



December 2023

Register Today: 2024 All Iowa Reads Webinar



Join us on **Wednesday, January 17** for the 2024 All Iowa Reads Author Presentations from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Each author will share insights about their book and answer your questions! You'll also receive an overview of State Library resources to support All Iowa Reads events at your library.

- **For Adults:** *The Seed Keeper* by Diane Wilson
- **For Teens (ages 13-18):** *Hollow Fires* by Samira Ahmed
- **For Kids (ages 8-12):** *Tumble* by Celia C. Pérez

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Summer Reading Office Hours



Gain Ideas for Your Summer Program!

Stuck on what to plan for Summer? Join Janeé and your fellow librarians via Zoom for her Summer Reading Office Hours! Listen to each other's ideas - and share your own - as you plan for Summer Reading. These sessions are not eligible for CE credit.

Whether you're using the *Read, Renew, Repeat* theme, or another theme, all are welcome!

Office Hours will be held **Tuesday, December 12 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and Tuesday, January 9 from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.**

[Register for December Office Hours](#)

[Register for January Office Hours](#)

Also - check out the Summer Library Page to view all upcoming learning opportunities!

[View the Summer Library Page and Access Registration Links](#)



iREAD Resource Guide/Graphics:

The code and instructions on downloading the resource guide and graphics was emailed to library directors on November 6.

If your library didn't receive the email, please contact Janeé at Jane.Jackson-Doering@iowa.gov.

Pop YS Con: Call For Proposals January 15

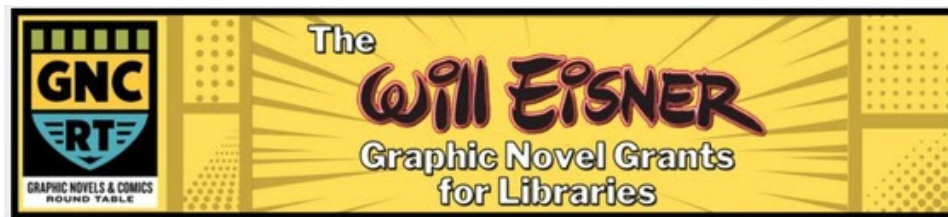


If you have a great program, service or concept for youth or teens that you're passionate to speak about; consider submitting a proposal for this year's con!

Call for proposals will open January 15, 2024!

Join us April 8-9 in Ames at the Gateway Hotel and Conference Center. Registration will 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.

Will Eisner Graphic Novel Grants for Libraries



Applications for the 2024 Will Eisner Graphic Novel Grants for Libraries are now being accepted by ALA's Graphic Novels & Comics Round Table (GNCRT) and the Will and Ann Eisner Family Foundation.

These grants recognize libraries for their role in the growth of graphic literature and awards funds and resources for graphic novel collection development and programming.

Two Will Eisner Graphic Novel grants will be awarded. Recipients will receive a grant award of \$4,000 to support initiatives that align with the objective of the grant. The Will Eisner Graphic Novel Growth Grant will provide support to a library that would like to expand its existing graphic novel services and programs. The other, the Will Eisner Graphic Novel Innovation Grant, will provide support to a library for the initiation of a graphic novel service, program or initiative.

In addition, each winning library will receive a graphic novel collection of Will Eisner's works, biographies about Will Eisner, and a selection of the winning titles from this year's Will Eisner Comic Industry Awards.

The deadline to apply for the grants is **January 28, 2024**. For questions, contact ALA Graphic Novels & Comics in Libraries Round Table Staff Liaison Tina Coleman at ccoleman@ala.org.

[View The Will Eisner Graphic Novel Grants FAQ Page](#)

Reserve STEM To Go Kits for Winter Break!



Need fun items for your patrons to engage with during Winter Break? Reserve a STEM To Go Kit!

We have lots of kits to choose from! Kits are available on a first come, first served basis with a five-week checkout and no renewals.

[View the Catalog Online](#)

POP YS Live



Our monthly webinar series focuses on trends and best practices in services and programming for those working in Youth Services librarianship around the state.

All webinars will be recorded.

December: Best Books of the Year

Wednesday, Dec. 13, 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Pop YS joins the "best of" bandwagon to showcase what we think are the best books we read this year. We'll cover picture books, chapter books, teen titles, and of course, graphic novels. We'll want to hear from you in chat as well! Did we nail it? Leave off an obvious choice? This fun, interactive session is sure to engage and who knows, maybe add to your YS collection.

[Register for POP YS Live Best Books of the Year](#)

January 2024: Displays: The Good, The Bad and The Ugly

Wednesday, Jan. 10, 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

In January, we'll take a peek at library displays. What makes a good book display? How far in advance do you plan your displays? Is coming up with what to put on display a struggle? This webinar will have plenty of practical tips and tricks to answer these questions with photos galore of DOs and DON'Ts. At the end of the presentation, you'll be empowered and inspired to create eye-catching displays in your library!

[Register for POP YS Live Displays Webinar](#)

Additional Upcoming Youth Services CE Opportunities



Check It Out

Tuesday, December 19: 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

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

[Register for Check It Out](#)

Resource of the Month

School Library Journal's 2023 Best Books Lists

School Library Journal has just released their 2023 Best Books Lists. Their magazine produces lots of coverage of best practices, literacy and other issues in the library community.

The lists cover the following categories: Top 10 Manga, Poetry, Transitional Books, Graphic Novels, YA, Middle Grade, Nonfiction, Picture Books, and more!

Are your favorite books on their lists? Are there titles that you missed out on?



[View SLJ's Best Books Lists](#)

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