

Monday Morning Eye-Opener November 16, 2020

Having trouble viewing this email? [View it as a Web page.](#)

MONDAY MORNING EYE-OPENER

FROM THE STATE LIBRARY OF IOWA



November 16, 2020

All Iowa Reads Titles For 2021 Revealed



The **2021 All Iowa Reads** (AIR) titles were announced last week. And for the second year, the selections were announced on Iowa Public Radio's *Talk of Iowa*. IPR host Charity Nebbe was joined by State Library staff Angie Manfredi and Jillian Rutledge with Waterloo Public Library who introduced each of the three choices:

Little Faith by Nickolas Butler is the 2021 adult title. From Good Reads *"In this moving new novel from celebrated author Nickolas Butler, a Wisconsin family grapples with the power and limitations of faith when one of their own falls under the influence of a radical church...Set over the course of one year and beautifully evoking the change of seasons, Little Faith is a powerful and deeply affecting intergenerational novel about family and community, the ways in which belief is both formed and shaken, and the lengths we go to protect our own."*

Patron Saints of Nothing by Randy Ribay is the teen title. From Amazon: *"a powerful coming-of-age story about grief, guilt, and the risks a Filipino-American teenager takes to uncover the truth about his cousin's murder. [when Jay Requero] discovers that his Filipino cousin Jun was murdered as part of President Duterte's war on drugs, and no one in the family wants to talk about what happened, Jay travels to the Philippines to find out the real story. As gripping as it is lyrical, Patron Saints of Nothing is a page-turning portrayal of the struggle to reconcile faith, family, and immigrant identity..."*



And Pie in the Sky by Remy Lai is the book for kids, suggested ages 8-12. Chosen



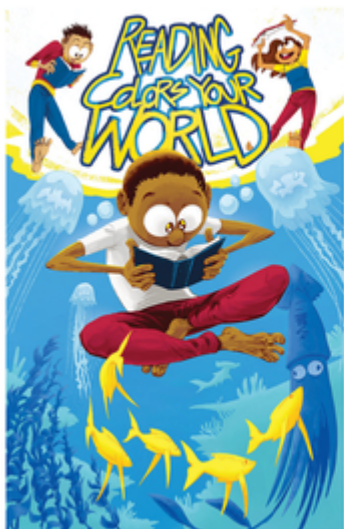
by *Parents Magazine* and NPR as the Best Kids Book of the Year in 2019, here's more from Amazon "...In her hilarious, moving middle-grade debut, Remy Lai delivers a scrumptious combination of vibrant graphic art and pitch-perfect writing. When Jingwen moves to a new country, he feels like he's landed on Mars. School is torture, making friends is impossible since he doesn't speak English, and he's often stuck looking

after his (extremely irritating) little brother Yanghao.

To distract himself from the loneliness, Jingwen daydreams about making all the cakes on the menu of *Pie in the Sky*, the bakery his father had planned to open before he unexpectedly passed away. The only problem is his mother has laid down one major rule: the brothers are not to use the oven while she's at work. As Jingwen and Yanghao bake elaborate cakes, they'll have to cook up elaborate excuses to keep the cake making a secret from Mama..."

The State Library will soon have multiple copies of all three **AIR titles** to lend for local book discussions. In the meantime, your library can reserve copies for January book groups--note January is the earliest we can accommodate reservations for the multiple copies. Stay tuned to the [Iowa Center for the Book](#) for more announcements and make plans to use all three of the **All Iowa Reads** books @ your library in the new year!

iREAD Summer 2021



Resource Guide Available To Download

It's nearly Thanksgiving, so thoughts of summer programming might not be uppermost right now. But this is timely news: for the **2021 Summer Library Program**, every Iowa public library will be given access to download the **iREAD** resource guide from the **iREAD** website. As you know, **iREAD** is the new vendor

behind the State Library's support of summer programming, beginning next year when the theme will be **"Reading Colors Your World."**

Please Note: access instructions for the resource guide are expected to be emailed to **library directors today--November 16**. Each library may redeem their code ONE TIME to download the resource guide.

Youth Services Consultant Angie Manfredi explains: *"Once your library has your code, you can redeem it at any time and will then have immediate access to the 2021 resource guide. From there, you and your library can do whatever best suits your needs—save it to a thumb drive, store it on a shared drive for multiple staff to access, print it if you like (but it is lengthy)*

*Youth librarians, please consult with your director today about who will be responsible for the single download for your library. **Please let your directors know to keep an eye on their email today for detailed instructions.** By this time next year, everyone will be saying 'I can't believe we EVER got the manuals mailed to us in 3-ring binders or on USB drives, downloading is the only way to go!' Stay tuned for more training opportunities, including webinars and online hangouts where we will explore the resource guide and start brainstorming together! "*

In addition to the download instructions, there's also a video to walk you through the download process. Angie Manfredi is standing by today to take questions (angie.manfredi@iowa.gov) along with District staff (<https://www.statelibraryofiowa.org/contact-us/dist-offices>)

ILOC Conference January 21, 2021

Save The Date!

