



October 2020

FALL into our monthly chat!



Since libraries have been expanding services and opening times, it's been hard to find time to get together virtually and discuss lessons learned and common issues. But after a great August session, Angie decided to start hosting monthly **Pop YS Pop-Ins** for youth librarians to have a chance to chat with other librarians across the state.

Ready to talk about everything you have planned for the fall? Want to discuss how you're handling re-opening, where to put the toys, what you're actually circulating, and what programs you're building? Have ANYthing you want to discuss with other youth services librarians? POP-IN to one of these monthly sessions. Can't stay the whole hour? It's OK! Miss this month? It's fine, try next month! **Sessions are held the third Monday of the month from 2:00-3:00.** They are not for CE

and will not be recorded.

- **Monday, October 19**
October Pop YS Pop-In
2:00-3:00

If you have questions, comments, or suggestions about the Pop-Ins or any other topics or get-togethers that might be useful, please [email Angie!](#)

Join Angie at Pop YS Pop-Ins by clicking the link below about 5 minutes before the session is set to start.

[Angie's Zoom Room](#)

October Continuing Education Opportunities



Pop YS Live

Tuesday, October 13th, 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Join us for a POP of continuing education! Pop YS usually happens on the third Thursday of the month, but October's session is early so you can attend the Iowa Library Association online conference.

iREAD Summer 2021 Preview

Join Diane Foote, Executive Director, Illinois Library Association and Angie to learn more about iREAD and Reading Colors Your World, the 2021 summer library theme. They will highlight the advantages of the iREAD program and give you a first look at the 2021 Resource Guide, which provides the art, programming ideas and more. This session is an intro to the material and how to access it, additional in-depth training will follow in the next few months.

[Register for Pop YS in IA Learns](#)

(If you have trouble getting the session to pull up, try refreshing your browser or you can search for it in IA Learns.)



YACHT Club Discussion

Tuesday, October 27th, 10:00-11:00 AM

Set sail with Youth Services Consultant Angie Manfredi on the latest CE opportunity from the State Library. Once a month the **YACHT Club (Young Adult/Children's Hot Topics) Discussion** will meet to chat about articles, a podcast episode, blog posts, or some other accessible-to-all youth services professional development resource. Participants will read/listen to/watch the resources, then we'll get together to discuss them and how they can apply to our work as Children & Youth Librarians in Iowa. The topic for October is **Social Emotional Learning for Tweens/Teens**.

This month's assignment is available as an attachment in IA Learns and you'll be able to access them once you register. To ensure a productive discussion for everyone, sessions are limited to 40 people and you must have a microphone to participate. Sessions will not be recorded. While any library staff can attend, the topics will be focused on youth services, so we'd love to see a great turn out from our youth services specialists. Since space is limited and sessions are not recorded, please only register if you are able to attend live. Also because you must review the resources in advance of our session, registration closes 10/23/2020.

All aboard!

[Register for YACHT Club in IA Learns](#)

(If you have trouble getting the session to pull up, try refreshing your browser or you can search for it in IA Learns.)

YS Coronavirus Resources Page

**Now all the youth services
Coronavirus resources are located in
one central place!**



Find links to all our resources on our Coronavirus Resources Page. This includes everything from the COVID-19 Programming Idea Swap to relevant webinars and information sessions you might have missed about socially distancing programming, reader's advisory and more. New information and new recordings will be added to this page as they are created, so you can have one bookmark for all your

youth services resources. You might even find unexpected usefulness in some you missed, like watching the webinars we recorded with librarians discussing summer reading to inspire you for winter and fall programs!

If there's something you think would be helpful to be included on this page or added to one of the documents like the Programming Idea Swap, please [email Angie](#). Update your bookmarks and visit often!

Youth Services Coronavirus Resources Page

Soliciting Ideas for 2021 Youth Services Continuing Education

As Angie heads into the planning season for 2021 she is looking to hear from you!

What kind of continuing education supports would be the most helpful for you? Would you like to see Check It Out! (the collection development series) return? What other monthly reoccurring sessions would be helpful in your work? Do you love Pop YS? Have ideas for how it could be better? What other courses would help keep you informed AND get you excited about doing youth services work? Of course so much of what we're dealing with in our current situation is adjusting to not being able to plan as we traditionally have, so much can change and many sessions may have to become entirely online but Angie would love your feedback and thoughts about what would be the easiest and most useful for you as we head into 2021. LOTS of fun stuff is already planned, but hearing directly from you is one of the best ways to make sure the youth services continuing education classes and other supports are the most relevant and interesting!

