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Performer's Showcase 2023



November 2nd in Ames

Thinking about which performers to book at your library next summer? Then tap into the **Performer's Showcase!** ILA's Youth Services Subdivision is sponsoring the **2023 Performer's Showcase** on **Thursday November 2nd at Ames Public Library**. This event will showcase performers from the Midwest who are looking to perform at libraries in the summer of 2024.

This program will also be live streamed for remote attendance, with a moderator available online to answer questions and help connect you with the various performers. At this writing, registration is not yet open, but you can certainly **Save-The-Date** and protect **November 2nd** to join in-person or online. In past years, the schedule has run from 9:00AM-3:00PM.

From ILA's Youth Services website: *"Every year around November, the Youth Services Subdivision invites various performers recommended by fellow librarians to perform a 15-minute preview of their shows. Performers can also apply to be a part of the show, but only the best and vetted performers are selected. The showcase is emceed by Rick Brammer, who arranged the show prior to YSS and still imparts advice and words of wisdom from his many years involved with the library performer business."*

The **Performer's Showcase** has been a long-standing practice leading up to the next year's Summer Library Program. Formerly sponsored by the State Library, but currently sponsored by ILA's Youth Services Subdivision, this is a fun way to actually watch performances before booking. Plus, this sets up a great opportunity to collaborate with other libraries in your county or adjoining counties to share expenses. At this writing, registration is not yet open, but there's more to be learned at the site below.

[FAQ's -- The Performer's Showcase](#)



2024 Titles To Be Announced October 18th

All Iowa Reads is a long-standing program sponsored by the State Library ... 20 years long to be exact. In recent years, this statewide reading program added titles for teen and children along with the adult selection.

Now, the titles that have been chosen for the **2024 AIR** program will be announced LIVE on Iowa Public Radio's *Talk of Iowa*. Tune in on **October 18 at 10:00AM**; the **All Iowa Reads** reveal will begin at 10:40AM. *Talk of Iowa* from Iowa Public Radio brings a mix of regular guests and a range of experts to the microphone to discuss what's happening in Iowa and what makes this a special place to live.

IPR host Charity Nebbe will be joined by Kamryn Kronschnabel with Charles City Public Library and member of the **All Iowa Reads** selection committee, along with Janee Jackson-Doering, State Library Youth Services Consultant. Janee is also on the AIR Committee and she will introduce the children's book and the teen book selections.

Listeners can stream the program live from [Iowa Public Radio](#) or tune in to their local IPR station on the radio.

About All Iowa Reads

Established in 2003, the purpose of **All Iowa Reads** is to foster a sense of unity through reading. Iowans are encouraged to come together in their communities to read and talk about a single book in the same calendar year. **All Iowa Reads** now consists of three programs, each with one title chosen per year: an adult book, a teen title for ages 12-18, and a children's book for ages 8-12. At the button below, see past **AIR** titles with archived discussion guides and more.

More About All Iowa Reads

Next in Big Ideas Book Discussions

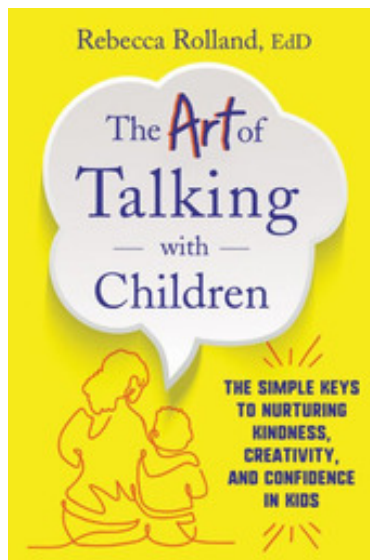
The Art Of Talking With Children November 17th

The last title in this year's **Big Ideas Book Discussion** series is The Art of Talking With Children (c2022) by Rebecca Rolland. The subtitle itself provides a good description “*simple keys to nurturing kindness, creativity, and confidence in kids.*” This book is sure to appeal to youth services staff, not to mention patrons and caregivers with children in tow 😊

From Amazon, here's more “*Science has shown that the best way to help our kids become independent, empathetic, and happy is by talking with them. Yet so often, parents, educators, and caregivers have trouble communicating with kids. In The Art of Talking With Children, author Rebecca Rolland arms adults with practical tools to help them have productive and meaningful conversations with children of all ages—whether it's engaging an obstinate toddler or getting the most monosyllabic adolescent to open up. The Art of Talking With Children shows us how quality communication—or rich talk—can help us build the skills and capacities children need to thrive.*”

In **Big Ideas Book Discussions**, State Library staff and partners facilitate discussions using books outside of library management, but with plenty of application to library management. Choosing books on leadership, customer service, presentation skills, etc. we connect those ideas with public library service.

Participants are encouraged to purchase books used throughout the **Big Ideas** series for local collections. Join us for the next good read: The Art of Talking With Children.



Register For Big Ideas In IALearns

This Week ...

This is National Friends of Libraries Week Oct 15-21

October presents an opportunity to recognize the efforts of Library Friends Groups—it's during **National Friends of Libraries Week October 15-21**. And it's United For Libraries,

a division of the American Library Association, that coordinates **Friends of Libraries Week** each year. 2023 marks the 18th annual recognition as a time to promote local Friends Groups, raise awareness of their efforts, and thank them for their work in support of libraries everywhere. You can be part of it all 😊



Celebrate Friends of Libraries Week!

Bridges User Group Meetings This Month

All libraries subscribed to **Bridges** are encouraged to join user group meetings this month, online via ZOOM. Attendees will hear about the present structure of **Bridges**, the selection committee, the current budget, and recent changes to the service. There are three sessions to choose to accommodate the most people—you only need to attend one.

Because these are meetings meant for information exchange, there is no C.E. credit given. Also no need to pre-register—simply choose the session that best matches your schedule and log in. There are two more remaining. The ZOOM room link will be provided prior to the meetings.

Remaining Schedule

- October 19 @ 10:00-11:00 AM
- October 23 @ 1::30-2:30 PM

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