



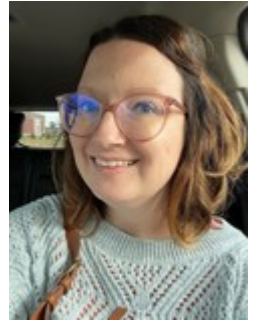
September 2021

New Youth Services Consultant Hired

Tegan Beese to Join the State Library

We are excited to announce Tegan Beese has accepted the position of Youth Services Consultant at the State Library. Her start date is September 21. She comes to us from the Ankeny Public Library, and before that, the Lake Villa District Library in Illinois.

Please join us in welcoming Tegan!



PopYS Live Returns!



YS CE Events Resume Next Week

After a summer hiatus, we're pleased to announce that Pop YS Live will make its return next week. We have some great programs lined up from now through the end of the year, so be sure to save that "third-Thursday 1 p.m. slot!" Here's this month's session.

Big Program Ideas for Small Budgets

Thursday | September 16 | 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Join Chelsea Price, Meservey (IA) Public Library, as she shares some big programming ideas for the smallest of budgets. You'll hear lots about passive and active Covid-safe programs for libraries of all sizes. When you're a solo librarian, or have only a few staff or volunteers to rely on (with a tiny budget to match) you've got to make the most of everything. With creativity, flexibility, and heart, you can be the anchor your community needs, offering programming that engages people of all ages and backgrounds. The special session of Pop YS Live will focus on low-budget programs for children and youth.

We realize this conflicts with a Brainfuse HelpNow session; we will record both, so you can decide which to attend live and which to watch recorded!

[Register for PopYS Live in IA Learns Today!](#)

Summer Library Program Announcements

iREAD selected to provide theme, resources, support for 2022

The State Library of Iowa will be providing the iRead Reading Program for the 2022 Summer Library Program. The theme for 2022 is *Read Beyond the Beaten Path*.

The broad motif of “summer camp at the library” can encompass a world of different summer experiences: from outdoor activities such as hiking, campfires, stories, and s’mores to nature programs, arts and crafts, music, and so much more!

iREAD® summer reading programming is developed by librarians for librarians and features activities, graphics, crafts, reading lists, incentives, and much more for children, teens, and adults.



[Learn More About iREAD](#)

2021 Survey Coming

Coming soon: the State Library will be sending out a survey for you to tell us about your Summer 2021 programming and give us your thoughts on the first year of iREAD. The survey invitation will go to all Public Library Directors with instructions that they should work with the appropriate point person/people for all things Summer!

We greatly appreciate your prompt responses once the survey is sent out, which will help us identify ways to improve the program for you!



Reminder: Brainfuse Frontline Staff Training

Come learn all about this resource from the State Library designed to help your school-age patrons!

Brainfuse's HelpNow training webinar for Front Line Staff will cover all features available to patrons of Iowa Libraries. This includes live tutoring services; asynchronous tutoring features such as the Writing Lab and Send Question Center; the SkillSurfer online content library; and other academic, interactive tools to assist your users with their learning needs. We will also demonstrate Brainfuse's account features, available to patrons who elect to register an optional, free Brainfuse HelpNow account when accessing the services. Time will be allotted at the end of the demonstration for audience questions.

At the end of this webinar, library staff will feel equipped to talk about Brainfuse HelpNow with their patrons, support learners using HelpNow, and know who to contact if they don't know the answer to something.

[Register for a HelpNow Training](#)

State Library of Iowa Youth Services

Youth Services Consultant: Tegan Beese (start date September 21)

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