



March 1, 2024

News from the CE Team



Pop YS Con 2024

April 8-9, Gateway Hotel & Conference Center, Ames

Where are you going to find an Iowa Public Radio host, popular graphic novelists, plus teachers and librarians? Why, at **Pop YS Con** of course! In case you missed it, we've announced a truly fabulous slate of keynotes for the conference. And stay tuned, because our run of 24 outstanding breakouts will be announced next week. You're not going to want to miss this conference. We've also built lots of time in the schedule for you to network with other librarians. Register today!

[Learn More & Register for Pop YS Con](#)



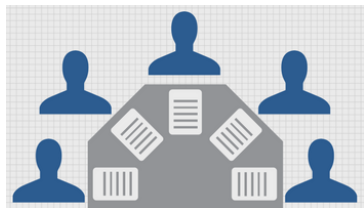
Summer Reading Summit

Wednesday, Apr. 10, 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. We'll talk about how to take care of yourself during this busy season, how to connect with patrons on the issues important to them (particularly teens), and best practices for programming for all ages not only in the summer, but all year round!

[Learn More & Register for the Summit](#)

Newly-Added Events



Check it Out! (April 2024)

Thursday, Apr. 18, 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Our first Boardroom Series webinar of 2024 takes the ideas of Iowa author Matt Booth and applies them to your library board's work. Booth's book, "Basically Incredible: Doing the Basics Consistently Leads to a Better Life,"

argues that despite the complexity of life, it's the simple and fundamental practices that truly make a difference.

[More Information & Registration](#)



Check it Out! (April 2024)

Tuesday, Apr. 23, 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](#)

Additional Upcoming Events



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](#)

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](#)

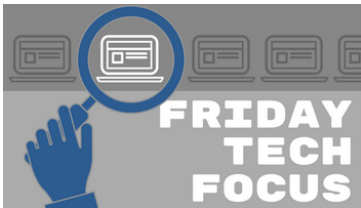


Lunch with the State Library (March 2024): Specialized Consulting

Thursday, March 14, 12:15 p.m. - 12:45 p.m.

Join Mandy Easter (Law Librarian), Janeé Jackson-Doering (Youth Services), and Tom Keyser (IHDC) to learn more about how they support libraries! We'll also hear from Scott Dermont (Enrich Iowa) and Sam Bouwers (Continuing Ed & Endorsement). Join us in this whirlwind tour of the State Library's specialized consulting support.

[More Information & Registration](#)



Friday Tech Focus (March 2024): Habitica

Friday, March 22, 9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Habitica has been called "the perfect task management app for people who love games." Yes, you get to check things off your list, but Habitica claims to "gamify" your to-do list to help you build good habits and break bad ones. Maybe this is the self-care tool you or your patrons need for the summer's "Read, Renew, Repeat"

theme!

[More Information & Registration](#)



Lunch with the State Library (April 2024): Bridges

Thursday, April 18, 12:15 p.m. - 12:45 p.m.

This month's Lunch with the State Library will highlight our eLibrary consortium: Bridges. Not yet a member? The deadline for new libraries to join Bridges in 2024 is March 29, but this webinar will explain the new member process to those who might be curious for 2025 and beyond! If you're already part of Bridges, you'll learn more about how titles are selected, how the program is funded, and how to promote Bridges to your library users.

[More Information & Registration](#)

New Kernels

Kernels is an ongoing series of prerecorded videos from the State Library. Each installment in the series offers an overview of a program, service, or library methodology applied in a public library setting. They feature in practice librarians talking about what they're up to, so others can benefit & apply that idea in their library.

View on YouTube for informational purposes or in IA Learns for CE credit.

Kernels! Bluey Party

Join Janeé Jackson-Doering (State Library of Iowa) and Emery Bunkers (Kling Memorial Library, Grundy Center) as they chat about the recent Bluey party that Emery planned.

- [View the Bluey Party Kernel](#)

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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.

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