



February 2, 2024

## News from the CE Team



### Pop YS Con Call for Proposals

If you have a great program, service or concept for youth or teens that you're passionate to share with your fellow youth librarians; submit a proposal to present at Pop YS Con 2024!

Selected presenters will be given \$20 off the full conference registration or \$10 off of a single day registration. **Proposals must be submitted by 4:00 p.m. Monday, February 12.** The form will be closed after that time.

[Submit A Conference Proposal](#)

### Pop YS Con Registration

[Pop YS Con](#) is the State Library's biennial conference for librarians who work with children and teens. **The 2024 conference will be held Monday and Tuesday, April 8-9 at the Gateway Hotel and Conference Center in Ames, IA.**

The conference will feature two days of award-winning keynote speakers, breakout sessions from in-practice librarians, and a chance to network with librarians from across Iowa while earning Continuing Education credit!

[Register for Pop YS Con](#)

### Summer Reading Summit Registration

Held in conjunction with Pop YS Con, the 2024 [Summer Reading Summit](#) will be held Wednesday, April 10 from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at the Ames Public Library.

With Summer fast approaching, it's time to put the finishing touches on your plans for Summer Library Programming! The Summer Reading Summit is designed to help you do just that. Registration is \$20.00 and includes a box lunch.

[Register for the Summer Reading Summit](#)

---

## Newly-Added Events

### Check it Out! (February 2024)

Tuesday, Feb. 27, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Check it Out! is a monthly webinar series from the State Library of Iowa spotlighting the best new books for ages 0-18. Youth

Services Consultant Janeé Jackson-Doering will share collection development tips, programming ideas, the best books to use for storytimes, and of course, new titles galore for kids and teens. This is a fun, fast-paced session that will fill both your library shelves and your TBR list!



[More Information & Registration](#)



### Pop YS Live (March 2024): Deaf Children and the Library

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

Join us in March for this special edition of Pop YS Live presented by Teacher Librarian Kate Kasal of the Iowa School for the Deaf. Kate will share best practices for reading with young Deaf children, how to help Deaf children interact with books, how to make the print accessible, and other helpful

advice. She'll also share resources that support American Sign Language (ASL) reading and other ASL resources.

[More Information & Registration](#)

## Additional Upcoming Events



### Pop YS Live (February 2024): Prep for the Eclipse!

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

Are you ready for the April 8 eclipse? Join Children's Librarian, Dr. Zachary Stier of the Ericson Public Library, and Dr. Sara Nelson, Director for the NASA Iowa Space Grant Consortium as they share program ideas, resources, and partnership opportunities for you to have a successful eclipse program in your community.

[More Information & Registration](#)



### Lunch with the State Library (February 2024): OCLC

Thursday, February 8, 12:15 p.m. - 12:45 p.m.

This webinar reviews the many benefits Iowa public libraries receive from the Iowa State Library's FirstSearch/WorldCat Discovery subscription including how to optimize your library's visibility on the web. In addition, hear the latest on CatExpress, OCLC's copy cataloging solution.

[More Information & Registration](#)



### Big Ideas Book Discussion (February 2024): *Basically Incredible*

Friday, February 16, 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

It's a new year for Big Ideas Book Discussions! Up first is *Basically Incredible: Doing the Basics Consistently Leads to an Incredible Life* by Dubuque, IA author Matt Booth. Libraries have extended their community reach in impressive ways over the years: from makerspaces to STEM programming and beyond. Given all the recent advancements in library service, what would a return to our incredible basics

look like?

[More Information & Registration](#)

### All Iowa Reads 2024: Exploring the Shortlist

Tuesday, February 20, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

This webinar will introduce you to the 2024 All Iowa Reads shortlists for Adults, Teens, & Kids. You'll hear booktalks and read-alike selections for the shortlisted books on all three lists.

[More Information & Registration](#)



## Buy (Better) Books: A Collection Development Primer

Tuesdays in March, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Buy (Better) Books is a four-part series from the State Library of Iowa designed to help you improve your collection development skills. We'll dig into best practices for purchasing for all parts of your adult collection and promoting your awesome finds. We'll also hear tips and tricks from front-line, in-practice collection development professionals. Come to one part or all! Each will be recorded.

- [Part 1 \(March 5\): Purchasing Fiction](#)
- [Part 2 \(March 12\): Purchasing Nonfiction](#)
- [Part 3 \(March 19\): Promoting Your Collection](#)
- [Part 4 \(March 26\): Practitioner Panel](#)

---

## Webinar Archive



View in IA Learns to access the evaluation & see the CE Hours on your transcript. Watch the whole recording, click next in the upper-right, and follow the prompts to get to the evaluation. Remember to type something in every field before hitting "Save."

[IA Learns Login](#)

If you don't track CE hours, or only want to view for informational purposes, you can also view recorded webinars on the State Library of Iowa CE Team YouTube Channel. Subscribe for alerts when new content is added!

[State Library CE YouTube Channel](#)

---

## External CE Training Opportunities



The Maine State Library maintains a list of CE events going on around the country. It's a good place to browse if you're looking for hours, or something on a specific topic. Our thanks to our colleagues in Maine for compiling this list. Please confirm time zone when registering for an event

[Nationwide CE Calendar](#)

Watch a course from that list or another CE training offered by someone other than the State Library of Iowa? Please complete the "Request for External CE Form" within 45 days of participating in the training.

[Request for External CE Credit](#)

**As of January 1, 2024, hours earned through WebJunction will be automatically applied to your IA Learns account.** You can expect to see hours on your account on or near the 1st day of the following month. The completion date of your coursework in IA Learns will match your WebJunction certificate.

You do not need to fill out the Request for External CE Credit form for WebJunction content for any course. It will simply be added to your IA Learns transcript!



[Browse the WebJunction Course Catalog](#)

## IA Learns | State Library Education Academy

CE Consultant: Samantha Bowers

1112 East Grand Avenue  
Des Moines, Iowa 50319

---

*The Continuing Education program is made possible in part by the Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act as administered by the State Library of Iowa.*