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All Iowa Reads Authors Make Virtual Visits



Beginning In May, Continuing Through 2021

Iowa Center for the Book staff are excited to announce a series of virtual visits from the authors of the 2021 **All Iowa Reads** books. Beginning in May and continuing throughout this year, the three **All Iowa Reads** authors

will appear in nine webinars open to the public to discuss their books and answer questions from attendees.

Nancy Medema, coordinator of the Iowa Center for the Book, writes *“this is the first time we have been able to offer this many author visits so widely accessible to the public. We are looking forward to welcoming the authors and celebrating the way reading and discussing books can unite us by fostering a sense of community, which is what the All Iowa Reads program is all about.”*

2021 All Iowa Reads Authors & Multiple Copies

A reminder that the State Library has acquired multiple copies of each of the 2021 AIR selections. Any public library planning to use any of the three titles for local discussions are encouraged to make those reservations by contacting your District Office Library Resource Technician: [Amanda Grom](#) for NW/SW Districts; [Dori Buls](#) for Central / SE Districts; [Trisha Hicks](#) for NC/NE Districts. Once again, the three writers chosen for **All Iowa Reads 2021** are

- Nickolas Butler, author of the adult title [Little Faith](#)
- Randy Ribay, author of the teen title [Patron Saints of Nothing](#)
- Remi Lai, author of the children’s title [Pie in the Sky](#).

Each of the three authors will appear in three webinars lasting approximately one hour. Everyone interested must pre-register in order to receive login information; attendees will be able to submit questions for the authors via the chat function during the live webinar.

Local Library Promotions, Please

State Library Communication Specialist Emily Bainter has created a **Library Media Kit** to help Iowa libraries spread the word about this author series to local book clubs and

patrons. The **Library Media Kit** (coming soon, check back on the [AIR webpage](#)) will include a sample newsletter, printable posters, social media posts/graphics, images, and more. Emily writes “*we encourage you to reach out to your book clubs to read these books and attend one of the webinars to represent your library. Ask book club members to think of questions for the authors ahead of the event, then submit your questions to Angie Manfredi (angie.manfredi@iowa.gov) to have the webinar host give your group a shout out! We also suggest promoting the summer teen and children’s virtual author visits as part of your summer reading programming...*”

Remy Lai’s first virtual visit happens in less than a month on May 15 and Nikolas Butler’s first visit happens soon after on May 19. Dates and times with the authors are listed below; register for any of the webinars at the green button below. Thank you in advance for helping spread the word in making this series a huge success!

AIR Authors Virtual Visits Schedule

Author scheduled noted here, actual registration is at the button below

Nickolas Butler, author of 2021 Adult All Iowa Reads title [Little Faith](#)

- Wednesday May 19, 2021 @ 7:00PM
- Thursday September 9, 2021 @ 7:00PM
- Monday November 15, 2021 @ 6:00PM

Randy Ribay, author of the 2021 Teen All Iowa Reads title [Patron Saints of Nothing](#)

- Tuesday June 29, 2021 @ 2:00PM
- Monday August 2, 2021 @ 5:00PM
- TBA December 2021

Remy Lai, author of the 2021 Kids All Iowa Reads title [Pie in the Sky](#)

- Saturday May 15, 2021 @ 2:00PM
- Tuesday July 13, 2021 @ 1:00PM
- Thursday October 21, 2021 @ 4:00PM

All Iowa Reads and the Iowa Center for the Book are supported in part by the Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act.

Register: All Iowa Reads Virtual Author Visits

Next Boardroom Webinar

**Inspire Your Community
With Inspiring Stories
May 25, 2021**

The second installment in **The Boardroom 2021** series is “*Inspire Your Community*”



With Inspiring Stories.” This year’s **Boardroom** webinars bring in concepts from a variety of books, as we connect the books’ ideas to the business of library boards. This webinar is scheduled for **May 25** from **6:00-7:30PM**.

Inspire Your Community With Inspiring Stories

suggests that the ability to tell impact stories about how the library matters in people’s lives leads to the most memorable conversations with friends, funders, and advocates. And it’s not just the stories we tell, but also how we tell them.

The May 2021 program is based on the book: [Inspiring Library Stories: Tales of Kindness, Connection, and Community Impact](#) (c2020) by Oleg Kagen. As described above, this is a collection of true stories centering on the role that libraries play in community life, including five essays highlighting the value of libraries in the digital age.

There is no obligation to read the book prior to the program. Attendance: at this webinar helps meet standard #8 *“all members of the library board of trustees participate in a variety of board development training each year...”*

<http://www.statelibraryofiowa.org/ld/a-b/accr-and-standards/6thed.pdf>

Register Today: *The Boardroom* on May 25th

This Week ...



Earth's Bounty Program This Thursday

The Iowa Center for the Book is hosting a virtual event this Thursday: **The Earth's Bounty** which centers on Iowa’s agricultural heritage. The program is scheduled for this **Thursday April 22 at 7:00PM** and will feature two guest speakers: a history professor and a farmer storyteller. Both speakers will address the state’s rich history of agriculture, as well as modern challenges and triumphs of farming in Iowa.

Following their presentations, the speakers will take questions from the audience submitted via chat.

Everyone interested should register by clicking the button below to receive the Zoom room link. Note that individuals are expected to register themselves, so share the ZOOM registration link but not the room link ... please register by Thursday.

Earth’s Bounty, developed and organized by the Iowa Center for the Book at the State Library of Iowa, is the result of a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities; this grant makes possible two-year programming on Iowa’s agricultural history.



Register for Earth's Bounty Program

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