



January 2022

## Featured Events

### The Unhappy Patron: A Choose Your Option Intellectual Freedom Story Game

Tuesday, February 22, 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Attendees will collaboratively navigate their way through a multi-step, intellectual freedom-related scenario, the outcome of which is contingent upon their choices at various points, akin to a Choose Your Own Adventure (™) story, including collaborative analysis by presenters and attendees as to why some decisions are better than others when considering their work in light of core values of librarianship.



Amanda Vazquez and Katelyn Browne will be reprising a session given at the Iowa Library Association Conference this fall.

We are promoting this webinar to public and school librarians with the hope that all Iowa librarians can have more resources to face a challenge, learn how to implement responsive policy, and how to support other librarians in their community when they too face challenges.

[Register for "The Unhappy Patron"](#)

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## Book Clubs from the State Library



**PopYS Book Club: Monday, February 21, 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

PopYS book club will meet quarterly and read books across the youth services spectrum, including picture books, early readers, middle grade, and young adult. Leadership texts and other nonfiction will be read as well. This month we will be discussing "Dare to Lead" by Brene Brown. This text is required reading.

Microphone access is also required, or participants may use a phone (cell or landline) to access audio.

[Register for February PopYS Book Club](#)

**Big Ideas Book Discussion: Friday, February 25, 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.**

The first title in the new year's Big Ideas Book Discussion series is "When to Say Yes" by Don Khouri (c2021). For several years, the State Library's Continuing Education Team has chosen an annual theme around which to develop education offerings. 2022's theme is "The Year of Yes," making this book especially timely. Saying

YES to new things is great, but doing so often demands letting go and saying NO to old practices and old habits.

This review from Amazon: “In this revolutionary approach to personal productivity, you'll discover how to successfully triage the requests coming your way so you can stop bleeding time. You'll learn the importance of being purposely productive rather than constantly busy and vanquish your to-do list for good. Drawing on human psychology, case studies, and personal stories, Don Khouri shares the Five Steps for evaluating and prioritizing requests from bosses, colleagues, friends, family—even yourself...”

[Register for February Big Ideas](#)

## More Upcoming Opportunities



### Summer Library Program Training

**In person & virtual sessions scheduled. Check the calendar for available sessions.**

Are you ready to make Summer 2022 programming at your library the absolute best it can be? Are you ready to venture “Beyond the Beaten Path” and incorporate some new ideas to keep summer fresh and fun? Are you ready to connect with other Youth Services librarians? Please join us at a Summer Library Program workshop in person or virtually! State Library Youth Services Consultant Tegan Beese will take participants through the iREAD theme and share resources, ideas, and best practices for library services for ages 0-18. You'll also have time during this session to network with other Youth Services librarians from your area and chat about programming, collection development, outreach, and more! Newbies and Seasoned Pros alike will leave with lots of ideas to take summer library programming “Beyond the Beaten Path” in 2022.

[Register for a Summer Library Program Training](#)



Iowa Department  
for the Blind

### Library For The Blind (February 2022): Universal Design and Libraries

**Thursday, February 10, 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

In collaboration with the Iowa Library for the Blind and Print Disabled, This webinar will provide information about Universal Design in Learning (UDL) and how it can be used by libraries to ensure accessibility. UDL is a way of using a variety of strategies to create resources and setting up physical spaces to reach all individuals. The webinar will go over the basics of UDL as well as some real-world examples of how you can use UDL on your libraries.

[Register for Universal Design & Libraries](#)



### PopYS Live (February 2022) | Youth Media Awards Deep Dive

**Thursday, February 17, 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.**

YMAS? What's that? Have you ever wondered what goes into the yearly Youth Media Awards? Join us for an immersive look into what makes the awards special, including their history, what being on a committee is like and how to get on one, and

how titles are selected. We'll also look at this year's shortlists & winners and discuss how you can use them in your collection & programming.

[Register for PopYS Live](#)



## Check it Out (February 2022)

Wednesday, February 23, 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. Join Tegan 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!

[Register for Check it Out](#)

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## Webinar Archive

### Check out these courses recently added to IA Learns:

- [Intellectual Freedom for Iowa Librarians](#): The Iowa Library Association, Iowa Association of School Librarians, and the State Library invite you to a special joint session promoting intellectual freedom and supporting Iowa librarians in their efforts to provide library materials to their community. In the second half of 2021, the American Library Association saw an "unprecedented volume of challenges" to library materials, according to a 11/29/2021 statement from the Office of Intellectual Freedom. We know Iowa libraries have not been immune to this wave. We will promote a jointly-published resource list and discuss how good policies and procedures can see you and your staff through challenges.
- [Check It Out | December 2021](#): Check It Out! is a webinar series spotlighting the best new books for ages 0-18. Join Tegan 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!
- [Library for the Blind \(January 2022\): Overview of the Iowa Library for the Blind and Print Disabled](#): Learn more about the Iowa Library for the Blind and Print Disabled. Including information about patron eligibility, programs, services and resources for patrons and libraries.

[Browse all courses in IA Learns](#)

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## Featured External CE Events

### We Are NOT Okay: Library Worker Trauma Before and During COVID-19 and What Happens After (Infopeople)

Tuesday, February 8, 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The emotional investment that many library workers have in the profession and the community expectations regarding the library's pandemic response have left many library workers experiencing trauma with very few places to turn for support. This perfect storm of circumstances has made it clear: library staff are at a crisis point.

This webinar for ALL library workers — frontline staff, managers, and library directors — will serve as a convening to discuss the impact trauma has on library staff, work toward addressing the necessary systemic change and need for a cultural shift, and explore potential individual, organizational, and industry response strategies. Join us to consider how libraries might rethink delivery of essential library services to communities in need while ensuring a safe environment and resources to support personal well-being for staff.

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[More Information & Registration](#)

## Adult Faves (Booklist)

**Tuesday, February 8, 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

Year-end lists, book award season, dazzling 2022 debuts—that's right, it's officially reading season. What better way to pack your TBR list than with a preview of phenomenal adult books coming to a shelf near you this winter and spring. With title presentations from Workman Publishing, Bloomsbury, W.W. Norton & Company, National Geographic, and ECW Press, these are the big titles your patrons will be asking for!

[More Information & Registration](#)

## "Let's Talk Race" Toolkits (WebJunction)

**Tuesday, February 22, 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

Talking openly about race with kids can dramatically improve their racial literacy—but adults often don't know where to start! Staff from the Salt Lake City Public Library (SLCPL) will share how they built picture book-based kits to give caregivers the tools to have these important conversations. The session will also include discussion on book selection, the SLCPL framework for understanding racial literacy, and some of the joys and challenges that were faced during development and implementation. You'll receive a list of favorite race education resources, and a step-by-step plan for developing kits on your own.

[More Information & Registration](#)

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