



December 2022

Coming Soon: In-Person STEM Fairs and Summer Reading Summits!

Save The Date!

Join us in March for our two-day events:

The first day will be a STEM Fair - where youth librarians can learn new ways of bringing STEM activities to their library! Our STEM Fairs will feature presentations from STEM Hub, ISU Extension and more!

If you missed our virtual Summer Library Program Workshops - don't fret!

The second day will be a half-day Summer Reading Summit! Janeé will highlight the best practices for Summer programming for ages 0-18 - and attendees can view crafts, books, and activities and get geared up for summer. At the end of this interactive three-hour session, Janeé will have attendees ready to help library users "FIND THEIR VOICE" this summer, walk away with fresh ideas for programming, and be reminded why Summer Reading matters!

Come to one event or both! Registration will open in January on IA Learns.



Central | March 2-3
Ames Public Library

Northeast | March 20-21
Cedar Falls AEA

North Central | March 6-7
Algona Public Library

Southwest | March 23-24
Anita Community Center

Northwest | March 9-10
Cherokee Yacht Club

Southeast | March 27-28
Coralville Public Library

All Iowa Reads Author Webinar January 10!



Ask The Authors Questions!

We're kicking off the 2023 All Iowa Reads season with our Author Presentations from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

For Adults: *How High We Go In the Dark* by Sequoia Nagamatsu | For Teens (ages 13-18): *Firekeeper's Daughter* by Angeline Boulley | For Kids (ages 8-12): *The Golden Hour* by Niki Smith.

Each author will discuss their work. You'll also get a brief overview of the resources available from the State Library to support All Iowa Reads events at your library!

[Register for the All Iowa Reads Author Presentations](#)

Upcoming Youth Services CE Opportunities



Check It Out Book Talk Series

Tuesday, December 27, 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Join us for our monthly webinar series spotlighting the best new books for ages 0-18. Janeé will share booktalks on the latest titles - and books to use for Storytime! Check It Out! gives you collection development ideas, views publishing trends, and more!

[Register for Check It Out](#)



It's Back! Pop YS Live: It's All About the Tweens

Wednesday, January 18, 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Pop YS Live is a regular webinar series from the State Library which highlights trends and best practices in services and programming for those working in Youth Services librarianship around the state.

This month, we're focusing on Tweens – ages 9-11 – that notoriously hard-to-program-for group - that craves for independence, but can't quite keep up with the teens...yet they're not babies anymore! Many libraries struggle to engage 4th-6th graders at an age-appropriate level. Join Janeé for some practical solutions for collection development and programming just for them. This webinar is full of fresh and fun ideas to engage even the surliest not-a-kid-not-a-teen.

Resource of the Month

BrainFuse HelpNow

Do you have patrons who need homework help? Brainfuse HelpNow is a great resource with free homework assistance and live tutoring for patrons of all ages. Patrons can sharpen their writing skills in the Writing Lab, watch lessons in Skill Surfer, prep for college entrance exams, and more! Tutors are available every day from 2:00 PM to 11:00 PM CST.

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