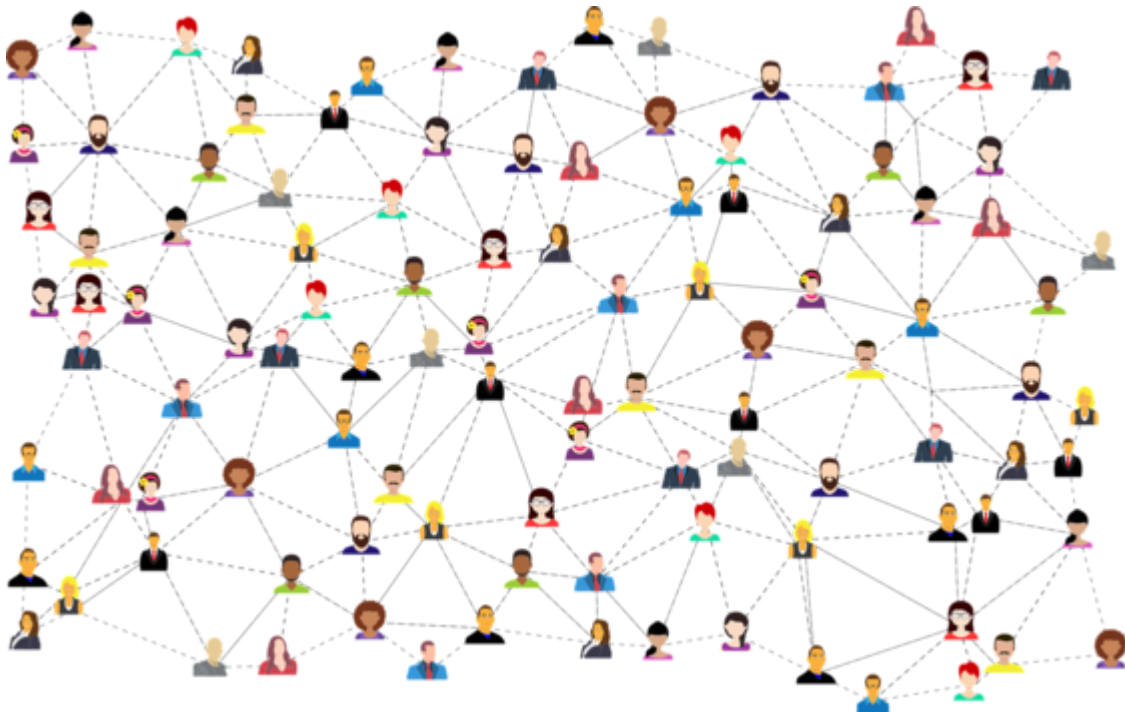




June 2020

## Youth Services Summer COVID-19 Conversations Series



### Discussion Sessions on Youth Services Topics

Due to their continued success, Angie will continue hosting meetings on various youth services topics relating to COVID-19. There was less interest in Angie's office hours, so she's transitioning this time to more of these focused discussion sessions instead. If you attended any of the previous conversation sessions, or even if you missed them, [please take this survey](#) to let us know your thoughts about the series so far.

We'll be revisiting popular topics from past sessions but with a summer themed focus. In June, we're going to have sessions by library size so that hopefully we'll have smaller groups where it's easier to share. 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. We encourage you to be at a computer that has mic access, however, because we like to hear from participants.

This is a lot of meetings! Come to those that interest you the most and fit your schedule. **These sessions are not for CE and are not recorded**, they are more "informal" times for us to get together and discuss topical, timely issues and solutions.

- Thursday, June 11  
**Virtual Storytimes Update**

10:30-11:30 (A, B, C Libraries)

1:00-2:00 (D+ Libraries)

- Monday, June 15th  
**Socially Distant/Grab & Go Programming Update**  
9:00-10:00 (A, B, C Libraries)  
2:00-3:00 (D+ Libraries)
- Thursday, June 18th  
**School Age Services (Tweens, Teens, Families) Update**  
11:00-12:00 (A, B, C Libraries)  
9:00-10:00 (D+ Libraries)
- Friday, June 19th  
**Bridging Digital Divides Update**  
10:30-11:30 (A, B, C Libraries)  
1:00-2:00 (D+ Libraries)

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

**Join Angie 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](#)

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## Upcoming & New CE Opportunities



### YACHT Club Discussion - a NEW Youth Services professional development series

Wednesday, June 24th, 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Set sail with Youth Services Consultant Angie Manfredi on the latest CE opportunity from the State Library. Once a month the **YACHT Club (Young**

**Adult/Children's Hot Topics) Discussion** will meet to chat about articles, a podcast episode, blog posts, or some other accessible-to-all youth services professional development resource. Participants will read/listen to/watch the resources, then we'll get together to discuss them and how they can apply to our work as Children & Youth Librarians in Iowa. The topic for June is **Anti-Racism Practice in Youth Services**.

