



September 2020

Pop-In And Connect!



Since libraries have been expanding services and opening times, it's been hard to find time to get together virtually and discuss lessons learned and common issues. But after a great August session, Angie decided to start hosting monthly **Pop YS Pop-Ins** for youth librarians to have a chance to chat with other librarians across the state.

Want to say hello to everyone and see how summer programming went along with chat about what you might have in store for the fall? Want to discuss how you're handling re-opening, where to put the toys, what you're actually circulating, and what programs you're building? Have ANYthing you want to discuss with other youth services librarians? POP-IN to one of these monthly sessions. Can't stay the whole hour? It's OK! Miss this month? It's fine, try next month! **Sessions are held the**

third Monday of the month from 1:00-2:00. They are not for CE and will not be recorded.

- **Monday, September 21**
September Pop YS Pop-In
2:00-3:00

If you have questions, comments, or suggestions about the Pop-Ins or any other topics or get-togethers that might be useful, please [email Angie!](#)

Join Angie at Pop YS Pop-Ins by clicking the link below about 5 minutes before the session is set to start.

[Angie's Zoom Room](#)

Learn More About iREAD 2021



Iowa has joined the iREAD for our 2021 summer learning needs! It's been wonderful to hear positive feedback from librarians across Iowa about their excitement and interest in the 2021 iREAD theme and program. I can't wait to see all the colorful and wonderful things that will happen all across the state next year! Just as a reminder: iREAD provides you with all the traditional summer learning supports you're familiar with like a full manual with program ideas and booklists for all ages and art you can use in your promotion and decoration.

I know many of you can't wait to learn more so please register now for the national iREAD webinar launching the theme and welcoming partner librarians. That's us!

- **Tuesday, September 22, 2020**
1:00-2:30 p.m.
Registration required, limited to libraries in partner states
Recording will be available afterward

Your organization is the name of your library and for "how did you hear about this webinar?" you can use "State Library communication." Your registration will be pending approval from iREAD. Also, please only register one person per library so we can get as many libraries attending as possible. Remember this session will be recorded. Continuing Education Credit is available for those who attend the national webinar.

[Register for the Webinar](#)

If you can't make it to the national webinar or it fills up, have no fear! iREAD is doing an Iowa only webinar in October to help get everyone ready to start. **Save the date on Tuesday, October 13th from 1:00-2:00.** Registration will open on Thursday, September 24th. (The date of this webinar has been moved from October 15 to accommodate the Iowa Library Association Conference.)

If you have any questions about either session or anything else about iREAD, please contact [Angie Manfredi](#) directly.

September Continuing Education Opportunities

Pop YS Live

Thursday, September 17th, 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Join us for a POP of continuing education! August's session will be extra special and include an awesome author chat!



Supporting Homeschoolers

Now, more than ever, families choosing to homeschool or do distance learning are turning to their libraries for support and guidance. How can you step up for your community and give the right answers and best supports to the adults looking to you for guidance?

We'll look at some general best practices about serving and supporting home learners, with a focus on how to help in our COVID-19 era. We'll be joined by Buffy Campbell, School Improvement Consultant and Home School Contact with the Bureau of School Improvement in the Iowa Department of Education. Ms. Campbell will answer your questions and share ideas on how you can be the best community partner possible for all your learners.

[Register for September Pop YS Live](#)



YACHT Club Discussion

Tuesday, September 22nd, 10:00-11:00 AM

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 September is **The Power of Play in the Age of COVID-19**.

You'll receive each month's assignment once you register. To ensure a productive discussion for everyone, sessions are limited to 40 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 are able to attend live. Also because you must review the resources in advance of our session, registration closes 9/18/2020.

All aboard!

[Register for September YACHT Club Discussion](#)

Remote eLearning/Homeschooling Resources for Public Library Staff



Since many of you are getting questions about remote learning and homeschooling, Angie created general information/best sites document to round up as much information as possible in one place. This is a professional development tool, not meant to be shared with your patrons. Hopefully, it will help you answer questions you get.

But! There are also great resources to share with patrons including virtual museum field trips, ways to learn about Iowa history at home complete with lesson plans, resources in Spanish, and information on homeschooling collectives. Hopefully, you can find some resources in this list that you can then share with patrons to remind them to think of the library as resource to extend and support their learning.

This list is an living document, so if you have suggestions you think would be good additions, [please contact Angie](#) know so she can add to it!

Remote eLearning/Homeschooling Resources

Collection Development Resource



Since collection development is always a frequent request for training, Angie wanted to create a resource that could be constantly changing and useful for a variety of purposes. After trying several different free services and websites, she decided to create a [Wakelet](#) page. This is a page that will allow her to create several different "boards" spotlighting reader's advisory lists for a wide range of topics. New books and lists can be added as needed or even requested! You can use these lists for quick collection development or even share them directly with your own patrons to see what they might be interested in.

[Visit the State Library of Iowa on Wakelet](#)

New for September:

- [Shivers and Shudders: Scary Middle Grade Books](#)
- [After Hogwarts: Fantasy for fans of Harry Potter](#)

Previously:

- [Early Chapter Books with BIPOC Characters](#)
- [What to Read After *Diary of A Wimpy Kid* and *Dork Diaries*](#)
- [Picture Books for Opening BIG Conversations](#)
- [Young Adult Short Story Collections](#)

If you find a new book that you love, have questions, comments, or suggestions about other lists and collections that would be useful or want to share any feedback about this resource, please [email Angie](#), she would love to hear all kinds of feedback from you about this as she moves forward. Your ideas and needs will power these collections, so any feedback of any kind is welcomed!

