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Bridge To Reading Storytime Kits Available



Reserve a Kit Today!

The State Library is offering three Bridge to Reading Storytime Kits for checkout courtesy of the Youth Services Subdivision (YSS) of the Iowa Library Association.

The Bridge To Reading Picture Book Award celebrates early literacy and language development while providing caregivers a selection of quality picture books to read aloud to young children. The kits features the 10 picture

book nominees - and includes flannel board pieces, storytime guides for each book and reprintable craft activities. There's also a voting sheet and a QR code where librarians can vote for their favorite picture book. Voting is open from May to August; the subdivision will announce the winner in October.

Remember, you will need to know your library's login information for the State Library Catalog to request a kit. If you need that information, contact the [State Library Reference Desk](#).

[Request a Bridge To Reading Storytime Kit](#)

[View the Bridge To Reading Nominees](#)

More Kits Coming Soon!

We're thrilled with the response of the STEM To Go and Storytime Kits! We've purchased more kits to accommodate the growing holds list, and developing new kits, so stay tuned!

Just a couple of reminders: Please complete the Program Survey so we can learn how you used the kit and or improvements. The survey is also on the right sidebar of the STEM and Storytime webpage.

Also, when reserving kits, please note the kits **cannot be reserved for specific dates.**

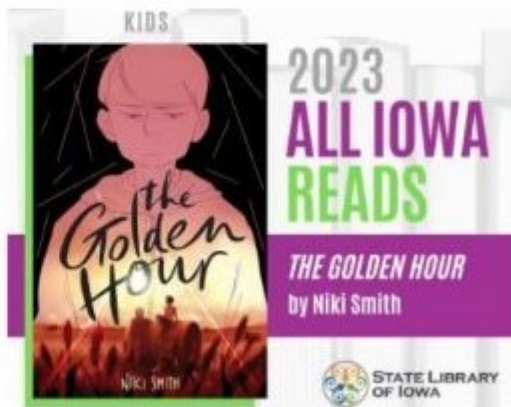
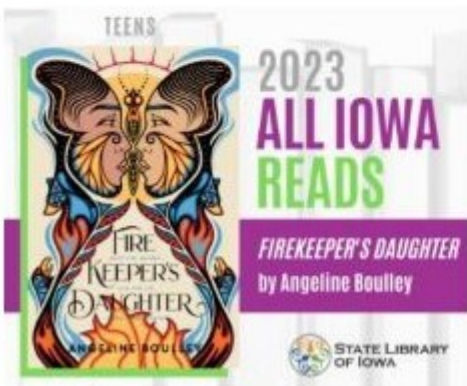
If you have stories or photos of your kids/teens using the kits, please share them with us! Share your photos or stories to Youth Service Consultant Janee Jackson-Doering at janee.jackson-doering@iowa.gov.

Special thanks to the Montezuma Public Library for sharing a photo of their patrons using the Jumbo Building Magnetic Tiles Kit!



[STEM & Storytime Kit Survey](#)

All Iowa Reads June Author Webinars



Be sure to invite your youth and teen book clubs or writing groups to this year's All Iowa Reads June Author Webinars!

Librarians can register a group viewing party, or individual patrons from your library can register and watch at home.

Wednesday, June 14, 2:00-3:00 p.m. Niki Smith *The Golden Hour*

Thursday, June 15, 4:00-5:00 p.m. Angeline Boulley *Firekeeper's Daughter*

Both events will be moderated by the new 2023 Iowa Student Poet Ambassador Lola Nakashima-Brooke. Lola is a junior from Davenport Central High School.

[Register for the All Iowa Reads Webinars](#)

Blank Park Zoo Passes For Summer Reading



Passes Available for Request

Looking for free Blank Park Zoo passes to give to your summer readers?

Check in with Dori Buls at the State Library to request quantities for your library. The passes are for children ages 12 and under. Email Dori at dori.buls@iowa.gov or call (515) 281-5790.

Upcoming Youth Services CE Opportunities



POP YS Live: Decoding Dyslexia

Wednesday, May 10, 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The term "dyslexia" has started to appear more in both literary and educational circles, but what does that mean to you as a librarian?

Nina Lorimor-Easley, Assistant Director of the Iowa Reading Research Center, representing Decoding Dyslexia Iowa, will be presenting on the basics of dyslexia. In addition, this session will discuss how librarians can recognize and assist students who may be struggling with reading and writing or may have dyslexia. This session will also highlight resources librarians can share with families who may come to them with questions.

[Register for Decoding Dyslexia](#)



Check It Out Book Talk Series

Tuesday, May 30, 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 PBS

Did you know that Iowa PBS created STEAM Bundles that your library can reserve and use for **FREE**? These bundles come with hands-on, educational STEM toys that librarians can use at their library. Iowa PBS revealed their new STEAM Bundles at the STEM Fairs in March.

They also has a STEAM Trailer (with lots of STEM activities) that you can reserve and use for free, too! **Reservations are required for the bundles or the trailer.** Click on the link below to learn more!



[More About Iowa PBS](#)

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