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Now Available: STEM To Go & Storytime Kits



The State Library's STEM To Go Kits and Storytime Kits are now available for checkout!

We have 25 kits you can use to enhance your library's programming for children and teens. All kits are available on a first come, first serve basis. Libraries can request up to three kits and are sent to your library via IA Shares. **STEM To Go and Storytime Kits are only available to Iowa public libraries for use inside their library and are not intended for checkout by patrons.**

The checkout period for the kits is five weeks and renewals are not available. Each kit comes with an inventory sheet, zip ties to secure the IA Shares tote, and an instruction guide on how to use the items.

Storytime Kits include a Toddler Storytime Startup Kit (ages 18-36 months) and a Baby Storytime Startup Kit (ages 0-2). For Preschool-age children (ages 3-5), we have an ABC Kit and a Music Kit.

While most of the kits are now reserved, you can still place holds in the catalog, or bookmark the page below and check back at a later time.

Questions? Contact Janeé Jackson-Doering at Jane.Jackson-Doering@iowa.gov.

[Browse the STEM To Go and Storytime Kits](#)

STEM Fair and Summer Reading Summit Playaway Winners!

Thank you to everyone who attended this year's STEM Fairs and Summer Reading Summits! We had a great time interacting with you in person (or virtually) across the state!

We hope you received fresh ideas on how to implement STEM in your library, or gained new ideas for your upcoming Summer Library Program.

We've posted some photos from the STEM Fairs and Summer Reading Summits in the album below if you'd like to take a look!

2023 STEM Fairs and Summer Reading Summits Album

Participants who attended either of these events were put into a drawing for a STEAM Academy Playaway Launchpad set (STEM Fair attendees) and a Reading Academy Playaway Launchpad set (Summer Reading Summit attendees) for their library.



Congratulations to Elma Public Library, winner of the STEAM Academy Playaway Launchpad set!



Congratulations to Lenox Public Library, winner of the Reading Academy Playaway Launchpad Set!

Both sets will be making their way to the libraries via IA Shares soon!



The Playaway Launchpad Set Giveaway is made possible in part by the Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act as administered by the State Library of Iowa.

Save the Date: POP YS Live - The Whole Book Approach



THE ERIC CARLE MUSEUM OF PICTURE BOOK ART

Tuesday, April 11, 1:00-2:30 p.m.

Discover the difference between reading to children and reading with children. The Whole Book Approach was developed by former Carle educator Megan Dowd Lambert, author of *Reading Picture Books With Children*. This approach helps adults create an active, discussion-based reading experience for children that builds observation and critical-thinking skills.

This session will be presented by Courtney Waring of the Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art.

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. **The recording will only be available for two weeks after the event.**

[Register for POP YS Live](#)

New Youth Services Materials Available!

View The Collection On Our Catalog

The State Library's collection contains a wide variety of new titles including readers' advisory tools, children's programming help, storytime ideas, and more. The collection is primarily focused on public libraries, with an emphasis on practical guidance.

If you are interested in a book, you can check the availability, place a hold, or start an Interlibrary Loan request through SILO. To check an item out, you will need to have a library card from the State Library. [Request a State Library Card](#)

[Check Out the Online Catalog](#)



Upcoming Youth Services CE Opportunities



Check It Out

Tuesday, April 25, 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Join us for our webinar spotlighting the best new books for ages 0-18. Janeé will share book talks on the latest titles - including book suggestions for Storytime! There's a prize giveaway, too! Check It Out! shares collection development tips, publishing trends, and more!

[Register for Check It Out](#)

Resource of the Month

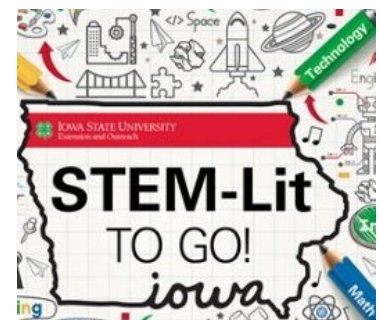
Iowa State University Extension and Outreach

Did you know that Iowa State University Extension and Outreach has free STEM programming resources for youth?

ISU Extension has lots of 4-H STEM activities for kids and outreach opportunities through their ISU Women in Science and Engineering Program. They also have STEM-Lit To Go Kits - where each lesson provides youth with a hands-on STEM experience and multiple opportunities to read, write, speak and listen about that experience.

For more information, check with your local county extension office.

[More About ISU Extension](#)



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