

Brief Update 10/5/15

It's great to get some good news to balance out the budget woes. And there is good news!

- Our children's librarian, Claudia Haines, has been invited to speak at an event, "Supporting Diverse Families With Media," at Stanford University on October 30. She is using personal time to participate. We can all be proud that Claudia's contributions to childhood literacy extend far beyond Homer!
- Last week Claudia received word that a proposal to co-author a book about media mentoring has been accepted by the American Library Association. It will follow up the recent publication of the Association for Library Service to Children white paper "Media Mentorship in Libraries Serving Youth" (which she co-authored) and give librarians solid examples of what media mentorship can look like and ideas for ways to take on the role of media mentor in their communities. The book will be published by ALA Editions (American Library Association) in 2016.
- AND we just received word that we've received a *Curiosity Creates* grant of \$7,500 from the Association for Library Service to Children to plan and implement weekly after-school programs. These will be held at the Library, with volunteer and community mentors leading activities in art, technology, and science. Yet another kudo to Claudia for putting this grant together!

For more information: <http://www.ala.org/alsc/curiositycreates>

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