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# All Iowa Reads Titles For 2022

### **Announced on Iowa Public Radio**

Just last week, the *All Iowa Reads* titles for 2022 were announced on Iowa Public Radio's *Talk of Iowa* program. Program host Charity Nebbe was joined by Jillian Rutledge with Waterloo Public Library to announce the title for adults. And Tegan Beese, State Library Youth Services consultant, was there to announce the titles for teens and children.



Again in 2022, the State Library will provide multiple copies of all three titles for local libraries to borrow for book discussions throughout the year. Here's a look at the books chosen for the *All lowa Reads* program in the new year:

### **Adult Title**

The Butterfly Effect by Rachel Mans McKenny. "The tale of a grumpy introvert, her astonishing lack of social skills, and empirical data-driven approach to people and relationships. The Butterfly Effect is an unconventional tale of self-discovery, navigating relationships, and how sometimes it takes stepping outside of our comfort zone to find what we need the most." [Penquin Random House]

#### **Teen Title**

What I Carry by Jennifer Longo. "... Muriel, a self-described 'foundling' approaching her 18th birthday in the foster-care system, has become an expert at moving because she's bounced around to nearly two dozen foster homes. With her emancipation from the system on the horizon, Muriel just needs to keep herself out of trouble until her birthday.

But when her home city of Seattle can't place her anywhere, Muriel is shipped off to a remote island in the Puget Sound, where she finds people who complicate, and may heal, her personal philosophy against attachments. And she may find a home at last." [Bustle]

#### Children's Title

The Lonely Heart of Maybelle Lane by Kate O'Shaughnessy. "Learning that Maybelle's dad, a radio DJ whom she's never met, will be judging a singing contest in Nashville, she enters. But Maybelle suffers from anxiety and a fear of singing, so she must dig deep to find the courage to perform. Lyrical and full of heart, this road trip story gets to the core of what it means to create family, to be brave, and to accept the flaws of being human." [Publishers Weekly]

### **About All Iowa Reads**

Since 2003, the All Iowa Reads program has fostered a sense of unity through reading across the state. Iowans are encouraged to come together in their communities to read and talk about a single book title in the same year. In 2017, children and teen titles were added to include younger Iowans in the program. More information and resources for the 2022 All Iowa Reads program, including book discussion questions and more, will be available on the Iowa Center for the Book website soon.

Visit Iowa Center for the Book

# JobNow / VetNow Classes



### This Week and Next

There is still time to catch a couple more Brainfuse classes this week and next. C.E. Consultant Samantha Bouwers has more: "the State Library saw such a good response to the "Frontline Staff Training for HelpNow," that we decided to offer some additional sessions specific to JobNow & VetNow from Brainfuse.

Register today for one of two webinars, each covering all the features available to patrons of Iowa public libraries.

This training includes demonstrations of JobNow's Live Career Help and VetNow's Veterans' Assistance services. Demos will also include a look at asynchronous expert help services like the **Resume Lab** and **Send Question** center, along with the variety of resources available to job seekers and veterans' programs, including information about veterans' healthcare, housing, education, and more..."

There are two training dates and times available; you only need to attend one. The training will be recorded and available to watch for those who cannot attend live. Click the button below to register inside IALearns

November 8th @ 1:30-2:30PM / November 16 @ 10:30-11:30AM

Register in IA Learns

# Early Literacy Calendar For 2022

### **Download from PLA**

The Public Library Association has just released its **2022 Early Literacy Calendar**. Costing \$30.00 through the ALA Online Store (lesser cost for ALA/PLA members) the **Early Literacy Calendar** promotes opportunities for library youth staff and patrons alike to take part in literacy activities all year long.



More from PLA: "Based on the Every Child Ready to Read practices of reading, writing, singing, talking,

playing (and now counting) each download contains twelve months of learning activities, book lists, nursery rhymes, and more. On one side is a calendar with a fun skills-building activity for each day. On the flip side, supplementary content like nursery rhymes, early literacy tips, song lyrics, or suggested reading material.."

The calendar pages are also customizable with each containing a designated spot to add your library's logo and contact information. This calendar is available for purchase through the <u>ALA Online Store</u>, where you'll also find Every Child Ready to Read brochures in bundles of 100 to distribute to families. Learn more about the *Every Child Ready to Read* project at the button below

Visit Every Child Ready to Read

# Holiday This Week ... Plus ...



### Final Three Virtual Author Talks Conclude All Iowa Reads 2021

The last three virtual author talks for 2021 are quickly approaching. Each author for the adult, teen, and children's title has one final webinar scheduled before we end this year's *All lowa Reads* program. Click the dates below to register.

State Library Communications Specialist Emily Bainter has more: "Each session will feature ½ hour of conversation between the author and a moderator, followed by time for questions from the audience. Learn more about the 2021 All lowa Reads authors, their works, and their writing process. Please consider sharing the information below with your book discussion groups so we can send the 2021 authors off with a groundswell of support and appreciation from lowa readers. Fun idea to bring these unique virtual author chats to your local book clubs."

- 2021 Adult All Iowa Reads = <u>Little Faith</u> by Nickolas Butler <u>Monday November 15, 2021 at 6:00PM</u>
- 2021 Teen All Iowa Reads = <u>Patron Saints of Nothing</u> by Randy Ribay <u>Thursday December 9, 2021 at 6:00PM</u>
- 2021 Kids All Iowa Reads = <u>Pie in the Sky</u> by Remy Lai Thursday <u>December 2, 2021at 12:00noon</u>

## **Holiday This Week**

This Thursday November 11th is Veteran's Day and a state holiday.

All State Library offices will be closed on Thursday. Please leave email or voice mail messages for us, we'll reply as soon as possible.



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