



April 2020

2020 Kids First Conference Updates



Kids First Schedule is LIVE

Just in the nick of time, the schedule and session descriptions for next week's Kids First Conference are now available! We appreciate your patience as we transitioned the in-person event to a virtual environment. Some of the initial presenters had to bow out and we had to shift some session times around which caused delays in announcing the schedule.

We removed the cost for the virtual conference and thrilled that more than 350 of you will join us Monday and Tuesday for two days of learning and inspiration!

[View the 2020 Kids First Schedule](#)

Still Time to Register

Procrastinators (no shame!), there's still time to register for the virtual conference on Monday, April 6 and Tuesday, April 7. Join us for award-winning keynote speakers, breakout sessions from in-practice librarians, and a chance to network with librarians from all across Iowa while you earn Continuing Education credit. Stay the entire day or come and go to sessions as you are able. Did we mention it's FREE? Spots are filling up, so act quickly!

[Register for Kids First](#)

Save the Date: 2021 Kids First!

Mark your calendars and plan to join us April 5-6, 2021 in Ames for a redo of the Kids First in-person conference! We are pleased to be able to reschedule the event with the Gateway Conference Center venue without having to make you wait two more years. This also puts the Kids First Conference back on the odd-years biennial schedule. Look for more updates on the 2021 Kids First Conference in the future!

"Office Hours" with Angie Manfredi

New Weekly Sessions for Virtual Consulting

Youth Services Consultant Angie Manfredi will start offering open "office hours", giving you a chance every week to chat, check in, and ask questions about youth services. We'll discuss what's on your mind, exchange ideas, vent, and de-stress.

These sessions will recur every Wednesday from 11:30-12:30, beginning on Wednesday April 15th. You can join them at the link below.

Discussion Sessions on Youth Services Topics

Angie will also be hosting meetings on various youth services topics relating to COVID-19. All youth services staff and other interested parties are invited to join in these upcoming meetings to discuss timely topics during COVID-19 and library closures. There's no registration required to attend any of these meetings. They are all via Zoom; no camera is required, and you can join by phone or computer audio.

The following meetings will at least begin as one time only, but if there's interest, some may become recurring. This is a lot of meetings! Come to those that interest you the most and fit your schedule. Can't make a meeting? We'll be recording and sharing them later.

- Friday, April 10th from 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.: **Virtual Storytime Tips and Encouragement**
- Tuesday, April 14th from 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.: **Summer 2020 Options**
- Monday, April 20th from 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.: **Bridging the Digital Divide**
- Thursday, April 23rd from 11:00 a.m. - Noon: **Connecting with Teens**

If you have questions, comments, or suggestions for meeting topics or resources/services that would be useful, please [email Angie!](#)

Join Angie during her virtual office hours or at any of the focused topic sessions by clicking the link below about 5 minutes before the session is set to start. All of the meetings will use this link:

[Angie's Zoom Room](#)

Upcoming Youth Services CE Opportunities



Crisis Response Conversations Week 3: Staying Connected to your Community

Wednesday, April 8, 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Join State Library staff and participants from around the state as we talk best practices during social isolation. This week's conversation will be a discussion facilitated by Angie Manfredi and Maryann Mori on what libraries are doing to support their communities. Rhyme Time on Facebook? Conference Call Bookclub?

Come, share your ideas, and hear from other librarians around the state!

[Register for Crisis Response Conversations](#)

Pop YS Live



Thursday, May 28, 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Pop YS Live returns in May! Join us for a POP of continuing education for all things youth services. We'll shine a spotlight on something new and relevant to youth services. Some months will be dedicated entirely to collection development, some months will look at programming, and some months you'll hear directly from other librarians in Iowa about what they're up to. No matter what, attendees will leave each session with new ideas for best practices and keeping youth services fresh.

[Register for May Pop YS Live](#)

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