



June 27, 2024

Fall 2024 Supercharged Storytimes!

Announcing a Supercharged Storytimes All Iowa Cohort

Are you new to preparing Storytimes? Do you wonder if you're doing it "right?" Consider applying for the Supercharged Storytimes Cohort!

[Supercharged Storytimes for All](#) is a curriculum from WebJunction designed to "provide training in how to intentionally apply research-based practices to boost early literacy in young children attending library storytime."



The State Library is pleased to announce that we'll be leading a cohort of 12-15 Iowa librarians through six modules of the curriculum. The training, discussions, and resources in this curriculum will *supercharge* your storytimes to make them even better!

Complete schedule details, discussion topics and timing can be [viewed in this document](#).

At the end of the six sessions, cohort members will have the opportunity to share on a panel during the December Pop YS Live.

Librarians who successfully complete the program will be awarded **15 hours** of CE Credit towards their endorsement renewal.

Applications will close Wednesday, August 21 at 4:30 p.m.

Selected candidates will be notified Friday, August 23.

[More Information and Application](#)

2024 Bridge To Reading Storytime Kits



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Reserve a Kit Today!

The State Library is offering three Bridge to Reading Storytime Kits for checkout courtesy of the Youth Services Subdivision (YSS) of the Iowa Library Association.

The Bridge To Reading Picture Book Award celebrates early literacy and language development while providing caregivers a selection of quality picture books to read aloud to young children. The kits features the 10 picture book nominees - and includes flannel board pieces, storytime guides for each book and reprintable craft activities. Voting is open from May to August; the subdivision will announce the winner in October.

Remember, you will need to know your library's login information for the State Library Catalog to request a kit. If you need that information, contact the [State Library Reference Desk](#).

Request a Bridge To Reading Storytime Kit

View The 2024 Bridge To Reading Nominees



More STEM & Storytime Kits Coming Soon!

More STEM To GO materials are coming soon for checkout!

The State Library has also developed new Storytime Kits, such as the **Harvest Storytime Kit** seen here!

Stay tuned for more information!

A Couple of Friendly Reminders:



- Please complete the [Program Survey](#) so we can learn how you used the kit and or improvements. The survey is also on the right sidebar of the STEM and Storytime webpage.
- Please be mindful and send the kits to the State Library on time.

If you have stories or photos of your kids/teens using the kits, please share them with us! Share your items to Youth Service Consultant Janeé Jackson-Doering at

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Upcoming Youth Services CE Opportunities



Check It Out!

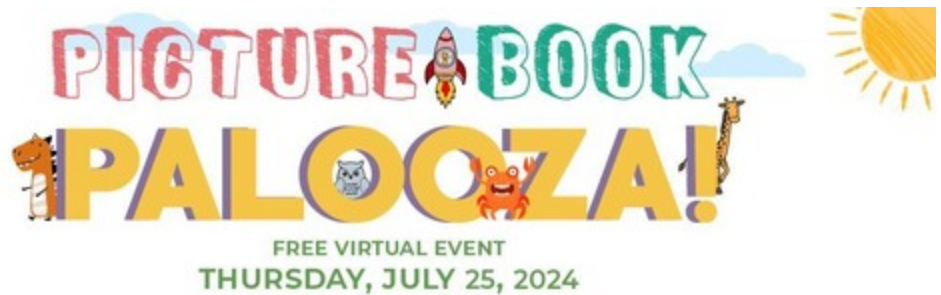
Tuesday, July 23: 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

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! She also has prize giveaways, too! Check It Out shares collection development tips, trends,

and more!

[Register for July Check It Out](#)

*School
Library
Journal's
Picture Book
Palooza*



Thursday, July 25

- Events Held All Day via Zoom

Join *School Library Journal* (SLJ) for their 4th annual Picture Book Palooza! This event showcases picture book authors and illustrators - and new and upcoming picture books. Picture Book Palooza includes 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. SLJ is offering CE certificates for keynotes and panels.

[View the SLJ Picture Book Palooza Schedule](#)

Resource of the Month

The Loudest Librarian!

Need some more Storytime resources? Check out The Loudest Librarian blog! Created by Ashley Larsen, a children's librarian in Pacifica, California; this resource offers weekly Storytime themes, book ideas, craft ideas, and more.

She also has a Library Program Ideas tab where you can find programming ideas for your library!

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[More From The Loudest Librarian!](#)

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