



March 15, 2024

News from the CE Team

Pop YS CON

BY THE NUMBERS!

- 24 Brilliant Breakouts
- 20 Excellent Exhibitor Tables
- 7 Cool Conference Committee Members
- 4 Kickin' Keynotes

1 Week Left to Register!

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See you in Ames? ONE WEEK Left to Register!

Pop YS Con, April 8-9, Gateway Hotel & Conference Center, Ames

As you can see above, there's a lot to be excited for at Pop YS Con 2024! Youth librarians won't want to miss this one. We've [posted the full schedule](#), including details on all the breakouts which cover a little of everything from early literacy to teen services to family programming. You can also get a [sneak peek of the exhibitors](#) who have signed up to join us and make plans of who you want to talk to during breaks.

The conference committee (Janeé Jackson-Doering, Samantha Bouwers, Emily Bainter, Linda Choate, Becky Heil, Maryann Mori, and Brenda Hall) looks forward to welcoming you to Ames soon!

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

Summer Reading Summit

Wednesday, April 10, Ames Public Library

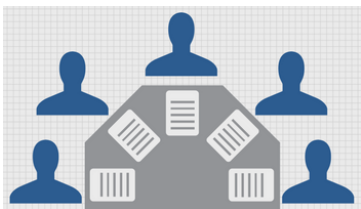
In conjunction with Pop YS Con, the State Library is pleased to offer the 2024 Summer Reading Summit, designed to help Iowa librarians put the finishing touches on their summer reading programs. The cost for registration is \$20 and includes a box lunch.

We're pleased to announce University of Iowa professor **Dr. Jonathan Platt** will be delivering a keynote at the summit titled *Young People and Mental Health: What do we know? What do we do?*



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

Newly-Added Events



Boardroom Series (April 2024): Basically Incredible Boards

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](#)



2024 Director Roundtables

Throughout May, In-Person in Each District

In continuation of our 2024 CE theme (Libraries are Forever), this year's Director Roundtables will look at examples of how library staff, boards, and supporters have shown libraries are here to stay: as partners in education and the arts, as valuable players in civic life, as trusted sources of information, and by designing great public places in cities large and small.

[More Information & Registration](#)

Additional Upcoming Events



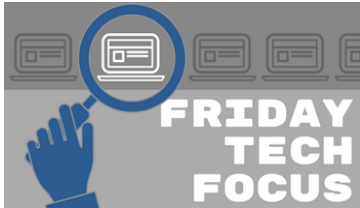
Buy (Better) Books: A Collection Development Primer

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 3 \(March 19\): Promoting Your Collection](#)

- [Part 4 \(March 26\): Practitioner Panel](#)



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](#)

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](#)



Webinar Archive

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[IA Learns Login](#)

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[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](#)

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