



November 7, 2024

Summer 2025 Learning Opportunities



Ready or not, it's time to start thinking about Summer Reading!

This year's theme, *Level Up At Your Library!* is all about puzzles, games, and play - so take a peek at what we've got planned!

New This Year:

- **Summer Reading Office Hours:** State Library Consultant Janeé Jackson-Doering will offer Zoom office hours to help librarians plan and share ideas in December, January and February. These are not for CE credit.
- **Virtual Trainings:** Our Summer Reading "Jump Start" Virtual Training will be held November 19 from 10:00-11:30 a.m. Janeé will cover some basics on the iREAD theme and share ideas for programming, displays, and more. We'll also be joined by Becca Boland of iREAD! Come ready to share your past successes and what ideas you're noodling on for next summer! You'll be able to share your ideas in this interactive session!

Check out the table below with all of the opportunities we're offering for your summer program! Click the link below the table to be taken to a webpage with all of the registration links.

All 2025 Summer Reading Learning Opportunities

Date	Time	Event Title
Oct. 30, 2024	1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Pop YS Live (October 2024): iREAD Summer 2025 Preview
Nov. 6, 2024	N/A	Video guide to downloading and accessing the Resource Guide & Graphics*
Nov. 19, 2024	10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Summer Reading 2025 Jump Start
Dec. 9, 2024	12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.	iREAD 2025 Showcase (sponsored by the Illinois Library Association)
Dec. 10, 2024	1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Office hours with Janeé Jackson-Doering*

Date	Time	Event Title
Jan. 13, 2025	10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Office hours with Janeé Jackson-Doering*
Jan. 29, 2025	12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Reading Dragon and Friends (Info on the "Reading Dragon" reading incentive program)
Early February, 2025	TBA	Summer Library Programming for Adults
Feb. 10, 2025	1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Office hours with Janeé Jackson-Doering*
March, 2025	9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Summer Reading Summits

[View the Summer Library Page and Access Registration Links](#)



Resource Guide and Graphics Information



The code and instructions to download the Resource Guide and Graphics were sent November 6 via email to all library directors. Please check with your library director for the email.

IMPORTANT: Use the code to download the Resource Guide and Graphics before June 1, 2025. After the June 1 date, the code expires.

If your director did not receive the email or if you have other questions about iREAD or the Summer Library Program, please contact jane.jackson-doering@iowa.gov.

Questions or problems with downloading the Resource Guide?

Contact iREAD Customer Service at iREAD@ila.org.

All Iowa Reads 2025

Save The Date:

Author Presentations Webinar Coming in January!



The 2025 titles were announced on Iowa Public Radio's *Talk of Iowa* October 17:

For Kids (ages 8-12): *Jawbreaker* by Christina Wyman

For Teens (ages 13-18): *Rez Ball* by Byron Graves

For Adults: *Distant Sons* by Tim Johnston

Stay tuned for more information about the 2025 All Iowa Reads program and mark your calendars for the Author Presentations Webinar for January 14, 2025!

[More About All Iowa Reads](#)



STEM To GO & Storytime Kit Reminders

We love the feedback that we've received about the new kits! Here are some friendly reminders:

- Make sure your address, phone number and email address in your State Library catalog account is current. We send Due Date Reminder notices via email. If you need to update your account information, please contact Library Resource Technician Margaret Barr at margaret.barr@iowa.gov or 515-281-4315.
- When returning the kits, **please check the Inventory Sheet for all parts/pieces before returning it back to the State Library.**
- **Place all items back in the tote, bin or bag that the kit came in.**

Thank you for your help! Do you have a suggestion for a Storytime or STEM To GO Kit? Email Janeé at jane.jackson-doering@iowa.gov.

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

State Library CE Opportunities



Note: Workday Learning has officially launched!

An email detailing the steps on how to activate your account was sent on October 15. If you didn't receive it or have questions, please reach out to 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.



November | 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](#)

December | Supercharged Storytimes: Cohort Reflections

Wednesday, Dec. 11, 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.

December's Pop YS Live features a panel of our first group of Supercharged Storytime cohort members. Each participant will have a chance to share what they learned from the 6 Supercharged Storytimes modules, and how they're applying what they learned in their library: from increasing interactivity with children during storytimes to advocating the value of library storytimes to stakeholders! They are excited to share their newly-learned tips and tricks with you.



[Register for December Pop YS Live](#)



Check It Out!

Tuesday, Nov. 26 | 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 book giveaways, too! Check It Out shares collection development tips and more!

[Register for November Check It Out](#)

Check It Out! The Best Books of the Year

Tuesday, Dec. 17 | 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Check It Out is joining the "Best Of" bandwagon! In this hour, Janeé will highlight the best books for youth ages 0-18 of 2024! Join us and see if your favorite books made the list - or discover other books you might have missed this year. There's also a prize giveaway, too!

[Register for Check It Out - The Best Books of 2024](#)



Additional Upcoming Youth Services CE Opportunities

Ready To Go: Accessible Library Programs for Youth Librarians

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. Don't miss the opportunity to elevate your library activities with their 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.
- Attendees can receive activities from each course!

Attendees can earn 1 hour of CE Credit. 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.

Resource of the Month

LibraryMakers

LibraryMakers is a free resource where you can connect with other librarians around the globe and share Makerspace ideas, STEAM activities and other resources! This website provides support for library maker staff - of all levels of experience - that run programs and manage space for making in libraries.

Be sure to check out their Event Recordings and Resources section - it features YouTube videos for Grant Writing Tips and Tricks, a Storytime Tinkering Book Club, and more!

[More About LibraryMakers](#)



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