

# ODL YOUTH SERVICES

# January

## Happy New Year!

## WHAT WILL THE NEW YEAR BRING TO YOUR LIBRARY?

It's a great time to think about our goals! What are your goals for your library and program this year? You might be thinking of:

- Higher participation
- Better outreach
- Community partnerships
- New activities
- Offerings for a new age level
- Better communication with patrons and community
- Enhanced summer reading and learning activities

Whatever they are, your goals are valid and exciting! One way to make our goals happen is to share them. So let's share here! We can encourage each other to reach even higher this year. Fill out this quick [wooclap](#) to share your answer.

## CSLP NEWSLETTER

This month's CSLP newsletter is full of great information! Learn who the leaders of different areas are, product ordering and shipping timelines, and see the links from the Summer Symposium! (HIGHLY recommend watching Dan Santat's keynote - it was so good!) Share your thoughts on the 2029 and 2030 theme and slogan too! You can find all of this [here](#).

## READ ACROSS OKLAHOMA 2026

Read Across Oklahoma is coming! If you know of any Kindergarten teachers who would like to apply, please pass along this information to them: [Read Across Oklahoma 2026](#). We are excited to have our friend Bart Taylor as the guest author for this event at the zoo! The application deadline is January 11.

## MONTHLY ZOOM MEETINGS

Monthly Youth Services Communities of Practice are still happening the first Monday of the month at 2:00. This month's topic: Goals for the New Year! Come ready to dream big and "up our game" for youth services in 2026. Meeting information is [here](#).

## NATIONAL SUMMER LEARNING ASSOCIATION

I hope you can join the NSLA Libraries and Literacy PLC meeting on January 15 at 1:00! This [link](#) is the Zoom information. We will have a presentation from First Book and a discussion on the NSLA Summer Book Award. This is a great way to connect with people from all around the country who work in summer reading and learning!

## IMAGINATION IN ACTION

It's almost time for Crayola Creativity Week 2026! Check out the calendar of daily activities [here](#)! You will find free sessions on many topics, including art, music, sports, history, and more. There are also fun celebrities helping present (for example, the Property Brothers!) January 26-February 1.

## INSPIRATION

We have learned a lot in the past few years about ACE's: Adverse Childhood Experiences. These events and life situations have profound impacts on our young people's physical, emotional, and intellectual development. But do you know about PCE's? "PACES" -Positive Childhood Experiences! Here is a quote from one of the guest speakers from our fall workshops, Nancy Falcon: "Anytime a kid comes into your library, you're giving them PCE's. These positive experiences will help mitigate future adverse experiences."

Always remember: you are likely the bright spot in a child or teenager's day. Make the most of every opportunity!

