



January 2022

## Pop YS Con 2022

### Save the Date!

Previously known as Kids First, be sure to save the date for Pop YS Con! This is for anyone working with youth: babies through teenagers.

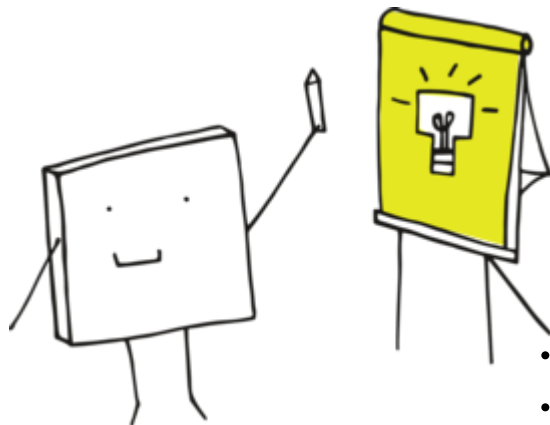
Pop YS Con will be held April 4 & 5 at the Gateway Hotel and Convention Center in Ames.

Registration will open on February 7. Links for registration are forthcoming.



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## Calling all presenters!



### Submit a proposal for Pop YS Con!

Do you have a great idea that you want to share with youth librarians across the state? Are you looking forward to connecting and learning in person? Come share with us at Pop YS Con 2022!

If you want to get involved, but aren't sure where to start, these are some topics that we think might be a hit:

- Intellectual Freedom
- Collection Development Audit
- Family Programming
- Programs that you've done in the pandemic that have taken off
- Weeding
- Teen Programming
- Books and/or programs for babies
- What you're doing for neurodiversity
- Social media engagement
- Partnerships

The form is open now! Please submit your proposal by January 31st at 4pm. After 4pm the form will close. Reach out if you have any questions!

## Books Written by Librarians!



**Not only do librarians read and recommend books, they write them too! Do you have these librarian created titles in your collection?**

*Library Lion* by Michelle Knudsen, illustrated by Kevin Hawkes

*Perez & Martina* by Pura Belpre, illustrated by Carlos Sanchez

*Lone Wolf* by Sarah Kurpiel

*Beezus & Ramona* by Beverly Cleary

*Meet the Austins* by Madeleine L'Engle

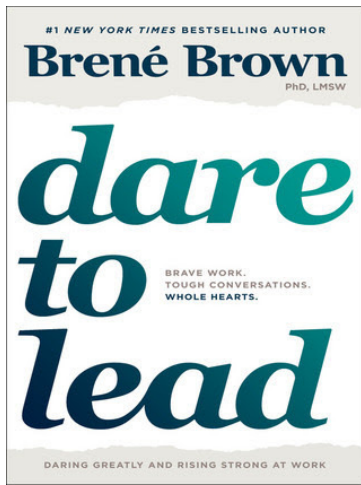
*Year of the Reaper* by Makiia Lucier

*Empress of the World* by Sara Ryan

*Spell Hacker* by M.K. England

## Upcoming Youth Services CE Opportunities

**Pop YS Book Club**



**Monday, February 21, 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

Pop YS book club will meet quarterly and read books across the youth services spectrum, including picture books, early readers, middle grade, and young adult. Leadership texts and other nonfiction will be read as well. This month we will be discussing *Dare to Lead* by Brené Brown. This text is required reading. Microphone access is also required, or participants may use a phone (cell or landline) to access audio.

[Register for Pop YS Book Club](#)

## Check It Out!

**Wednesday, February 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. Join Tegan every month for booktalks on the latest titles. Check It Out! gives you 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! This month will include January and February 2022 titles!

[Register for Check It Out!](#)



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## Resource of the Month

### Book Riot

Book Riot is the largest independent editorial book site in North America, and home to a host of media, from podcasts to newsletters to original content, all designed around diverse readers and across all genres. Contributors include authors, librarians, and book lovers.

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