



February 2022

The Reservoir Newsletter



A Chronicle for Collective Change

In the transformative spirit of the groundbreaking [Interracial Books for Children Bulletin](#), and in honor of Augusta Baker, Charlemae Rollins, and the library ancestors who fought for inclusivity and representation in children's literature, Dr. Nicole A. Cooke (The Augusta Baker Endowed Chair in Childhood Literacy at the University of South Carolina) announces a new online publication, *The Reservoir: A Chronicle for Collective Change*. Beginning in 2022, *The*

Reservoir will publish **critical reviews of youth books** that prominently feature characters and people from historically marginalized communities, **critical annotated bibliographies**, and **biographies of BIPoC who engage in this important work**. Initially, publication will be biannual (May and November).

[Learn More About and Sign Up for The Reservoir](#)

Iowa PBS KIDS Library Kit Launch

Molly of Denali

Get ready to sled into fun!! ***Molly of Denali*** is the focus of this year's Iowa PBS KIDS library kit. The ***Molly of Denali*** story time and screening kit is available for free to any interested library in Iowa. It includes a variety of items, including a book to read during story time as well as activity sheets,



giveaways and promotional materials related to the program. All of the included materials will be for the library to keep. We will also include some digital files as well, including a link to suggested episodes of ***Molly of Denali***.

Molly of Denali is designed to help kids develop knowledge and skills for interacting with informational texts through video content, interactive games and real-world activities. Join Molly, an Alaska Native girl, her dog Suki, and friends Tooeey and Trini on their adventures in epically beautiful Alaska. In each episode, Molly's life and adventures are enhanced, illuminated and broadened by using and creating a variety of informational texts, including books, online resources, Indigenous knowledge from elders, maps and more. With a strong emphasis on literacy education and outdoor adventures, this kit will be a perfect addition to your library's

summer program.

To provide your library ample planning time, the kit will arrive by June 1 and will include all the items you need to host a fun and engaging event for the children in your community! You are welcome to use the materials whenever it works best for your program schedule.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Caryline Clark, Iowa PBS engagement manager at caryline.clark@iowapbs.org or 515.725.9704.

Request Your Kit by March 31st!

Summer Library Program 2022



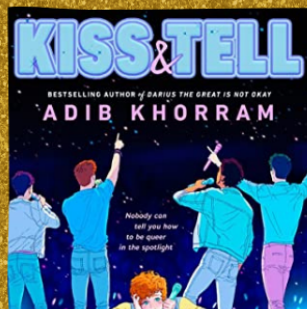
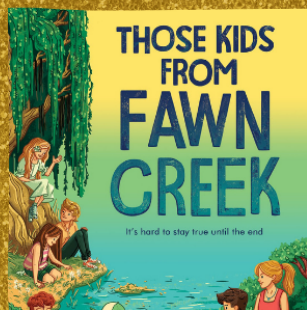
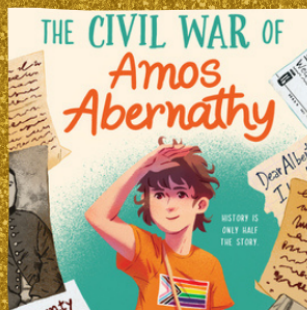
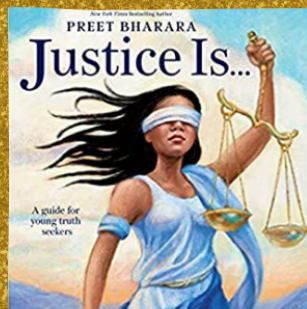
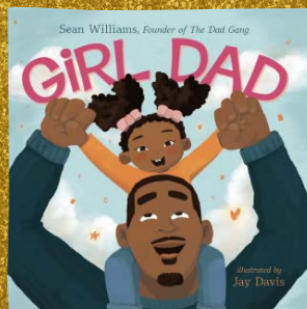
Read Beyond the Beaten Path

Don't forget to download your Resource Guide for the 2022 Summer Library Program! We are using iREAD again and this year's theme is **Read Beyond the Beaten Path**. You **DO NOT** have to pay for the resource guide, this is provided by the State Library. Emails with the link and

code to download were emailed to library directors. If you did not receive yours, check with your director. If they did not receive it, contact Tegan Beese at tegan.beese@iowa.gov.

More Information on iREAD 2022

Get Excited!



A look at some of Tegan's most anticipated 2022 releases.

Girl Dad by Sean Williams

Justice is... by Preet Bharara

This Could Be You by Cindy Williams Schrauben

The Civil War of Amos Abernathy by Michael Leali

Those Kids from Fawn Creek by Erin Entrada Kelly

Wishing Upon the Same Stars by Jacquetta Nammar Feldman

Kiss & Tell by Adib Khorram

Lakelore by Anna-Marie McLemore

An Arrow to the Moon by Emily X.R. Pan

Upcoming Youth Services CE Opportunities

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 Pop YS Live](#)



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](#)

Resource of the Month

Edelweiss+ by Above the Treeline

Edelweiss+ serves as a single source of information to sell, discover, and order new titles.

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