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## Summer Resource Guide Download Access Codes Coming Next Week!



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IREAD

Leaves might be falling but summer is in the air! The State Library of Iowa supports summer programming by providing every library in the state with a resource guide for the summer library program. This year, you'll be given access to download the iREAD resource guide from the iREAD website.

**Access instructions for the iREAD 2021 resource guide will be emailed to LIBRARY DIRECTORS Monday, November 16th. Each library may redeem this code ONE TIME to download the resource guide.**

Once your library has your code, you can redeem it at any time and will then have immediate access to the 2021 resource guide. From there, you and your library can do whatever best suits your needs! You can save it your own USB or multiple USBs, you can store it in a shared drive for multiple users to access, you can even print it all out if you want.

Youth librarians, please consult with your director about the best method to receive this material and who will be responsible for the single download for your library. For those of you that wear both hats, you can make your own choice about what's most

efficient. **Please let your directors know to keep an eye on their email on Monday, November 16th for the detailed instructions.** Then all the fun begins! Stay tuned for more training opportunities, including webinars and online hangouts where we will explore the resource guide and start brainstorming together!

I know this seems a little overwhelming and new, but in this year, y'all have proven yourselves to be the most adaptable and awesome crew of people around so I know you will handle this like bosses! And, overall, I am really excited about this change. It's gonna be great!! Have any questions or suggestions? [Reach out to Angie Manfredi](#) and let her know. Your district consultants and library resource technicians are also ready to help answer your questions.

# Say Hello At Our Monthly Hangouts!

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. Angie decided to bring back her monthly **Pop YS Pop-Ins** for youth librarians to have a chance to chat with other librarians across the state.

Ready to talk about everything you have planned 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 2:00-3:00.** They are not for CE and will not be recorded.



- **Monday, November 16**  
**November 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](#)

## New to Youth Services? Join our cohort!



Are you a new youth services librarian? Recently, Angie has heard from several new youth librarians here in Iowa. Some are brand new to librarianship and others have just begun working with youth. She decided this would be a great chance to help them make some connections and learn from each other!

**If you have been in a primarily youth services position at a public library for less than 18 months, we want you to join our supergroup!** We're going to meet up to discuss how we can best support and learn from each other. We'll discuss challenges, all the stuff they didn't tell you in the job interview, and basically just get to know each other and talk about working in youth services in such a wild time. Angie will be there to offer ideas AND figure out ways she can better support all youth services librarians, but especially the new ones. And

who knows what else might arise?

Want to join us or have someone at your library who would be interested? We're having our first meeting next month and we'd love to have you drop in. Right now, this group is for people who are primarily assigned to

youth services but there's a possibility we'll open it to others who are interested in youth services and new to libraries in the future.

- **Wednesday, December 2**  
**New YS Librarians Supergroup**  
**1:00-2:00**

If you have question or suggestions about or for this new group, please [email Angie!](#) Although you're welcome to just drop in, she would also love to know ahead of time who might be there, so don't hesitate to reach out.

**Come meet your new work best friends and welcome each other to the wonderful world of Youth Services by clicking the link below about 5 minutes before the session is set to start.**

[Angie's Zoom Room](#)

## November Continuing Education Opportunities



### Pop YS Live

**Tuesday, October 13th, 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

Join us for a POP of continuing education! Pop YS is a monthly series that features a POP of professional development about a topic related to youth services.

### Comics Collection Connections

Do you know where your library's comics are? This webinar will equip attendees with guidelines for collecting and promoting graphic novels in libraries, including recommendations for various genres and ages and opportunities for programming. Whether you're looking for another dozen Raina Telgemeier readalikes or you quit reading the funny papers once Garfield stood upright, there will be useful tools and practices for you.

This month's presenter, Thomas Maluck is back after his successful session in the spring about manga! With more than 10 years of experience as a Teen Services Librarian, Thomas Maluck works at Richland Library - the 2017 IMLS National Medal winner - in Columbia, South Carolina. He has composed articles for *Public Libraries*, *The Hub*, *Book Riot*, *Comics Bookcase*, *Toastmaster*, and *Library Trends*. He also reviews graphic novels for *No Flying No Tights* and *School Library Journal*.

[Register for Pop YS in IA Learns](#)

*(If you have trouble getting the session to pull up, try refreshing your browser or you can search for it in IA Learns.)*

### I Spy MORE continuing education coming in 2021!

After much study and discussion, Angie is bringing back some old favorites and starting some new fun things in 2021! We'll be taking a break from YACHT Club in 2020 but are bringing it back in 2021 as a quarterly class for those of you that loved the discussion elements. **By popular demand, we're also bringing back Check It Out, the monthly collection development sessions**, stay tuned for information on when they launch in January. Pop YS will also continue with more in-practice librarians as guest presenters! Other future continuing education classes include sessions about summer programming and a multi-session class about using connected learning to understand teen programming. Plus a few other surprises in store, of course. As always, Angie wants to hear from you! If you have great ideas or big requests for youth services continuing education programs in 2021, [drop Angie a line!](#)



### Find out the 2021 All Iowa Reads Titles!

Join us for the announcement of the 2021 selections for the All Iowa Reads, Teen All Iowa Reads, and Kids All Iowa Reads titles on Iowa Public Radio's Talk of Iowa program!

**The All Iowa Reads portion of the program will begin at 10:40 a.m. on Thursday, November 12th.** Host Charity Nebbe will be joined by Jillian Rutledge, Public Services Manager at the Waterloo Public Library and All Iowa Reads selection committee member; and Angie Manfredi, Youth Services Consultant at the State Library of Iowa and chair of the Kids and Teen selection committees, to reveal the new titles and authors for 2021. Stream the program live at [www.iowapublicradio.org](http://www.iowapublicradio.org) or tune in to your local IPR station on the radio.

We are encouraging libraries to host virtual listening parties for the big reveal! Invite your patrons to tune in to hear the announcements live. You can share the [State Library's Facebook event](#) on your social media. All Iowa Reads from the Iowa Center for the Book has fostered a sense of unity through reading since 2003. Iowans are encouraged to come together in their communities to read and talk about a single book title in the same year. We'll be sharing out lots of other fun stuff in the days and weeks to come as we get ready for a great year of discussing these three FANTASTIC titles ... and all will be revealed this Thursday, so make sure you're listening!

## 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!

[Youth Services Coronavirus Resources Page](#)



### 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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