



February 2021

## 2021 Youth Services Continuing Education

We have lots of amazing continuing education planned for 2021 and we can't wait for you to join us. There will be special continuing education events and classes of all types throughout the year, but we have regular sessions to get on your radar now! Visit IA Learns and watch upcoming newsletters to register for specific sessions. As always, we want to hear your feedback about what kind of continuing education (and on what reoccurring schedule) is most helpful to you, so [drop Angie an email](#) with your thoughts.

### Check It Out!

Back by popular demand! Check It Out! is a webinar series spotlighting the best new books for ages 0-18. Join Angie 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!



- **4th Tuesday of every month**  
**Check It Out!**  
**11:00-12:00**  
**(sessions are recorded)**



### Pop YS LIVE

Pop YS is a monthly series that features a quick POP of professional development about a topic related to youth services. Often featuring in-practice librarians from all over the country sharing best practices with you gained from their own experience. Topics are new every month to keep it fresh and relevant to all the latest youth services trends. Who knows what'll POP up next?

- **3rd Thursday of every month**  
**Pop YS Live**  
**1:00-2:00**  
**(sessions are recorded)**

### YACHT Club Discussion

YACHT (Young Adult/Children's Hot Topics) Club Discussion becomes quarterly. YACHT Club meets to chat about articles, a podcast episode, blog posts, or some other free and accessible-to-all youth services professional development resource. Participants will read/listen to/watch the resources before the session and then we get together to discuss them and how they can apply to our work as Children & Youth Librarians in Iowa.

- **3rd Wednesday in March, June, September, and December**  
**YACHT Club Discussion**  
**2:00-3:00**  
**(sessions are not recorded)**

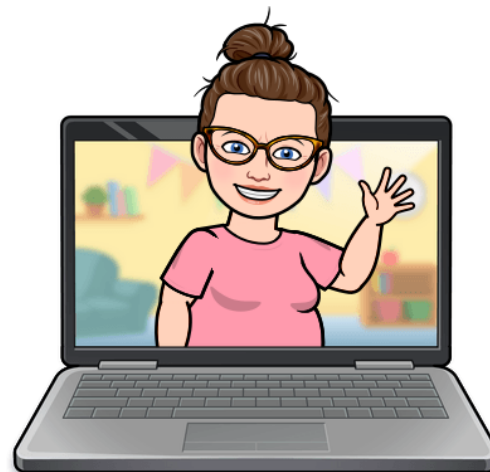


## Say Hello At Our Monthly Hangouts!

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 brainstorm about summer? Planning something good for Spring you want to share? 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! We're trying out a new time and date: **in 2021, sessions are held the last Monday of the month from 11:00-12:00.** They are not for CE and will not be recorded.

- **Monday, February 22**  
**Monthly Pop YS Pop-In**  
**11:00-12:00**



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](#)

## Write for the 2022 iREAD Resource Guide!



iREAD is seeking contributors for the 2022 Resource Guide. The theme is Read Beyond the Beaten Path, which encompasses camp, nature, and more. We are looking for programs, bibliographies, crafts and displays for little kids, big kids, teens, adults, and families. Details and submission forms can be found on the iREAD website and the deadline to submit is **February 28, 2021.**

*Contributors get recognition and their names get published in the Resource Guide.*

If you have any questions, please contact iREAD directly

at [iread@ila.org](mailto:iread@ila.org).

(Image: [Kayla Miller](#) - 2022 Read Beyond the Beaten Path graphics)

And if you want to get all the latest iREAD news don't forget you can [sign up for the iREAD newsletter!](#)

## Submission Details for iREAD 2022 Resource Guide

## POP Into Kernels!



Kernels is one of our new initiatives for continuing education and professional development! Kernels serves up bite-sized information on all sorts of library-related topics. An ongoing series of prerecorded videos, each installment offers an overview of a program, service, or library methodology applied in a public library setting. They feature practicing librarians talking about what they're up to, so others can benefit and apply the idea in their library.

There will be new videos every month and we launched the series this month with five videos. Three have a current topical youth services focuses: **Sheila from Altoona talking about at-home escape rooms done with Scratch programming, Jessica from Johnston talking**

**about teen subscription boxes, and Mallory from Norwalk talking about storytime-in-a-bag/take home storytimes.** But there are other videos about all aspects of library services!

Please let us know any feedback and thoughts on what you'd like to see in future episodes and especially if **you** have something YOU'D like to talk about in a Kernels of your own!

## Kernels Quick Learning

## 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, March 3**  
**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](#)

## Start a 2021 Reading Challenge



### Pop YS Live

Thursday, February 18th - 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.

### Expand Your Horizons with 2021 Reading Challenges

Are you looking for a way to up engagement, circulation, and spotlight books by often times lesser known or marginalized authors? This session will introduce you to a variety of reading challenges designed to spotlight the work of Black, Indigenous People of Color (BIPOC) and give you some ideas of how you can promote and share them at your library. Challenges like this are great programs you can run on any level that work for you and your library and are a chance to introduce patrons

to their next favorite creators while spotlighting areas of your collection. You'll hear from Meredith Crawford and Jen Eilers, Programming Librarians at Cedar Rapids Public Library who are currently running similar challenges at their library and hear about several options to begin these kinds of reading challenges at your own library.

[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.)*

## 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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