



March 7, 2024

Get Ready for Pop YS Con!



Announcing the Full Pop YS Con 2024 Schedule!

Looking to plan your trip to Pop YS Con? The schedule is now available for the entire conference! You can print and download the schedule from the link below. Each day has a variety of breakout sessions that range for babies through teenagers. Check out the schedule and scope out the sessions for yourself!

Don't forget - hotel reservations at the Gateway Hotel and Conference Center must be made by March 17 to get the discounted rate.

Pop YS Con registration closes March 22 - so register today!

[View the Full Schedule](#)

[Register for Pop YS Con!](#)

New Kernels - Bluey Party!

Looking to host a *Bluey* Party at your library? Check out our latest Kernel video with Janeé and Youth Services Librarian Emery Bunkers of Kling Memorial Library as she shares what she planned for her *Bluey* celebration at their library, tips to know, and more!

[View the Kernels Bluey Party Video](#)



Summer Library Program Updates



2024 Summer Reading Summit

Put the finishing touches on your Summer Library Programming with our Summer Reading Summit! Join us **Wednesday, April 10 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Ames Public Library**. 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!

We'll also feature examples of programs, crafts, and books for all ages using the iREAD theme ("Read, Renew, Repeat"). Going themeless or using another theme? There will still be a lot you can apply and contribute! Come network with other librarians: share what you're excited about for summer, and more. **Registration is \$20 and includes a box lunch. Registration closes on March 22!**

[Register for the Summer Reading Summit](#)



Summer Library Canva Templates Available!

We created Bingo Boards, Reading Challenge Sheets, Reading Log Bookmarks, a Children's Game Board, and a **NEW** Calendar template for 2024. All can be customized for your library on Canva!

[Access the Summer Library Templates](#)

All Iowa Reads



Save The Dates: AIR Summer Author Webinars

Join us this summer for hour-long webinars with this year's All Iowa Reads authors! Each author will share insights about their book and answer your questions. This is a great way to plan virtual viewing parties for kids, teens or adults during Summer Reading. **Registration will open in mid-April.**

- **Tuesday, June 11, 6:30-7:30 p.m.:** *The Seed Keeper* by Diane Wilson (Adult)

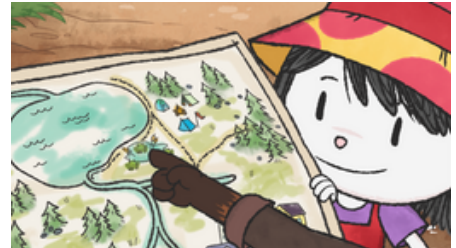
- **Wednesday, June 12, 4:00-5:00 p.m.:** *Hollow Fires* by Samira Ahmed (Teen ages 13-18)
- **Wednesday, June 12, 2:00-3:00 p.m.:** *Tumble* by Celia C. Pérez (Kids ages 8-12)

[About All Iowa Reads](#)

Iowa PBS KIDS Library Kit Launch

Libraries Can Request Free *Elinor Wonders Why* Kits

Iowa PBS KIDS is offering *Elinor Wonders Why* storytime and screening kits for any interested library in Iowa. Elinor, the most curious bunny rabbit in Animal Town, aims to encourage children to follow their curiosity, ask questions when they don't understand and find answers using science inquiry skills. This wonderful program introduces kids to science, nature and community.



The kit includes a variety of items, including a storytime book, digital files including printables, a link to suggested episodes of *Elinor Wonders Why*, giveaways, and more. Libraries can keep all of the materials. **All kits will be mailed by May 15.**

Request a kit at the link below. For questions, contact Caryline Clark, Iowa PBS engagement manager at caryline.clark@iowapbs.org or call (515) 725-9704.

[Request a Library Kit by March 29th](#)

Additional Upcoming CE Opportunities

Pop YS Live March: Deaf Children and the Library

Wednesday, Mar. 13, 1:00 - 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.

[Register for the Mar. Pop YS Live](#)

Check It Out

Tuesday, April 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!

NOTE: Check It Out will be LIVE at Pop YS Con April 9! Check out the conference schedule for more details!

[Register for Check It Out](#)

State Library of Iowa Youth Services

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