



December 6, 2024

## STEM Fairs - Call For Proposals Now Open

*STEM Fairs and Summer Reading Summits return for 2025!*



These special events, held at a location in each district during March, will give librarians practical ideas on how to incorporate STEM concepts at their library.

### Present at a STEM Fair in Your District!

**We need YOUR HELP to make the STEM Fairs a success!** If you have a great STEM program or service for youth or teens that you're passionate about, consider submitting a proposal to present. Selected applicants must be available to present their session twice on the same day (once in the morning, and once in the afternoon).

**All proposals are due by 4:30 p.m. Friday, January 10, 2025.** Questions? Contact Janeé at [Jane.Jackson-Doering@iowa.gov](mailto:Jane.Jackson-Doering@iowa.gov).

### STEM Fairs Dates & Locations

(Note: a Summer Reading Summit event will be held on the day following each STEM Fair.)

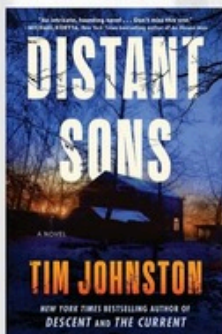
- **Monday, March 3:** Central District - Johnston Public Library
- **Thursday, March 6:** Southeast District - Coralville Public Library
- **Monday, March 10:** Southwest District - Green Hills AEA Avoca
- **Monday, March 24:** Northeast District - Oelwein Public Library
- **Thursday, March 27:** North Central District - Algona Public Library
- **Monday, March 31:** Northwest District - Rockwell City Public Library

[Apply to Present at the 2025 STEM Fairs](#)

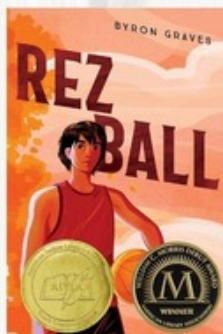
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## Register Now for the 2025 All Iowa Reads Kickoff Webinar

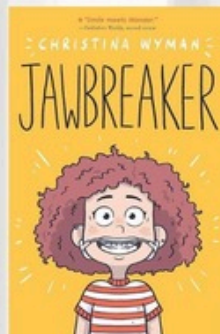
# 2025 ALL IOWA READS



Adult



Teen



Kids

Join us online for the 2025 All Iowa Reads Author Presentations on **Tuesday, January 14 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

Each author will discuss their work, their writing process - and answer your questions! Attendees can also learn about resources from the State Library to promote the All Iowa Reads program. This year's winners include:

- 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

[Register for the AIR Author Presentations Webinar](#)

## Summer Reading Resources



[Get Ideas and Inspiration For Summer!](#)

Join Janeé and your fellow librarians via Zoom to gain ideas for your Summer planning! Attendees can share contacts, craft ideas, performer information, and more! Whether you're using the iREAD theme, or another theme, all are welcome! These sessions are not eligible for CE credit.

Office Hours:

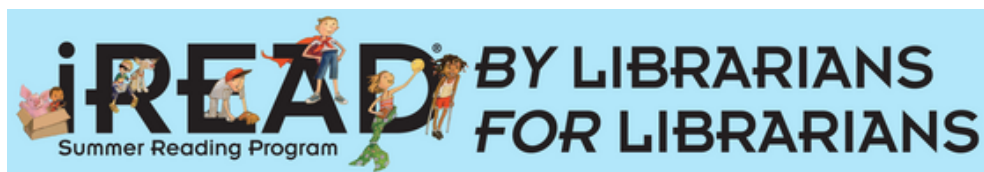
- **Tuesday, December 10: 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.**
- **Monday, January 13: 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.**
- **Monday, February 10: 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

[Register for the December 10 Office Hours](#)

[View the Summer Library Program Schedule of Events](#)

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## iREAD Resource Guide Webinars



Join iREAD Content and Development Manager, Becca Boland, for **Resource Guide Deep Dive: Programing, Crafts, Maker Ideas, Resource Guide Tips & Tricks.**

This deep dive session into the Resource Guide will focus on programming, crafts, maker ideas, and passive programming. Becca will also highlight helpful and often overlooked sections of the Resource Guide and give you tips and tricks for planning for Level Up at Your Library.

Both webinars will be held **Monday, December 16** and **Tuesday, January 14** from noon to 1:00 p.m. Central Time. Questions? Contact Becca Boland at [iread@ila.org](mailto:iread@ila.org).

[Register for the December 16 Webinar](#)

[Register for the January 14 Webinar](#)

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## Get Inspired With Pinterest!

Check out the State Library's [Summer Reading Pinterest Board](#) and iREAD's [Level Up At Your Library Pinterest Board](#) for program ideas, decor inspiration, and more! There's so much good stuff!

The State Library's Pinterest Boards will be updated through June 2025.



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## Babies Need Words Booklist Updated

The *Babies Need Words Every Day* campaign updated their baby booklist with new book suggestions for parents and caregivers.

*Babies Need Words Everyday* was created by the Association for Library Service To Children (ALSC). The campaign offers downloadable posters and resources to bridge the 30 Million Word Gap by providing parents with ways to promote the 5 Early Literacy Skills: Read, Play, Sing, Write and Talk.

Feel free to print and share the booklist with your patrons or [find out more from \*Babies Need Words!\*](#)

[Print the \*Babies Need Words\* Booklist](#)



## Youth Services CE Opportunities

### 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.



### December Pop YS Live | 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](#)



### January Pop YS Live | Supersize It! Summer Planning For Small, Medium and Large-Sized Libraries

Wednesday, Jan. 8, 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.

Iowa is home to 540+ public libraries and that means there are 540+ ways to do summer library programming. In this month's Pop YS Live, we'll bring you a panel of youth librarians from around the state in various sized libraries to share what works for them when they start thinking about summer. We'll hear their planning best practices, favorite programs, stress management, and more!

[Register for January Pop YS Live](#)

### Check It Out! The Best Books of the Year

Earlier Week! 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

## State Library of Iowa Youth Services

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