

# Monday Morning Eye-Opener June 14, 2021

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FROM THE STATE LIBRARY OF IOWA



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## Bridge to Reading Picture Book Winner



**WINNER  
2021**

### [The Yawns Are Coming!](#)

The Youth Services Subdivision of the Iowa Library Association recently announced the 2021 winner of the **Bridge to Reading Picture Book**. This year's winner is [The Yawns Are Coming](#) by Christopher Eliopoulos (Dial Books c2020) The

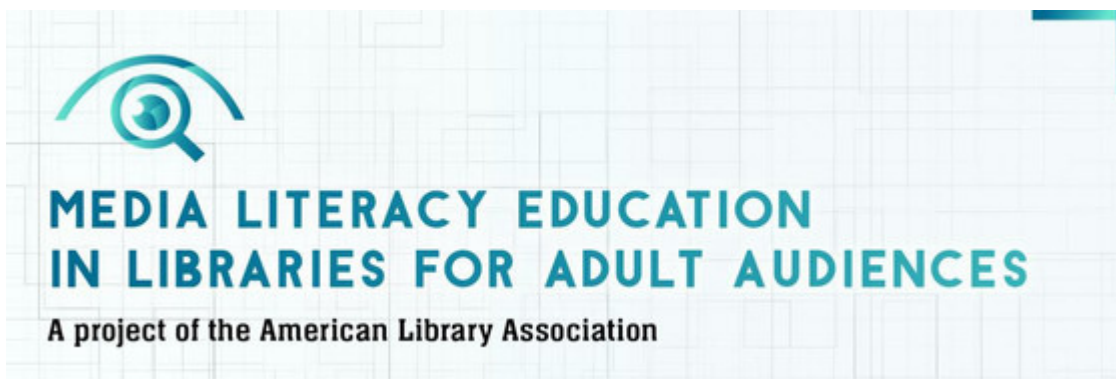
voting process included over 3,000 kindergarten, preschool, and daycare children who voted for their favorite picture book; voting took place February 1--April 30.

Here's a sneak peek at the book in this review from Amazon: *"Kids will be giggling through their own yawns as they enjoy this contagiously adorable bedtime story. Two best friends have big plans for their sleepover. They aren't going to go to bed at all--they'll stay up playing all night long. But then it happens: the YAWNS show up! And as much as they try to outrun and hide from them, it's no use, the YAWNS catch them. Maybe they could keep going anyway, but then a DOZE arrives, followed by the dreaded SNORES. Will our heroes escape the SLEEPIES?"*

The purpose of the **Bridge to Reading Picture Book Award** is to promote early literacy and reading to children through the introduction of quality picture books nominated by a committee of librarians, teachers, preschool, and early literacy leaders. The award book is based on characteristics of a good "read aloud." This program engages children in developing a lifelong love of books and reading.

The **Bridge to Reading Committee** wishes to thank all of the teachers, librarians, parents, and caregivers who read to their children and helped them vote, which makes this initiative successful each year. First, buy a copy for your own collection! Then visit the project website to find activity sheets, posters, printables, and lots more information.

[Bridge to Reading](#)



## Adult Programming Opportunity

This discovery is thanks to Maryann Mori, Consultant with the Central District Office. The American Library Association has partnered with a team of librarians and media literacy experts to create a free set of resources for library programming. With these resources, your library can offer programming surrounding adult media literacy.

The project is titled *Media Literacy Education in Libraries for Adult Audiences*, a 16-month project coordinated by ALA and funded by a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) Here's a sample of what's available from ALA's website:

- **READ** *"Taking on Fake News: What to Say When Patrons Repeat Things That Just Aren't True."*
- **WATCH** *"Misinformation & Disinformation"* Recorded Feb2021
- **READ** *"Program Ideas for Media Creation and Engagement at Your Library"*
- **WATCH** *"Meeting Patrons Where They Are"* Recorded Jan2021

Find a free booklet to download titled *"Media Literacy in the Library: A Guide for Library Practitioners"* and much more material at the button below.

[ALA & Media Literacy Materials](#)

## ARPA Grant Update



State Library staff are happy to report that last week ended with 100 public libraries across the state having submitted an ARPA Grant. As noted in previous issues of the *Eye-Opener*, public libraries meeting standards at Tier levels 1,2, or 3 are encouraged to apply for an ARPA grant in an amount up to \$5,000.00. **Applications are due by July 2**

This funding is provided to the State Library through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) administered by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) These are non-competitive grants and will be handled as a reimbursement; meaning that library-city budgets will need to pay for any of the allowable purchases and the ARPA grant funding will then provide reimbursement.

## Allowable Purchases

The State Library has prepared a list of allowable purchases, following national priorities set by IMLS. Priorities include materials or technology to support (a) digital inclusion efforts (b) education, community health and wellness projects or (c) workforce development needs. Grants can also be used as a continued response to the pandemic and to implement public health protocols.

## Requests Coming In

Among allowable purchases: laptops, tablets, hotspots, routers, meeting room equipment such as PA systems, digital TVs, projectors, and much more. Among the 100 applications received so far, updating meeting room equipment and designing outdoor spaces are the trending projects! Here's a brief list of other things that Iowa libraries are planning to purchase:

- **Storywalk materials & equipment**
- **Wireless printers and scanners**
- **Color copiers**
- **New laptops / Chromebooks / iPads**
- **Security cameras**
- **Titles for OverDrive Advantage collections**
- **Self check-out stations**
- **Permanent plexiglass screens for public service desks**
- **Air purifiers**

So today's message: there's still time! To review the grant timeline, the list of allowable purchases, and a helpful FAQ page, click the button below, which also links to the grant application itself. Contact your [District Consultant](#) to discuss the grants or brainstorm ideas on how your library could spend the grant funding. If questions about whether an item might be an allowable expense that is not included on the possible purchase list, contact [Nancy Medema](#).

[Apply Now For An ARPA Grant](#)

## This Week ...



### San Jose Mini Conference June 17

Still time to register for a half-day webinar titled "Reinventing Libraries for a Post-COVID World." Sponsored by San Jose State University, this event takes place this **Thursday June 17 from 2:00-5:00PM** central time and is entirely free. Here's more from the webinar planners:

*"In the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, librarians have been faced with all manner of challenges as they have worked to bring service, resources, and events into the virtual realm."*

*Not surprisingly, library staff have not only met this challenge but thrived in bringing dynamic digital content and exciting online programming like virtual book clubs, gaming tournaments, and even makerspace activities to their patrons. Join this mini-conference to hear how librarians have adapted and evolved their service offerings for a post COVID world."*

This program represents the second such mini-conference under the sponsorship of San Jose State University. This 3-hour event begins with a keynote panel, followed by an assortment of 30-minute breakout session, and closing with a 30-minute keynote presentation. The webinar will also be recorded, attendees do need to pre-register in order to receive the room links and/or to access the recording afterwards.

[Register Here](#)



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