You'll receive each month's assignment once you register. To ensure a productive discussion for everyone, sessions are limited to 30 people and you must have a microphone to participate. Sessions will not be recorded. While any library staff can attend, the topics will be focused on youth services, so we'd love to see a great turn out from our youth services specialists. Since space is limited and sessions are not recorded, please only register if you'll be able to make it live. There will be waitlist for the class, so if it's full, please sign up anyway so we can gauge interest!

Set sail!

[Register for June YACHT Club Discussion](#)



**Thursday, June 25, 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

Join us for a POP of continuing education for all things youth services! June's topic is **Socially Distant Reader's Advisory Tips**.

Not sure how to keep up with all the changes in your reader's advisory in these new socially distant times? This month at Pop YS Live we'll look at some ways you can connect with readers even at a distance. We'll discuss

online reader's advisory done through social media and other online channels as well as hear some other ways to try connecting books and readers in an era of curbside pickups and closed shelves.

Have a great example to share or a specific question you want addressed? [Send it to Angie](#) ahead of the session for a chance to have it included in the webinar or bring it to chat to ask the group.

[Register for June Pop YS Live](#)

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## YS COVID-19 Idea Swap



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### Looking for program ideas? Not sure where to begin? Visit our COVID-19 Idea Swap!

After the May series of COVID Conversations, Angie realized there needed to be one space to round up all the amazing examples of programming and outreach for kids, teens, and families that were happening all over the world. That led to the creation of the YS COVID Idea Swap. This is a living document that you are invited to contribute to! Meanwhile, Angie adds all the best and newest things she finds. That includes links to storytimes from around the globe, grab and go activity kits ideas, printables for sharing, videos for teens and families, and more. Angie is always adding new stuff and you can add your own examples to share and learn from each other. View or add to it anytime and check back often! More to come, including reader's advisory tools. If there's something you want to share but are hesitant about adding it yourself or you have ideas of what else would be helpful to be added, [email Angie](#).



## Can't-Miss Professional Development



There are so many great webinars, videos, blog posts, and online programming examples being created it's hard to keep up! Here's a curated list from Angie with some she thinks can be the most useful.

- You might be looking for **books to support and uplift your Black patrons and your communities as a whole**. Here are two of my favorites: [Black Joy Booklist for Children's and Young Adults](#) by Alia Jones from Cincinnati Public Library and [Books for Black Children](#) by Edith Campbell from Indiana State University.
- Hopefully many of you have read books by author Nic Stone. She's one of my favorites. Here's two pieces from her about **writing, reading, and sharing Black stories** I really loved and found helpful. She wrote [Don't Just Read About Racism - Read Stories About Black People Living](#) for *Cosmopolitan*. And then in *Entertainment Weekly* there's a great conversation between Nic Stone and fellow YA author Kim Johnson about [YA literature, police brutality, and the nuances of YA storytelling](#). I can't wait for Kim's book to come out next month!
- [The Brown Bookshelf](#) hosted a **KidLit Rally For Black Lives**. [The recording is now posted](#). It's two hours with some of the best creators in the field. The first hour is talking directly to kids about the current situation and the second hour is for adults, with a focus on talking to educators and caregivers. This was a really great event featuring amazing writers and speeches and it would be awesome to share. They also created a [helpful resource list](#).
- [The Healing Library](#) is a **series of kits designed to make a family's journey of healing following a trauma easier to navigate and personalize**. They are designed for libraries to create and circulate and are built around children's books, conversations, community, and caring. They've created [a special kit just about COVID-19](#). It has kid-friendly, approachable ways of discussing feelings and fears kids might have. These are free to print out and make available to caregivers in your community.
- Many of you have heard me talk about the **Whole Book Approach in storytime** as outlined by scholar and writer Megan Dowd Lambert in her book *Reading Picture Books With Children*. As you know, I'm a huge fan! I was very excited to see Megan did [a webinar for Steps to Literacy about the Whole Book Approach in storytimes](#). It's a great introduction to the concept! Steps to Literacy also sells book bundles curated by Megan for Pre K-5th grade.
- The Network for the National Library of Medicine recently hosted a **webinar on virtual wellness-themed programs for 0-6 year olds**. This included dance parties, storytimes, and programs for

parents and caregivers too. I really enjoyed it. [You can view the recording now.](#)

- The [Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art](#) is hosting **their very first online only exhibition**. It was curated by none other than Mo Willems. The theme is [Art In Place: Social Distancing in the Studio](#). Basically, the exhibition looks at works picture book artists have been creating while in isolation and while socially distancing. They also talk about their processes in creating art. It was absolutely breathtaking, inspiring, and lovely to see. It felt almost like visiting the Carle! (and you'll see they have lots of amazing resources at their site!)

***What professional development have you been loving? Are there specific resources you're looking for? Drop your questions and your favorites in [an email to Angie](#) to be featured in the next round-up.***

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