



July 29, 2024

New STEM To Go & Storytime Kits!



More Kits Available For Checkout!

The State Library developed new STEM To Go and Storytime Kits! All kits can be checked out from the State Library for five weeks. Pictured above are the following new STEM Kits, including

- Build A Fort Sets

- Straw Building Sets
- Bulk Dominoes Sets
- Premium Tower (Jenga) Game Set

Our new themed Storytime Kits include: Shapes, At The Zoo and Foods. More kits will be added in the coming months!

[View the STEM To Go and Storytime Kits Catalog](#)

[More Info About the Kits](#)

Apply for the Fall Supercharged Storytimes Cohort!

Applications Due August 21

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

[Supercharged Storytimes](#) 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 **from September 6 - November 15**. 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



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 until August 1; 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](#)

2024 Summer Fun!



There are so many fun Summer Reading events this year! If you have some Summer Reading photos you'd like to share, please send them to Janee.Jackson-Doering@iowa.gov. Please ensure any individuals that could be identified have given permission for your library to take and share their image.

We'll ask for more at the end of the season as part of the Summer Reading Survey, too!

Upcoming Youth Services CE Opportunities

NOTE: All registrations will be transferred to the new Workday Learns System.

Pop YS Live is back!

Pop YS Live is a regular webinar series from the State Library which highlights trends and best practices in services and programming for those working in Youth Services librarianship in Iowa.

Shake Up Your Storytimes!

Wednesday, August 21: 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.

Are your storytimes stuck in the same routine? Do you want to make your storytimes more engaging for kids and caregivers alike? Join me for another exciting Pop YS Live! This fun session will cover the best practices for engaging families and kids during and after storytime. We'll also share why integrating early literacy and school readiness activities benefits young children and resources to make your storytime planning a success!



Check It Out!

Tuesday, August 27: 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 Check It Out

Resource Of The Month

CultureALL

Looking to provide cultural programming and activities at your library? Check out the programs and opportunities offered from CultureALL!

CultureALL is a non-profit organization dedicated to educating Iowans about the various cultures and diversity within our state. Their organization features 70 CultureALL Ambassadors that represent from more than 30 world cultures.

Their in-person Ambassador Workshops offers participants to learn about different cultures through stories, music, art, artifacts, and other activities - and they can be tailored for children to seniors.

More From CultureALL



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