



March 2021

Summer Programming Virtual Roundtables



Are you looking for a chance to talk youth services programming for summer 2021? Need some ideas and want to share what you're planning with other librarians working in similar sized libraries? Want to brainstorm new ideas for a colorful, fun summer outside? We're hosting virtual roundtables to give you the chance to gab! Come to this program idea swap where you will have a chance to share with other librarians from across the state. After a brief overview about programming and a handful of ideas for a wide variety of age groups from Angie, you'll spend the majority of the session in breakout rooms with other librarians, leading the discussion on your own, so bring plenty of ideas and questions! The sessions are broken down by

library size, so attend the one you think will bring you the best ideas and discussions.

- **Programming Roundtable for A, B, C Sized Libraries**

Tuesday, April 13

10:00-12:00

- **Programming Roundtable for D+ Sized Libraries**

Tuesday, April 13

1:00-3:00

The discussion portions will not be recorded, so if you want in on the conversation, make sure you join us live. You'll need a working mic to attend this session and it's recommended you take some time to review the iREAD Resource Guide ahead of time. If you have questions or suggestions, [send Angie an email](#).

[Register for Color Your World Idea Swap for A, B, C Sized Libraries](#)

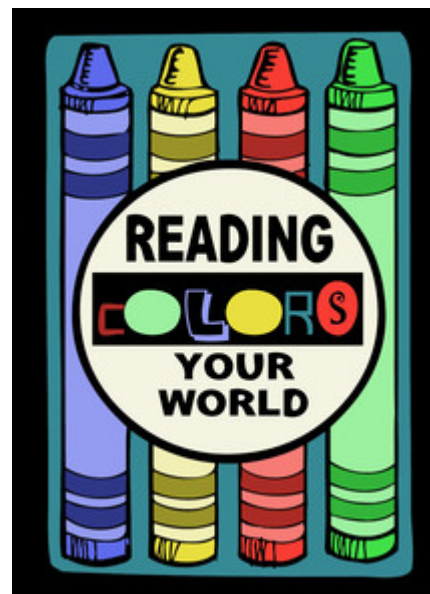
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More Summer Programming Ideas

Want ideas from other states about programming for summer 2021? Many other states are doing the Reading Colors Your World theme and several have hosted their own summer programming showcases. These are **awesome** webinars featuring in practice librarians from libraries of all sizes and all over the country talking about their summer plans. They are SO FULL of great ideas! There are ideas for decorating, books to share,

and tons of programs for all ages and libraries of all sizes. Angie recommends watching all of them!

- [Summer Showcase from the Alaska State Library](#)
- [Programming Showcase from the California Library Association](#)
- [Making Your Summer Cheerful and Bright session from the Illinois Heartland Library System and the Illinois Library Association's](#)



Get an Iowa PBS Kids Library Kit



It only takes a little to be BIG! The reimagined animated series Clifford the Big Red Dog is the focus of this year's Iowa PBS KIDS library kit. **We are excited to offer this for free to your library.**

The *Clifford the Big Red Dog* story time and screening kit is available for free for any interested library in Iowa. **The kit will include a variety of items, including a book to read during story time as well as activity guides and promotional materials related to the program. The physical items will be for the library to keep.** We will include some digital files as well, including a link to suggested episodes of Clifford the Big Red Dog.

Based on the best-selling Scholastic book series by Norman Bridwell, the re-designed *Clifford the Big Red Dog* still features the larger-than-life dog Clifford and also offers fresh and colorful new locations. With a strong emphasis on social-emotional skills such as empathy and a solid curriculum designed to boost early literacy and encourage imaginative play, this kit will be a perfect addition to your library's summer program.

All you need to do to receive your kit is fill out a short form by March 31st and your kit will arrive by June 1. You are welcome to use the materials whenever it best meets your program schedule this summer. The kit will include all the items you need to host a fun and engaging event for the children in your community!

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Caryline Clark, Iowa PBS engagement manager, at caryline.clark@iowapbs.org or 515-725-9704.

[Click Here to Sign Up for a Iowa PBS Clifford Kit](#)

Say Hello At Our Monthly Hangouts!