Planning is underway for our annual **ILOC conference**, coming on **January 21, 2021**.

ILOC stands for **Innovative Libraries Online**

Conference, an annual all-day virtual event, still

going strong after 10 years. So today this article urging you to save the date and to consider joining the conference as a speaker.



The 2021 theme will be **"Libraries Are For Everyone: Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion in Action in Iowa Libraries."** The 2021 **ILOC Conference** will give librarians practical ideas and examples of how to bring diverse voices to the table and create library spaces that are welcoming to all. From building balanced collections on opposing viewpoints to planning more diverse programming, we're looking for sessions that will speak to a theme of equity and inclusion.

In keeping with this theme, here are some ideas to spark your thinking about possible topics—with you or someone you know as a speaker!

- Recruiting diverse speakers for programs
- Library services now & in the future (service beyond the pandemic)

- Providing bilingual services
- Serving immigrant populations
- Addressing building accessibility
- Hiring practices and board recruitment

A **"Call for Presenters"** form is ready and accessible at the button below. Interested speakers must submit their proposal by **November 30**; selected speakers will be notified by **December 7**.

Additional Information

- Presentations need to be **45 minutes in length, which** allows time for introductions and Q&A during the session. Presentations may be done solo or as a panel; however we recommend that no more than three people participate in any one panel.
- Presentations should be adaptable for use in libraries of all sizes
- If accepted, proposals will need to be presented online in a ZOOM Room; using PowerPoint, Prezi, or similar presentation software is required. Presenters have access to ZOOM's "Share My Desktop" feature which enables sharing a website or Word document in addition to their slides.
- An online dress rehearsal will be required of everyone selected as presenters. Dress rehearsals will be arranged by the ILOC Team member assigned to you.
- Presenters must agree to be available the entire day of January 21, 2021, have good Internet and computer connectivity, have a headset with microphone, and ideally have access to quiet space within an office or study room.
- Presenters receive no compensation for speaking, but they will receive 2 CE credits for each presentation given.

ILOC 2021 Call For Presenters

This Week and Next ...

A PLA Survey

This message is from our partners at the Public Library Association. **If your library received an email from PLA recently regarding the 2020 Public Library Technology Survey, we urge you to complete that survey.** Selected libraries that have been invited to participate should have already received two letters and several emails, along with a direct link to access the survey.



Here's the back story: the most recent national data available regarding public libraries' technology infrastructure dates back to the Digital Inclusion Survey from 2014. For a look at where public libraries stand today, PLA is collaborating with the American Institute for Research to conduct the **2020 Public Library Technology Survey**. This survey gathers information about the public access technology infrastructure, technology-related programming, and technology-related funding streams—including E-rate. PLA hopes to get representative data on hotspot lending, recent technology upgrades, emerging technology, and how libraries prioritize network security.

PLA will share the results widely and participating libraries will receive a personalized report. **So if your library was among the invited** 😊 the State Library urges you to take some time to complete that survey as PLA is looking at a **November 20th deadline** and they are lagging behind in responses. Every completion will be much appreciated. We can't send the survey link, but we can send our thanks!

Thanksgiving Holiday

Speaking of thanks ... next week is the **Thanksgiving Holiday**. State agencies learned last Friday that Governor Reynolds has authorized two extra holidays for state employees this year: November 25 and December 24! The Governor's action is an expression of her thanks to state workers for providing valuable government assistance to Iowans during this pandemic year.

Which means that the State Library will be closed next week **November 25-27**, offices open again on Monday November 30. **Monday Morning Eye-Opener** takes a holiday as well, look for the next issue on December 7th.

**From all of us at the State Library of Iowa,
Happy Thanksgiving!**



Monday Morning Eye-Opener

Editor: [Bonnie McKewon](#)



1112 East Grand Avenue
Des Moines, Iowa 50319



Stay Connected with the [State Library of Iowa](#):



[Manage Subscriptions](#) [Help](#)



Subscribe to updates from State of Iowa

Share Bulletin



Powered by



[Privacy Policy](#) | [Cookie Statement](#) | [Help](#)