



May 2022

Beyond the Beaten Path!

Summer Library Program is just around the corner!

It's coming, what we've all been waiting and preparing for...SUMMER LIBRARY PROGRAM!

I hope you're just as excited as I am to kick off your summer reading. Remember, you will always have access to the downloads from iRead for this year to use as needed.

If you don't think you've received your instructions on how to download the resource guide, email Tegan at tegan.beese@iowa.gov.



iREADPROGRAM.ORG

How are you getting your patrons ready? Are you giving sneak peaks of the theme? Is there a program you're particularly excited about? What does this year's theme mean to you?

[Discuss on LibraryTalk](#)

Canva Templates

Summer Library Program Templates

The State Library has created Canva templates for you to use with the summer library program **Read Beyond the Beaten Path**. At the bottom of the State Library's summer reading page you will find links for bookmarks, bingo boards, game boards, and drawing strips.





Monthly Library Spotlight



Share what you're doing!

Is your library trying something new and exciting? Have you had a unique patron experience? What is happening at your library?

Email Tegan at tegan.beese@iowa.gov with what you want to share. Each month a different library's story will be featured in the Pop YS Newsletter.

Stay connected across the state with other youth services librarians! Share by **Wednesday May 25, 2022** to be considered for the June Pop YS Newsletter!

Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month



Celebrate AAPI Heritage Month with these inclusive titles!

Love in the Library by Maggie Tokuda-Hall; illustrated by Yas Imamura

Eyes that Speak to the Stars by Joanna Ho; illustrated by Dung Ho

Holi Hai! by Chitra Soundar; illustrated by Darshika Varma

Yasmin the Builder by Saadia Faruqi; illustrated by Hatem Aly

Mindy Kim and the Yummy Seaweed Business by Lyla Lee; illustrated by Dung Ho

Jasmine Toguchi, Mochi Queen by Debbi Michiko Florence; illustrated by Elizabet Vukoic

Maizy Chen's Last Chance by Lisa Yee

Karthik Delivers by Sheela Chari

Omar Rising by Aisha Saeed

All My Rage by Sabaa Tahir

Ichiro by Ryan Inzana

Super Fake Love Song by David Yoon

What is your favorite AAPI book? What AAPI books are you reading?

Share your thoughts on Library Talk

Upcoming Youth Services CE Opportunities

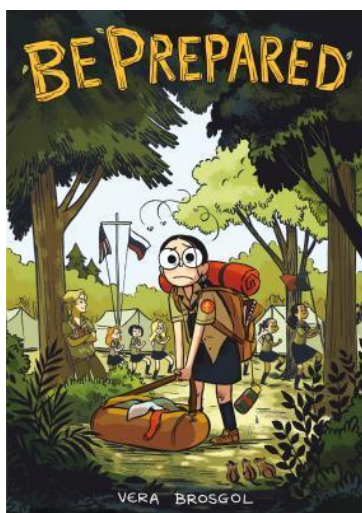
Pop YS Live: Multiple Daily Programs? Oh My!

Thursday, May 19, 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Some folks will try to tell you "you can't do more than one program a day over the summer!", but what if we told you it IS possible? Tracy Clair (Youth Services Librarian, Ely Public Library) will share her summer programming schedule (which includes, gasp, multiple programs in one day), and the tips and tricks that made this successful in her library. Rather than being a path to burnout, this creative scheduling can breathe some life into summer at your library. You'll leave feeling ready to shake up summer and try something new at your library!



[Register for Pop YS Live!](#)



Pop YS Book Club

Monday, May 23, 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Pop YS 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 "Be Prepared" by Vera Brosgol. This text is required reading. Microphone access is also required, or participants may use a phone (cell or landline) to access audio.

[Register for Pop YS Book Club](#)

Resource of the Month

Does the Dog Die?

This website has crowdsourced emotional spoilers for movies, tv, books, and more. If there is something a patron is concerned about being in a book or movie, look no further! This website tracks over 80 different categories of content warnings/concerns. From scary animals, to deaths, to clowns (yikes!), you can find out from viewers what specific media contains.



[More About Does the Dog Die?](#)

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