statewide award gives teens an opportunity to nominate and vote on their favorite books. Come practice booktalking the nominees for 2020, and walk out with a plan for promoting the award in your library.

Twinkle All the Way  
Presenter: Shelley Prellwitz and Keri Hockett

Description: Attendees will leave with a sense of wonder and accomplishment at creating their own version of Twinkle Twinkle Little Star which is unique to them. They will understand the possibilities of what a program like Soundtrap.com can offer in nurturing young minds in the love of music. We will use Soundtrap.com to record several versions of Twinkle Twinkle Little Star. One voice tract, one bell ringing tract, one stick tapping tract and so on, then we will stack each track together to make one unique rendition of the popular Twinkle Twinkle Little Star song.
**I'll Take "Best Books and Toys for Babies" for $1000, Please**  
Presenters: SarahEllen Hickle and Alanna Jones  
Description: Contestants, Come on Down! Join in a game to learn and share about awesome baby books and how they fit within the 5 practices of ECRR. Explore baby toys to see what might work and what won’t in your baby programs or play areas. Come prepared to share, volunteer as a contestant, and have fun!

**Code Like a Girl: Fostering Equity in Colorado STEM Programming**  
Presenter: Ellie Canter  
Description: Computing skills are the most sought-after and highest-paying in the US job market, with demand growing 3X the national average. Yet fewer than 1 in 5 computer science graduates are women, and that number is declining. To close the gender gap in technology, we must teach girls and boys not only how to positively impact their community through code, but also how to be brave, resilient, and inclusive. Join Ellie Canter, Regional Partnership Coordinator for Girls Who Code in Colorado to uncover how to inspire and equip youth in your community with the skills they need to succeed in college and career.

**Lightning Lessons: Bringing the Library to Elementary Classrooms**  
Presenters: Betty McDonald and Carol Scheer  
Description: Attendees will learn how to bring project-based STEM, history, and art lessons into local classrooms using Lightning Lessons. After a brief introduction, attendees will try out a variety of activities and see how they might be adapted for their library or age group.