YS Coronavirus Resources Page



Now all the youth services Coronavirus resources are located in one central place!

Find links to all our resources on our Coronavirus Resources Page. This includes everything from the COVID-19 Programming Idea Swap to relevant webinars and information sessions you might have missed about socially distancing programming, reader's advisory and more. New information and new recordings will be added to this page as they are created, so you can have one bookmark for all your

youth services resources. You might even find unexpected usefulness in some you missed, like watching the webinars we recorded with librarians discussing summer reading to inspire you for winter and fall programs!

If there's something you think would be helpful to be included on this page or added to one of the documents like the Programming Idea Swap, please [email Angie](#). Update your bookmarks and visit often!

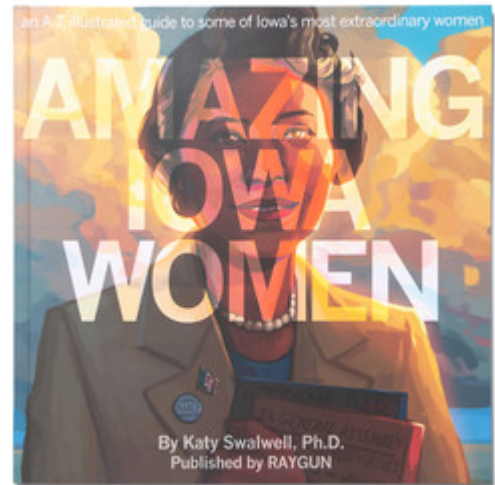
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Great Reads About Great Places 2020

Amazing Iowa Women by Dr. Katy Swalwell is Iowa's 2020 Great Reads from Great Places selection!

Great Reads from Great Places is a program of the [Library of Congress Center for the Book](#) to showcase the literary heritage of the nation's states and territories. Each book is selected annually by the Center for the Book affiliates and highlighted during the National Book Festival. The books may be written by authors from the state, take place in the state, or celebrate the state's culture and heritage.

To find out more about our 2020 choice, including information on how to purchase the book, watch a webinar with Dr. Swalwell, view a promotional video you can share on your library's social media, and find links to the great site made to accompany the book, you can visit our brand new Great Reads from Great Places page at the Iowa Center for the Book website. You can also learn more about the program and see selections from past years!



[Visit Iowa's Great Reads from Great Places site](#)

CONNECT THROUGH A COMMUNITY READ

Build a Lifelong Love of Reading

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH | 1 PM ET

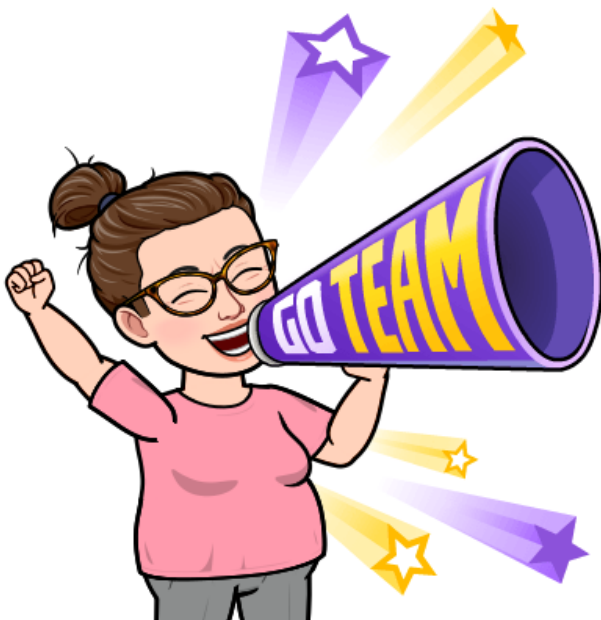
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Community Read programs provide support for essential reading skills while developing empathy and comradery with classmates and neighbors. Connecting with your community is especially valuable during this time of separation and uncertainty. Here in Iowa, this is our Kids and Teen All Iowa Reads programs.

On **Wednesday, September 30th from 12:00-1:00** Angie will be moderating this free webinar from Scholastic and *School Library Journal* focusing on Community Reads. Five authors, Carmen Agra Deedy, Gita Varadarajan, Sarah Weeks, Varian Johnson, and Alan Gratz will be participating. Varian Johnson is, of course, the author of *The Parker Inheritance*, our 2020 Kids All Iowa Reads selection.

If you've hosted a Kids or Teen All Iowa Reads program it would be awesome if you attended! Or if you're interested in learning more about community reads, this webinar will get you excited for them. Registration is free and a recording will be made available after the live session.

[Register for the Webinar](#)



Remember: *you're doing amazing.*

You are wonderful and fantastic and doing great things for your community. Remember, also, that **you matter**. Rest and take breaks when you need to and don't pressure yourself to do and be everything. You and your work are enough. You are making a huge contribution to your entire community. All of Iowa is thankful. **I believe in you** and I am so grateful to you for ALL your hard work. **YOU GOT THIS!** -Angie

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