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Register Now for the AIR Author Webinars!

Host a Viewing Party At Your Library This Summer!

Join us this summer for hour-long live webinars with this year's All Iowa Reads Children and Teen authors! This is a great event for hosting virtual viewing parties with kids and teens 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!

Both events will be moderated by the 2024 Iowa Student Poet Ambassador (ISPA) Tanya Rastogi. Tanya is a junior from Pleasant Valley High School.

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

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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](#)

Summer Reading Is Almost Here!

Need last minute Summer Reading craft ideas? Check out our Pinterest boards! Janeé created boards for Preschool, Elementary, Tween/Teen and Adult ideas!

[View The SR 2024 Pinterest Boards](#)



If you missed the Pop YS Live webinar, "Summer Reading Resilience: Making Summer Work For You" - you can watch it on the [State Library's Continuing Education page on YouTube!](#) It has great reminders for self-care during the busy Summer season!

Janeé Hits the Road!

I would love to visit your library this summer to see your programs in action, (and cheer you on!), or visit as a guest storytime reader, if you'd like! Feel free to extend an invitation to me at Janee.Jackson-Doering@iowa.gov - or send pictures!

STEM To Go and Storytime Kits



Reserve a Kit Today!

Need an activity for your youth during Summer? Check out our STEM To Go or Storytime Kits! We have lots of STEM activities that libraries can use! Your library can request up to three kits and they're sent to your location via IA Shares. Remember, our checkout period is 5 weeks with no renewals. Questions? [Contact Janeé.](#)

[View Our STEM and Storytime Kits](#)

Upcoming Youth Services CE Opportunities



Check It Out!

Tuesday, May 28 and Tuesday, June 25: 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! She also has prize giveaways, too! Check It Out shares collection development tips, trends, and more!

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Resource of the Month

Kids' Indie Next List

On your next trip to your local bookstore, ask for a copy of the Kids' Indie Next List!

I love this bi-monthly list because it showcases the best debuts and new releases in all categories and genres for young readers. You can read about the best Picture Books, Middle Grade selections and Young Adult titles! The books are nominated by independent booksellers across the country, and they offer book reviews, too. Grab a copy at your local bookstore - or view the lists online (and their archives) on their website!



[More From Kids' Indie Next List](#)

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