



# Monday Morning Eye-Opener November 18, 2019

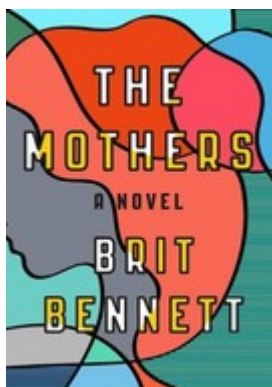
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## All Iowa Reads Titles For 2020

The 2020 All Iowa Reads (AIR) titles were announced two weeks ago. And for the first time in the program's history, the selections were announced on Iowa Public Radio's *Talk of Iowa*. IPR host Charity Nebbe was joined by State Library staff Helen Dagley and Angie Manfredi who introduced each of the three AIR books.

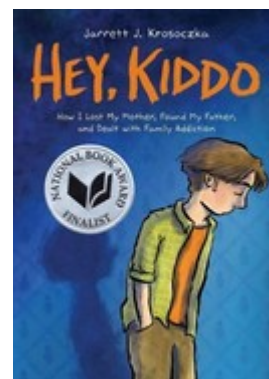


### [The Mothers](#) by Brit Bennett

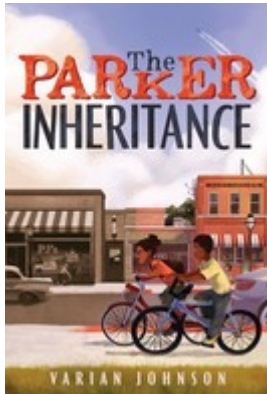
The Mothers by Brit Bennett was chosen for the adult title. Reviewers have called it “luminous...bittersweet...morally fraught.” From Amazon: “A dazzling debut novel from an exciting new voice, *The Mothers* is a surprising story about young love, a big secret in a small community—and the things that ultimately haunt us most. Set within a contemporary black community in Southern California, Brit Bennett's mesmerizing first novel is an emotionally perceptive story about community, love, and ambition. It begins with a secret.

### [Hey, Kiddo](#) by Jarrett J. Krosoczka

Hey Kiddo: How I Lost My Mother, Found My Father, and Dealt With Family Addiction by Jarrett J. Krosoczka was chosen for the teen title. A National Book Award finalist, Hey Kiddo is a graphic novel, the first time a graphic novel has numbered among the AIR selections. From Amazon: “Jarrett goes through his childhood trying to make his non-normal life as normal as possible, finding a way to express himself through drawing even as so little is being said to him about



what's going on. Only as a teenager can Jarrett begin to piece together the truth of his family, reckoning with his mother and tracking down his father. *Hey, Kiddo* is a profoundly important memoir about growing up in a family grappling with addiction, and finding the art that helps you survive.”



### **The Parker Inheritance by Varian Johnson**

The Parker Inheritance by Varian Johnson was chosen for the 2020 children’s title. A Coretta Scott King Honor book and a Horn Book Honor winner, here’s more from Amazon “...When Candice finds a letter in an old attic in Lambert, South Carolina, she isn’t sure she should read it. It’s addressed to her grandmother, who left the town in shame. But the letter describes a young woman. An injustice that happened decades ago. A mystery enfolding its writer. And the fortune that awaits the person who solves the puzzle.”



## **About All Iowa Reads**

Since its beginnings in 2003, the **All Iowa Reads** program has fostered a sense of unity through reading. Iowans are encouraged to come together around the selected title to read and talk about a single book. In 2017, **Teen AIR** and **Kids AIR** programs were launched to include younger Iowans in this reading program.

The Iowa Center for the Book is a program of the State Library of Iowa and an affiliate of the Library of Congress Center for the Book. Its mission is to stimulate public interest in books, reading, literacy and libraries.

Follow the **Iowa Center for the Book** website for announcements about **All Iowa Reads in 2020**

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## **YALSA's Top 10 Teen Titles**

Each year in October, the ALA subdivision YALSA announces their **Teens’ Top 10** list, voted on by teenagers across the country. Nominations open each year during National Library Week, then readers ages 12-18 vote online for their favorites from mid-August to mid-October. The **Teens’ Top 10** list is announced in late October. Here are the books chosen for 2019—see how many your library owns



1. #MurderTrending by Gretchen McNeil
2. Wildcard by Marie Lu

3. [The Cruel Prince](#) by Holly Black
4. [Thunderhead](#) by Neal Shusterman
5. [Children of Blood and Bone](#) by Tomi Adeyemi
6. [The Prince and the Dressmaker](#) by Jen Wang
7. [American Panda](#) by Gloria Chao
8. [Batman: Nightwalker](#) by Marie Lu
9. [Speak: The Graphic Novel](#) by Laurie Halse
10. [The Poet X](#) by Elizabeth Acevedo

## ABOUT YALSA

YALSA stands for the Young Adult Library Services Association. Its mission is to support library staff in alleviating the challenges teens face and in putting all teens—especially those with the greatest needs—on the path to successful and fulfilling lives.

[See Teens' Top 10 List At YALSA](#)



## DALINC Conference 2020: Call For Proposals

Next year's **DALINC Conference** is scheduled for **Friday April 3, 2020**. **DALINC** stands for **Dubuque Area Library Information Consortium**, a nonprofit organization for Dubuque-area libraries. Loras College in Dubuque will host the conference; organizers have issued a **Call For Proposals** for anyone interested in presenting a session.

The 2020 conference theme is **“Telling Stories With Data: Making Numbers Meaningful.”** Sessions are expected to focus on gathering, using, and analyzing data. To have your presentation considered for selection, complete the **Presenter Application Form** by November 29. Those who submit a conference session proposal will be notified by December 13 whether their proposal was accepted or not. All details about the conference, along with the **Presenter Application Form**, is available on the DALINC website at the button below.

## ABOUT DALINC

DALINC is a nonprofit organization for Dubuque area libraries. While membership is open to all libraries in the Tri-State area (IA, WI, IL), membership fees must be paid to be considered a member of the group. By paying a library membership fee, staff at the libraries may attend the monthly meetings and engage in decision-

making for the group. Only staff from member libraries may be officers of the organization.

## DALINC Conference Presenter Form

### Webinars This Week ...



You'll find 3 State Library-sponsored webinars this week, here's a summary:

**Tuesday Nov19 == Big Ideas Book Discussion** (9:30-11:00AM) with the title The Librarian's Guide to Homelessness by Ryan Dowd. Facilitated by Bonnie McKewon and Jay Peterson

**Thursday Nov21 == Library Horizons: What's New from ARSL** (10:30-11:30AM)  
This is a recap of Iowa attendees' favorite sessions from the 2019 ARSL Conference in Vermont. Facilitated by Becky Heil. **Registration still open...**

**Thursday Nov21 == Check It Out: New Books For Ages 0-18** (1:00-2:00PM)  
Booktalks of new titles for children and teens with Youth Services Consultant Angie Manfredi. **Registration still open...**

Register Today!



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