



July 2023



POP YS Con is back! We hope you'll join us April 8-9, 2024 in Ames at the Gateway Hotel and Conference Center. Watch for registration to open in early 2024.

Previously known as Kids First, Pop YS (Youth Services) Con is a conference is for all library staff working with youth from babies through teenagers.

Collection Cultivation: Weeding the Youth Collection

New Webinar Series!

Tuesday, August 22, 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Collection Cultivation is a four-part series designed to give public librarians an overview of maintaining their library collections through weeding. We'll cover some basics, dig deeper into cleaning your adult and YS collections, and hear best practices from library practitioners. Attend one or all of the sessions!

In the third session, Janeé will share best practices for weeding specific to library collections for youth. She'll apply resources to kid and teen collections and cover some specific considerations to bear in mind when evaluating these shelves. All sessions will be recorded.



[Register for Weeding the Youth Collection](#)

STEM To Go and Storytime Kit Reminders



Due to the overwhelming success of the STEM To Go and Storytime Kits, we have many libraries waiting for their turn to use the kits.

We encourage everyone to be mindful and to please return the kits on time. If you have any questions, please contact Janeé.Jackson-Doering@iowa.gov.

Lunch with the State Library: BrainFuse

New Webinar Series!

Thursday, August 3, 12:15 p.m. to 12:45 p.m.

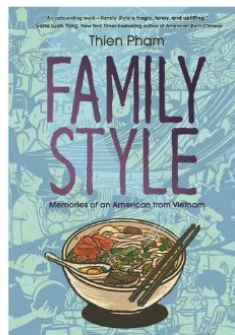
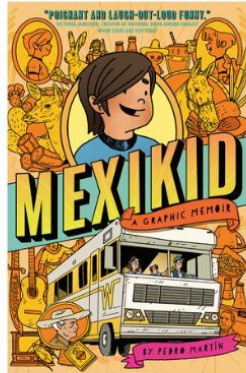
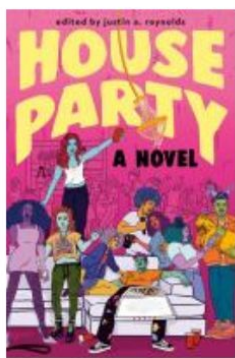
Lunch with the State Library is a series offering short sessions designed to give library workers a high-level overview of a featured product or service available to them through the State Library of Iowa so they can most effectively take advantage of that product or service and use it in their library to serve their patrons.

Join Janeé and Northwest District consultant Bonnie McKewon as they share information about BrainFuse products available to you and your patrons: JobNow, VetNow, and HelpNow.



Register for Lunch with State Library: BrainFuse

Summer Reads



A look at Janeé's Upcoming Summer Reads:

House Party - stories edited by Justin A. Reynolds

Mexikid - written/illustrated by Pedro Martín

Family Style: Memories of an American from Vietnam - written/illustrated by Thien Pham

Stuntboy, In-Between Time - written by Jason Reynolds; illustrated by Raúl the Third

Firefly Summer - written by Morgan Matson

Forever is Now - written by Mariama J. Lockington

Saint Juniper's Folly - written by Alex Crespo

Their Vicious Games - written by Joelle Wellington

On The Road - Summer Fun!



I've had a lot of fun seeing library programs in action! If you'd like for me to stop by your library, contact me at Janeé.Jackson-Doering@iowa.gov.

New Youth Services Endorsement Courses



Updated with New Content!

If you haven't gone through the Youth Services Endorsement, now is a good time to start!

We've refreshed the six modules of the Youth Services Course with new faces and new content. If you're currently enrolled in that Endorsement, you'll see the new content on your IA Learns dashboard when next you log in.

If you've already completed the endorsement, but want to review the updated version, please feel free to audit the courses in IA Learns, [or on our YouTube Channel](#).

If you're new to the Youth Services Endorsement, review the Endorsement Program and apply on the State Library's Website.

[About the Endorsement Program](#)

Upcoming Youth Services CE Opportunities



Check It Out

Tuesday, July 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 book prize bag giveaway, too! Check It Out! shares collection development tips, trends, and more!

[Register for Check It Out](#)

Resource of the Month

Hot Off The Press - Children's Book Council

Want to stay informed on new books for kids and teens? Try Hot Off the Press - a monthly book list from the Children's Book Council. The council, comprised of children's book publishers, features new and upcoming books.

[More From Hot Off The Press](#)



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