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### Titles Chosen For All Iowa Reads In 2024

This year marked the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the **All Iowa Reads** program. And the beat goes on: last week the three books chosen for **All Iowa Reads** in 2024 were announced on Iowa Public Radio. On the *Talk of Iowa*, program host Charity Nebbe was joined by **All Iowa Reads** committee member Kamryn Kronschnabel with Charles City Public Library to announce the title for adults. State Library Youth Services Consultant Janeé Jackson-Doering was on hand to announce the titles for teens and kids. Without further ado ...

**Adult Title = The Seed Keeper by Diane Wilson** “A haunting novel spanning several generations, *The Seed Keeper* follows a Dakhóta family’s struggle to preserve their way of life, and their sacrifices to protect what matters most.”

**Teen Title = Hollow Fires by Samira Ahmed** “A powerful, gripping YA novel about the insidious nature of racism, the terrible costs of unearthing hidden truths, and the undeniable power of hope.”

**Children’s Title = Tumble by Celia Perez** “From the award-winning author of *The First Rule of Punk* and *Strange Birds*, *Tumble* is a dazzling novel about a young girl who collects the missing pieces of her origin story from the family of legendary luchadores she’s never met.”

### 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 title in the same calendar year. **All Iowa Reads** consists of three programs, each with one title chosen per year: adults, teens ages 12-18, and kids ages 8-12.

Libraries, book clubs, schools and other local organizations are encouraged to sponsor discussions of the titles. See the information below for current and past selections as well as materials including book reviews, discussion questions, author bios, and publicity materials to help libraries and groups prepare successful discussions.

More information and resources for the **2024 All Iowa Reads** program, including book discussion questions, the availability of multiple copies to borrow for local book clubs, and more will be available on the **All Iowa Reads** webpage in January.

[More About All Iowa Reads](#)

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## Meeting Room Scheduler



### New From WhoFi

In September, WhoFi launched their newest feature: **Meeting Room Scheduler**. This article is largely thanks to Christian Gutteridge, Marketing Coordinator with WhoFi. Christian contributed this promotion about this meeting room reservation software.

As with so many other WhoFi products, **Meeting Rooms** was developed from library feedback. Using this software, patrons can easily discover available meeting room spaces and amenities through the library's website and then reserve those spaces online. **Meeting Rooms** seamlessly integrates with WhoFi's Community Calendar, avoiding double bookings, ensuring a synchronized approach to managing library programs and patron spaces.

Christian Gutteridge writes: *"With more citizens working remotely than ever before, libraries offer valuable co-working spaces, study rooms, and meeting rooms. But common challenges persist such as promoting available library spaces, easily reserving spaces, and coordinating reservations efficiently. Without solutions, these challenges can lead to underutilized spaces and strain staff time."*

All public libraries in Iowa are eligible to use the **Meeting Rooms** feature, whether using other WhoFi products or not. Using **Meeting Rooms** applies a tech solution to what can be a cumbersome process, enhancing patron experiences and freeing up staff time. It's a win-win: that's the sentiment of Nevada Public Library staff and patrons. Nevada is an early adopter of WhoFi's **Meeting Room Scheduler**, you can see it in action on [Nevada PL's website](#)

All WhoFi products are provided free to public libraries, paid for by the State Library. For libraries that already have a WhoFi account login, navigate to **Setup > Advanced >**

**Integrations.** The **Meeting Rooms** URL will be provided, librarians can then add that URL to their website as Nevada PL has done.

Learn more about it by watching the [newest tutorial](#)  
Contact [Christian Gutteridge](#) with questions about **Meeting Rooms**  
or anyone on the [WhoFi Support Team](#) for help getting started

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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.

Speaking of which, here's a good idea for collaborating. **Sioux Center Public Library is hosting a Performers' Showcase "Watch Party" that day.** Area librarians are invited to Sioux Center PL to gather and watch together the live stream of the performers via ZOOM. There's no formal registration required, but anyone planning to attend is asked to email [Twila DeGroot](#) so that hosts have an idea of how many to set up for. (Lunch is not provided, so please plan accordingly) Meet with neighboring libraries, watch the live stream together, and plan together! There's a good idea and easily copied across the state 😊

## FAQ's -- The Performer's Showcase

### This Week ...



#### Bridges User Group Meeting Today

There's one more **Bridges User Group Meeting** and it's today **October 23 at 1:30PM**. Online via ZOOM, attendees will hear about the present structure of **Bridges**, the selection committee, the current budget, and recent changes to the service. Because these are meetings meant for information exchange, there is no

C.E. credit given. Also no need to pre-register. Again, today is the last one to catch, the ZOOM room link will be provided prior to the meeting start time.

#### The Boardroom: Intersections—Where City and Library Meet. October 26. 6:00-7:00PM

This Thursday evening continues with the second of three webinars titled “**Intersections: Where City and Library Meet.**” In September we tackled the topic of buildings, this Thursday the topic is “**City Budgets, Library Budgets.**” The series concludes on November 30 with the focus on personnel. Each webinar runs from **6:00-7:00PM**.

Our thanks to the Iowa League of Cities for promoting these programs through their channels. **Please Note:** for this series, we're collecting registrations via Zoom instead of IALearns to make it easier for city colleagues to join. Register at the link below; a full description of each session is available on the Zoom registration page.

These sessions will be worth one C.E. Credit for library staff and trustees in attendance; the credit will be awarded upon completing an evaluation following each session. Contact [LibContEd@iowa.gov](mailto:LibContEd@iowa.gov) with questions about the **Boardroom Intersections Series**

Attending the **Boardroom webinars** helps fulfill **Standard #6 [Tier1] “All members of the library board participate in continuing education every year...”**

[Register For The Intersections Series](#)

#### But Wait, There's More: Tuesday is a CE Bonanza 😊

**October 24. Skills for Community-Centered Libraries. 9:00-11:00AM**

**October 24. Check It Out! 11:00AM-12:00PM**

**October 24. Library Horizons: What's New From The ARSL Conference 2023?  
1:00-2:30PM**

[Register For Above 3 In IALearns](#)

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