



October 16, 2024

## 2025 All Iowa Reads Announcement TOMORROW!



### **Tune In To *Talk of Iowa* October 17!**

**We're excited to partner again with Iowa Public Radio to announce the 2025 All Iowa Reads titles for Kids, Teens and Adults! Please join us this Thursday, Oct. 17 for the LIVE announcement on the *Talk of Iowa* program!**

*Talk of Iowa* runs weekdays at 10:00 a.m. on Iowa Public Radio (IPR).

The All Iowa Reads portion of the program will begin at 10:40 a.m. Host Charity Nebbe will be joined by Kamryn Kronschbabel of the Charles City Public Library and co-chair of the All Iowa Reads selection committee; and Janeé Jackson-Doering, Youth

Services Consultant at the State Library of Iowa and chair of the Kids and Teen selection committees, to reveal the new titles and authors for 2025.

Stream the program live at [www.iowapublicradio.org](http://www.iowapublicradio.org) or tune in to your local IPR station on the radio.

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## **NEW Storytime Kits For Checkout!**



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## Monster, Harvest and Snow Much Fun Storytime Themes!

New Storytime Kits are now available from the State Library for checkout:

**Monster Storytime Kit** - Features three monster puppets, three friendly-monster picture books, a storytime guide, and a printable Build A Monster Template! This kit is adaptable so that you can use it during Halloween - or use it for a Monster-themed Storytime!

**Harvest Storytime Kit** - This kit was suggested by a librarian! Kids can learn about the harvest season and what foods are harvested with two picture books. Afterwards, kids can play with a farm playset with toy tractors, animals, combines and more!

**Snow Much Fun Storytime Kit** - Celebrate snow with three snow-themed picture books, and a printable Build A Snowman Template! Kids can also have a snowball fight with 50 plush, soft snowballs!

All kits are checked out to your library for five weeks and are sent via IA Shares. Do you have a suggestion for a Storytime or STEM To GO Kit? Email Janee at [janee.jackson-doering@iowa.gov](mailto:janee.jackson-doering@iowa.gov).

[View The STEM/Storytime Kits](#)

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## Start Your Storytime On The Right Foot

Do you have caregivers chatting on their cell phones during your Storytimes? Need help on setting Storytime expectations for caregivers and kiddos?

PROGRAMMING  
**Librarian**  
ALA American Library Association

Check out Programming Librarian's article, *Start Your Storytime on The Right Foot*. This article gives tips on setting expectations so everyone has a great storytime experience!

[Read Start Your Storytime on the Right Foot](#)

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## 2024 Summer Library Program Survey



## Thank You for Your Input!

We collected feedback from the 2024 Summer Library Program Survey from **186 libraries!** Your input helps us as we develop trainings and plans for Summer Reading 2025! Thank You to everyone who completed the survey - and for sending such wonderful photos!

Congratulations to the **Manson Public Library** who won the prize book giveaway! We will send the prize pack of books and goodies via IA Shares.

[View the 2024 Summer Reading Photos](#)

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## Upcoming Youth Services CE Opportunities



## Ready To Go: Accessible Library Programs for Youth Librarians

There's still time to join Ready To Go! Join Youth Services Librarian Denise Bean from the Iowa Library for the Blind and Print Disabled for **Ready To Go**, a virtual monthly accessibility-themed webinar. Whether you're looking to innovate or refine your creative skills, don't miss out on the opportunity to elevate your library activities with our engaging and accessible themes.

Each month, Denise will share an "All-In-One Youth Library Program" for librarians to use - and offer:

- Special Guest Interviews
- Prerecorded Tips from an Iowa Library for the Blind Staff Member
- An Accessible Resource Page
- A Q&A session on how-to navigate accessible library programs
- Receive activities each course

**Attendees can earn 1 hour of CE Credit. All sessions are held from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month through April 10.**

Questions? Contact Denise at [denise.bean@blind.state.ia.us](mailto:denise.bean@blind.state.ia.us).

[Register for Ready To Go](#)

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# Discover New Books with TitleTalk!

Tuesday, October 29 | Kid's TitleTalks: 8:00-9:00 a.m.;  
Teen TitleTalks: 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Join Baker and Taylor's Children's & Teen Services (CATS) Manager Sara Shepard for TitleTalks where she shares new titles for kids and teens for Spring 2025!

Attendees will be treated to special appearances from authors Laurie Halse Anderson and Ibi Zoboi - who will share their books!

Attendees can also receive a **special mailed swag package** just for watching!



Register for the Teen CATS TitleTalk

Register for the Kid's CATS TitleTalk

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## State Library CE Opportunities



### Note: Workday Learning has officially launched!

An email detailing the steps on how to activate your account was sent this week. If you didn't receive it or have questions, please reach out to [LibContEd@iowa.gov](mailto:LibContEd@iowa.gov) or you can click the link below for more information.

Workday Learning Info

Register for the below events in Workday Learning!

## Pop YS Live

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.



## Pop YS Live October 2024 | iREAD Summer Reading 2025 Preview

Wednesday, Oct. 30, 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.

Join representatives from the iREAD team as they cover some basics about the iREAD program. They'll introduce the 2025 theme, *Level Up At Your Library!*, and share how you can get involved with planning activities for 2025 and beyond.

[Register for October Pop YS Live](#)

## Pop YS Live November 2024 | Science of Reading: What It Is and How Librarians Can Use It To Help Young Children

Wednesday, Nov. 13, 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.

The Science of Reading can mean many things, but at its core, it refers to a body of evidence that suggests effective and timely ways to improve the reading development of school-aged children.

In this special presentation, Iowa Reading Research Center President Shawn Datrak will cover important elements of the Science of Reading, including defining key components of reading development, reading instruction, and ways librarians can structure library activities to promote literacy.



[Register for November Pop YS Live](#)

## Check It Out!

Tuesday, October 29 | 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Check It Out is back!





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 book giveaways, too! Check It Out shares collection development tips and more!

[Register for October Check It Out](#)

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## State Library of Iowa Youth Services

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