



June 2021

## Special Guest to Join Summer All Iowa Reads Virtual Author Visits



Shreya Khullar, Iowa's first Student Poet Ambassador, will join two upcoming virtual visits with 2021 All Iowa Reads authors Randy Ribay and Remy Lai. Are you and your library teens and kids excited for our first All Iowa Reads virtual author visits? Now we have an exciting addition! We'll be joined at both by Shreya Khullar, Iowa's first Student Poet Ambassador. Khullar is a student at West High School in Iowa City and was named the state's first Student Poet Ambassador in a ceremony at the Capitol in May. You can see pictures from this event and learn more about the creation of the Iowa Student Poet Ambassador position in [this article from the Iowa City Press-Citizen](#).

Khullar will join the virtual visits as a special guest in conversation with each author and State Library Youth Services Consultant Angie Manfredi. She will be joining the visit as both a fellow author and a reader in conversation. Khullar will share some of her poetry and will encourage attendees, especially kids and teens, to explore their own creative voice and vision.

This is an awesome program opportunity that is **free and open to all libraries!** It's a chance to not only hear from the authors of our 2021 All Iowa Reads titles but engage kids and teens in conversation about art and creation through the work of a peer. These can be billed as fun events for the whole family or even as bonus extras that your adult book club members might want to attend.

Attendees must register in order to receive login information. You can register as a librarian for your entire group or encourage individual registration for participants. Attendees will be able to submit questions for the authors and Khullar via the chat function during the webinar. If you or your group have questions ahead of time, you can [send Angie an email](#) with your questions.

- **2021 Teen All Iowa Reads Virtual Visit with Randy Ribay**  
Tuesday, May 29  
2:00-3:00
- **2021 Kids All Iowa Reads Virtual Visit with Remy Lai**  
Tuesday, July 13  
1:00-2:00

[Register for All Iowa Reads Virtual Author Visits](#)

[Learn More About Shreya Khullar and the ISPA Program](#)

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**REMY LAI**

## Reading Colors Your World Now on Pinterest

Looking for more ideas on crafts, activities and resources that align with 2021 Summer Library Program theme Reading Colors Your World? iREAD has launched their 2021 Reading Colors Your World Pinterest boards.

You can find pins in the following categories:

- Crafts (Children)
- Crafts (Adult)
- Crafts (Young Adult)
- Family Activities
- Resources



And, because iREAD is truly a collaborative effort, if you are interested in being added as a collaborator to any of the boards, you can send an email request to [iread@ila.org](mailto:iread@ila.org). You can find out about the latest with iREAD by [subscribing to their newsletter](#) and don't forget they're always looking for submissions of cool displays, programs, and more, so don't hesitate to submit, I know you've got great stuff happening!

[Reading Colors Your World Pinterest Page](#)

## Say Hello At Our Monthly Hangouts!



Though it's summer and everyone is busy, Angie is still hosting her monthly **Pop YS Pop-Ins** for youth librarians to have a chance to chat with other librarians across the state. Especially during summer, you are encouraged to use this time to drop in and check in with your fellow youth librarians to share your successes and struggles and just have some time to chat with others who know what you're going through!

This is your time to connect and chat! 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 the next hangout! We usually meet the last Monday of the month but we're open to trying new times or days, so if you have a suggestion, let Angie

know. As a reminder, these are informal hang-outs so while we get and share TONS of great ideas, these sessions are not for CE and will not be recorded.

- **Monday, June 28**  
**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](#)

## Continuing Education Opportunities

### Check It Out!

**Tuesday, June 22, 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

Check It Out! is a webinar series spotlighting the best new books for ages 0-18. Check It Out! gives you booktalking tips, read-alikes, collection development ideas and looks at trends in publishing and more. We have a lot of fun and after every session both your shelves and your TBR list will be full!



[Register for Check It Out! - June](#)

## Fresh 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. You can earn half an hour CE credit for each Kernel you watch and you can watch them in IA Learns or on our YouTube channel.



We have **seventeen Kernels** with more to come! New Kernels with youth centered focus are [Megan and Brittany from Johnston talking about Drive-In Storytimes](#) and [Rachael from Decorah talking about Book Bundles](#) but make sure you check them all out, there's tons of interesting Kernels including ones about online adult trivia programs, hot-spot lending, and physical space transformations.

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

## YOU'RE DOING AMAZING!

This is just your regular reminder that you are doing AWESOME in a truly unique and hard time. I know that summer is always EXTRA but this summer is really unlike any other, so I want you to know I see you and I see all your hard work and I am so grateful to you for everything you do and I am amazed at your creativity, your persistence, and the care you show for everything you bring to libraries in Iowa. It's hard right now and summer is ALWAYS hard but please remember that what you are doing is important and it matters and **SO DO YOU**. You have got this and what you are doing is absolutely enough. Remember you don't have to do everything, you're not competing with anyone and what you do is wonderful and worthy. Please take breaks. Please take some time to walk around the library, eat lunch outside, and enjoy summer for YOU in YOUR own way. It's worth it and so are you. THANK YOU for being and doing so much for all of Iowa's families and kids and teens and for showing up in ALL the ways for your community. Take time to relax, do one less thing, and know you are enough. You got this summer and I believe in you! Me and this dinosaur are ROAR'ing for your success! - Angie



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