

# Parents

## Calendar of Learning Center Activities and Library-Related Dates for 2007-2008

- September            Library Card Sign-Up Month  
September is Library Card Sign-Up Month – a time when the American Library Association and libraries across the country remind parents that the most important school supply of all is your library card.
- September 12        What Happened on the Day you were Born?  
UAPL Reference librarians Mark Mangini and Peg Greisberger will introduce you to the powerful and provocative *NY Times Historical Newspapers* database and ProQuest's *National Newspapers*. In addition to finding the news of the past, after this session you will be able to direct your children in a fascinating search for primary documents related to any of their classes – and first hand reporting of events as they happened. Hands-on experience and time for questions will be part of the evening.  
LC Classroom 1<sup>st</sup> floor 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
RSVP to Laura Piazza at [lpiazza@uaschools.org](mailto:lpiazza@uaschools.org)
- September 21        Deadline for Teens Read Week Favorite Book Essay Contest
- September 29-  
October 6            ALA's Banned Books Week  
Banned Books Week, an annual celebration of the freedom to read, is observed the last week of September. Each year, librarians, booksellers, teachers, and countless others take this opportunity to highlight the importance of intellectual freedom and remind us not to take this precious democratic freedom for granted.
- October                National Book Month

- October 14-20      Teen Read Week  
LOL@yourLibrary is this year's theme. A national literacy initiative of the Young Adult Library Services Association that is aimed at teens, their parents, librarians, educators, booksellers and other concerned adults. The continuing message of the Teen Read Week initiative is to encourage 12-18 year olds to read. Each year an annual theme allows YALSA to focus on timely topics and teen interests. Teen Read Week is celebrated the third full week in October every year.
- October 22      International School Library Day
- October 24      Wikipedia v. the *NY Times*: Which Comes out on Top?  
Based on your new knowledge of newspaper databases, come prepared to look at the way information is gathered in two popular media sources. Tips and tricks for looking at articles on Wikipedia will be provided, as well as a booklet on general web searching tactics. Your children will benefit from your new media skills in addition to your insights as an adult.  
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- November 11-17      American Education Week
- November 14      Exploring Careers on the Web: Tools You Can Use  
In a world of increasing career fields, specialty areas and opportunities, students need somewhere to sort it all out. UAHS Guidance Counselor Alan Banks will show how The Ohio Career Information Systems (OCIS) is just the answer. This interactive web-based program funded and operated by the state of Ohio is accessible for any UAHS student or parent and includes information about occupations, program of studies, colleges and universities, and financial aid. There are also several useful exploration tools that help users select information based on individual needs, preferences, and abilities. A quick overview and navigation of the website as well as a review of the benefits that OCIS has to offer will be provided. If time permits, the librarians will also show you INFOhio's LearningExpress program that offers practice tests for various careers and skills, e.g. writing, reading, etc.  
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- December ? Reception for Teens Read Week Favorite Book Essay Contest. LC 1<sup>st</sup> floor at 7:30 p.m.
- January 16 What's the Message? Evaluating the Role of Media in our Culture  
OSU professor David J. Staley will lead a discussion about the key questions for examining media. He will show a 5 minute student-created film and help us determine the source, techniques used, potential messages, points of view, and motivation for its creation. Learn how to help your children both interpret visuals and create their own powerpoints, and YouTube videos. Part I of two sessions. RSVP essential so we know how many computers we will need.  
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- February Black History Month
- February 13 Documenting Your own Story – How to Use free Microsoft downloads to Create Your own Documentaries  
Professor Staley joins us again to teach scanning, what to include, why the order is important, and what you want your overall documentary to communicate. What you will need to bring to this will be discussed in the January session.  
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- March Women's History Month
- March 3 Read Across America Day
- March 3-9 Teen Tech Week  
Teen Tech Week is a national initiative aimed at teens, their parents, educators, and other concerned adults. The purpose of the initiative is to encourage teens to use libraries nonprint resources for education and recreation and to help teens recognize that librarians are qualified, trusted, professionals in the field of information technology. The event is held annually during the second week of March.

- April  
National Poetry Month  
School Library Media Month  
First celebrated in 1985, many school library media programs celebrate the month of April as School Library Media Month in conjunction with, and sharing the same theme as, National Library Week.
- April 13-19  
National Library Week  
First sponsored in 1958, National Library Week is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries across the country each April. It is a time to celebrate the contributions of our nation's libraries and librarians to promote library use and support. All types of libraries – school, public, academic, and special – participate. In 2008, National Library Week will be celebrated under the theme, "Join the circle of knowledge@your library."
- April 16  
YouTube and Wikis and Blogs – Oh My! Voting in a Web 2.0 Democracy  
Have you noticed the eerie lack of political ads in the more traditional venues, in spite of the fact that we have one of the earliest and most robust campaign seasons ever? Find out where the politicians are putting their messages – and find out how to access and evaluate them. The roll-out of the newly approved UA Library curriculum will take place with a focus on Social Studies in conjunction with Kids Voting, the national program for teaching America's youth the importance of the responsibilities of a democracy. Not a minute too soon for the upcoming November elections! The librarians highly recommend that you read the book *un-Spun* by Brooks Jackson and Kathleen Hall Jamieson (New York, Random House Trade Paperbacks, 2007. \$12.95)  
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- May 1-2  
National Library Legislative Day