Angie wants to hear from you! Send your great ideas, half-thought-out ideas, and any other suggestions or comments to her via e-mail as she develops material for 2021.



Contact Angie

Collection Development Resource



Since collection development is always a frequent request for training, Angie wanted to create a resource that could be constantly changing and useful for a variety of purposes. After trying several different free services and websites, she decided to create a [Wakelet](#) page. This is a page that will allow her to create several different "boards" spotlighting reader's advisory lists for a wide range of topics. New books and lists can be added as needed or even requested! You can use these lists for quick collection development or even share them directly with your own patrons to see what they might be interested in.

[Visit the State Library of Iowa on Wakelet](#)

- [Shivers and Shudders: Scary Middle Grade Books](#)
- [After Hogwarts: Fantasy for fans of Harry Potter](#)
- [Early Chapter Books with BIPOC Characters](#)
- [What to Read After *Diary of A Wimpy Kid* and *Dork Diaries*](#)
- [Picture Books for Opening BIG Conversations](#)
- [Young Adult Short Story Collections](#)

If you find a new book that you love, have questions, comments, or suggestions about other lists and collections that would be useful or want to share any feedback about this resource, please [email Angie](#), she would love to hear all kinds of feedback from you about this as she moves forward. Your ideas and needs will power these collections, so any feedback of any kind is welcomed!

Can't Miss Professional Development



There are so many great webinars, videos, blog posts, and online programming examples being created it's hard to keep up! Here's a curated list from Angie with some she thinks can be the most useful.

- The fantastic [KidLitTV](#) (which already has tons and tons of videos from creators that you can share/use in programming) debuted [their page for Great Reads from Great Places for the National Book Festival](#). You can see and share all the videos they made as a way to get your patrons reading across the country. And, of course, don't forget to boost the [super-cute and super-cool video](#) featuring our 2020 selection: *Amazing Iowa Women* by Dr. Katy Swalwell.
- [School Library Journal's Day of Dialog](#) is one of the most talked about events of the year and this year it's online and free!! There's an amazing slate of programs and creators participating and it's always a great day full of speakers that get you thinking. And there are even virtual exhibits. It's October 15th, the same day as the Iowa Library Association conference but you can register and get access to view the recordings through December 15th.
- [School Library Journal Summit: Culture Shift](#) is yet another absolutely incredible event from *School Library Journal* that is now online and totally free! This one is on Saturday, October 24th and not only is it another incredible line-up (I am super excited about the keynotes) but they're doing a sneak peek at School Library Journal's Best Books of 2020 so that will be awesome. This one will also be archived for three months.
- The American Library Association is offering a free webinar on Thursday, October 22 on [The American Indian Youth Literature Awards: Discussion and Reflection](#). These are one of my favorite ALA Awards and this presentation is going to be awesome it's a great way to get collection development ideas from Indigenous librarians about the best books by Native creators.
- For those of you that love webinars with illustrators and getting glimpses into their studios and creative processes (one of my favorite things, we've gotten to see so much of artists at work!) the Ezra Jack

Keats Foundation is having a free webinar on October 21st at 12pm EST: [Latinx Kid Lit: Meet the Makers](#), featuring Zeke Peña, Bianca Diaz and Juana Martinez-Neal with studio tours and stories about their creative processes. Registration open now!

- Do you love my personal and goofy icon when she pops up in these newsletters? Of course you do! For those that don't know, she's a Bitmoji and you can make your own to put into newsletters or even to use in online spaces you're creating. [Get familiar with Bitmoji](#) at their site! (and feel free to send me an email featuring yours if you decide to use one for your library!)
- [Voting is now open for the Children's and Teen Choice Book Awards](#), the ONLY national awards voted on entirely by children and teens. Voting runs through November 15th and they have a whole bunch of media tools and ways you can promote voting, like sharing videos and posts from the creators and downloadable ballots and badges. This is part of [Children's Book Week](#), the fall celebration is held November 9-15 and they have tons of fun stuff: free posters, super-cool bookmarks, coloring pages and more. Start planning for November now!

What professional development have you been loving? Are there specific resources you're looking for? Angie loves finding and rounding up resources, so she'd love to hear from you about what you're loving or what you need! Drop your questions and your favorites in [an email to Angie](#) to be featured in the next round-up.



Remember: you're doing amazing.

You are wonderful and fantastic and doing great things for your community. Remember, also, that **you matter**. Rest and take breaks when you need to and don't pressure yourself to do and be everything. You and your work are enough. You are making a huge contribution to your entire community. All of Iowa is thankful. **I believe in you** and I am so grateful to you for ALL your hard work. YOU GOT THIS! -Angie

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