



April 29, 2024



We had a **FABULOUS** time seeing everyone at this year's Pop YS Con! It was so much fun! We hope you had opportunities to network, gain new skills to use at your library and felt inspired!

If you attended Pop YS Con, don't forget to complete the CE Evaluation Form to earn your CE credits. Check out the fun below with our photo recap from this year's Pop YS Con!

[Pop YS Con 2024 Photo Recap](#)

Register Now for the AIR Author Webinars!



Host a Viewing Party To Watch The Summer Webinars!

Join us this summer for hour-long live webinars with this year's All Iowa Reads authors! This is a great event for hosting virtual viewing parties with kids, teens and adults during Summer Reading - and it's **free!** Each author will share insights about their book - and the audience can ask questions live in the chat!

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

[Register for the All Iowa Reads Webinars](#)

The State Library also created a free PDF poster that you can print and display inside your library - and to share in your community!

[Download the AIR Virtual Author Visits Poster](#)

Meet ISPA Ambassador Tanya Rastogi



The All Iowa Reads Kids and Teen Webinars will be moderated by the new teen Iowa Student Poet Ambassador (ISPA) Tanya Rastogi. Tanya is a junior at Pleasant Valley High School in Bettendorf, Iowa.

Tanya's art and writing are published or forthcoming in several literary magazines including *Gone Lawn*, *The Adroit Journal*, *Kalopsia Literary*, and others. She is the founding editor of online journal *The Seraphic Review*. In 2023, she received a national Scholastic gold medal for her poem "Three Generations."

[About the ISPA Program](#)

Additional Upcoming CE Opportunities

Pop YS Live May: Summer Library Resilience

Wednesday, May 15, 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Let's face it - Summer Reading can be rewarding and demanding. Join Youth Services Consultant Janeé Jackson-Doering for a special Summer edition of Pop YS Live to learn what makes youth librarians resilient during this busy season and how to avoid burnout.

She'll also share best practices on how to make your Summer Library Program successful whether you're using a theme or no theme, discuss what pitfalls to avoid, and other helpful advice. This session was shared at the Summer Reading Summit.



[Register for May Pop YS Live](#)



School Library Journal's Day of Dialog

Thursday, May 23 - Events Held All Day via Zoom

Join *School Library Journal* (SLJ) for their upcoming virtual Day of Dialog! This event features author panels and in-depth conversations with keynote speakers.

Attendees can visit the Virtual Exhibit Hall to network with publishers and download digital galley and other free resources. You'll also learn about the hottest upcoming books for kids, Tweens and Teens in all genres and categories! SLJ is offering CE certificates for keynotes and panels.

[Register for SLJ's Day of Dialog](#)

Check It Out!

Tuesday, May 28, 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 May Check It Out](#)

Two Resources This Month!

Programming Librarian

Created by the American Library Association (ALA), this free resource features great programming ideas.

You can search for program ideas by budget, library type, age range - and you can submit programming ideas, too!



[Check Out ProgrammingLibrarian.org](#)

Preschool Express by Jean Warren



Preschool Express

This site is my go to place for enrichment activities for Preschoolers and Toddlers!

Created by early childhood educator Jean Warren, [PreschoolExpress.com](#) features a Theme Station with activities for different themes, Alphabet activities, songs/rhymes, and more! Check out the Toddler Station webpage to view their seasonal activities, too!

[Visit PreschoolExpress.com](#)

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