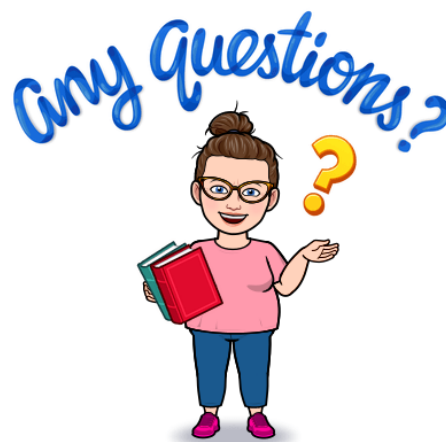
Since libraries have been expanding services and opening times, it's been hard to find time to get together virtually and discuss lessons learned and common issues. Angie decided to bring back her monthly **Pop YS Pop-Ins** for youth librarians to have a chance to chat with other librarians across the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

Ready to brainstorm about summer? Working out kinks with re-opening and want to talk to other libraries about it? 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! We're trying out a new time and date: **in 2021, sessions are held the last Monday of the month from 11:00-12:00.** They are not for CE and will not be recorded.

- **Monday, March 29**
Monthly Pop YS Pop-In
11:00-12:00

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](#)

Continuing Education Opportunities

Check It Out!

Wednesday, March 23, 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Check It Out! is a webinar series spotlighting the best new books for ages 0-18. Check It Out! gives you booktalking tips, read-alikes, collection development ideas and looks at trends in publishing and more. We always have a lot of fun and after every session both your shelves and your TBR list will be full!



[Register for Check It Out! - March](#)

Bibliodiversity at Storm Lake Public Library

Wednesday, March 31st, 10:30-11:30

At Storm Lake Public Library, the staff and trustees have made an intentional practice of bibliodiversity, including: international library sistership, hosting diverse community programs, purchasing materials in multiple languages, supporting the public school bilingual curriculum, and building state and federal partnerships. All of this has been done with generous support from the mayor & city administration. Learn how this program has developed over many years and what aspects are particularly successful at Storm Lake Public Library.



[Register for Bibliodiversity Webinar](#)

Pop YS LIVE

Thursday, April 15th, 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Pop YS is a monthly series that features a quick POP of professional development about a topic related to youth services. Topics are new every month to keep it fresh and relevant.



Summer Food Service Programming and Collaboration At Your Library

Are you looking to expand your summer programming? Your library is a welcoming and trusted community space for youth. As a valuable community resource, you can nourish kids' minds and bodies! Join in on this session with Stephanie Dross, Lead Consultant for the Summer Food Service Program and the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program with the Iowa Department of Education, to learn more about the summer food service program, including eligibility requirements, partnership opportunities, and next steps to get started. There will be time for questions. This is an amazing opportunity to provide a critical service to your community while also expanding and enhancing your summer offerings for children and families and building partnerships.

[Register for Pop YS Live - April](#)

Fresh Kernels!

Kernels is one of our new initiatives for continuing education and professional development! Kernels serves up bite-sized information on all sorts of library-related topics. An ongoing series of prerecorded videos, each installment offers an overview of a program, service, or library methodology applied in a public library setting. They feature practicing librarians talking about what they're up to, so others can benefit and apply the idea in their library.

We have three new videos up in March, two with a great youth service focus about frequently asked questions/topics! New this month is [Cassi from Solon Public Library telling us all about ukulele storytimes](#) and [Phyllis from Newton discussing Storywalks](#).



You can also check out ALL the Kernels already posted. Please let us know any feedback and thoughts on what you'd like to see in future episodes and especially if **you** have something YOU'D like to talk about in a Kernels of your own!

[Kernels Quick Learning](#)

YOU MADE IT ONE WHOLE YEAR. YOU ARE TRULY AMAZING!!!!!!

Seems hard to believe it's been a year since all our library lives shifted and we started learning and adapting. I want to take a moment to say THANK YOU to every single one of you. Your work, tenacity, innovation, and dedication constantly humbled and inspired me. I loved learning with you and supporting you over the past year and you constantly reminded me WHY I love being a librarian. I want each of you to know that what you did, however small it felt, made a difference in your community. You should be so proud of everything you accomplished. I also hope you will each remember that **you matter**. Rest and take breaks when you need to, we are still in the marathon even as we get closer to the finish, and your health and well-being matters more



than ever. Don't pressure yourself to do and be everything. Know that you and your work are enough. You are making a huge contribution to your entire community. All of Iowa is thankful and I, personally, felt so lucky to be your colleague this past year. You were well and truly stars! Thank you for letting me help you this past year, it was truly an honor. As always know that **I believe in you** and I am so grateful to you for ALL your hard work. YOU GOT THIS! - Angie

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