

POP YS Newsletter January 2024

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January 2024



So many cool things are on the horizon at the State Library! I'm excited for 2024 - and I hope you are too!

Please join us for the upcoming POP YS Con in April (and submit a proposal, too!) as well as attend the All Iowa Reads events, POP YS Live webinars, and Check It Outs! I hope you have a fabulous and fun 2024 - and please let me know how can I be of service to you!

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Summer Library Programming



"Just in Time" Summer Reading Planning Virtual Training

If you missed the November virtual training, join us for the "Just in Time" Summer Reading Virtual Training **Thursday, February 1 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.**

Janeé will guide participants through the best practices, activities, ideas and resources for youth ages 0-18. Come share ideas with other youth librarians in breakout rooms, and get inspired to Read, Renew, and Repeat in 2024! The first part of the session will be

a presentation from Janeé, the second part will be spent in breakout rooms. Feel free to bring items you used last summer to share with others!

[Register for Just in Time Virtual Training](#)

Office Hours with Janeé

Stuck on how to plan for Summer Reading? Join Janeé and your fellow librarians via Zoom on **Tuesday, January 9 from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.** 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!

[Register for the January Office Hours](#)

All Summer Library Program training

Finally, check out the Summer Library Page for registration links to all upcoming learning opportunities for all ages programming!

[View the Summer Training Page](#)

iREAD Resource Guide and Graphics:

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



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

[View an instructional video on how to download](#)

All Iowa Reads



Author Presentations

Join us **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

[Register for the Author Webinar](#)

All Iowa Reads 2024: Exploring the Shortlist Webinar

On **Tuesday, February 20 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**, learn all about the 2024 All Iowa Reads shortlists for Adults, Teens, & Kids. You'll hear booktalks for the shortlisted books on each list. Attendees will also hear ideas for spotlighting these titles and the All Iowa Reads finalists in your library.

[Register for Exploring the Shortlist Webinar](#)

Pop YS Con 2024

Call For Proposals Opens January 15!

Do you have a great idea you want to share with youth librarians across the state? Are you looking forward to connecting and learning in person? Come share with us at Pop YS Con 2024!

If you want to get involved, but aren't sure where to start, here are some topics that we think might be a hit:

- Intellectual freedom
- Collection development audit
- Family programming
- Programs you've created that have taken off
- School-age programming
- Teen programming and services
- Storytime programs/book selections for babies, toddlers, and preschoolers
- Social media engagement
- Partnerships and outreach ideas



**A newsletter blast will be sent out January 15 - so stay tuned for more information!
Reach out to Janeé for questions.**



New To Developing Conference Proposals?

Check out our Kernels video on [Successful Conference Submissions](#) and learn the steps to create and submit a successful conference proposal!



STEM To Go Kits for Spring Break!

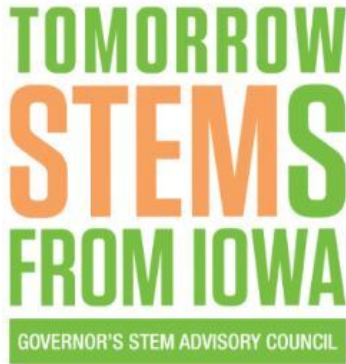


Spring Break is around the corner! Get ready for your patrons with a STEM To Go or Storytme Kit!

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. **New kits are coming soon!** Stay tuned for more details!

[View the Catalog Online](#)

STEM Scale-Up Program Applications



Educator applications for the 2024-2025 [STEM Scale Up Program](#) will open January 8! This is a wonderful program that awards free, high quality STEM materials to librarians, teachers and other educators for their STEM programming.

[About the STEM Scale-Up Program](#)

Additional Upcoming CE Opportunities



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

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

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 Jan. Pop YS Live](#)



Check It Out

Tuesday, January 23: 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](#)



February: Prep for the Eclipse!

Wednesday, Feb. 7, 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Are you ready for the April 8 solar eclipse? Join Dr. Zach Stier of Ericson Public Library and Dr. Sara Nelson of the NASA Iowa Space Grant Consortium as they share program ideas, resources, and partnership opportunities for you to have a successful eclipse program at your library.

[Register for Feb. Pop YS Live](#)

Resource of the Month

The Youth Desk

Looking for more youth service-related resources to serve your patrons? Check out The Youth Desk!



Created by a youth services manager from Michigan, The Youth Desk covers outreach tips and shares programming ideas for babies, families, school-age patrons, and tweens. Programmers can learn the structure and plan for a Baby Storytime or learn tips, songs/rhymes for hosting a Sensory Storytime. I love their Reference page - it's filled with Readers' Advisory resources, homework help, college bound resources, and more!

[More from The Youth Desk](#)

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