News from the CE Team

STEM Fair & Summer Reading Summit News

STEM Fair Call for Proposals Closes in One Week!

We need *your help* to make the STEM Fairs successes! 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 Janee.Jackson-Doering@iowa.gov.

Submit a STEM Fair Proposal

Attend a STEM Fair Near You

Are you new to STEM and need some inspiration to get started programming in your library? Or are you already doing STEM activities and need some fresh ideas to keep attendees interested? If you answered "yes" to either of those questions, please join us for a Librarian STEM Fair!
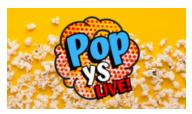
More Information & Registration

Follow up STEM with Summer Reading

Taking place the day following the STEM Fair, the Summer Reading Summits are designed to help you put the finishing touches on your plans for Summer Library Programming. We'll talk about the importance of summer learning for kids and teens, best practices for summer programming, and have plenty of time to network and hear from each other.

More Information & Registration

Newly-Added Events

Pop YS Live (February 2025): Storytime on the Go
Wednesday, Feb. 12, 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Unlock the full potential of early literacy programming by taking storytime outside the library building! This webinar will help librarians expand their community impact through storytime outreach. In this session, you'll discover best practices for selecting books and activities that resonate with different age groups, techniques for adapting storytime for non-traditional spaces, and strategies for fostering meaningful connections with partner organizations like schools, daycares, and community centers.

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All Iowa Reads 2025: Exploring the Shortlists
Tuesday, Feb. 18, 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
This hour-long webinar will introduce you to the 2025 All Iowa Reads shortlists for Adults, Teens, & Kids. You'll hear booktalks and read-alike selections for the shortlisted books for Adults, Kids and Teens. Attendees will also hear ideas for spotlighting these titles and the All Iowa Reads finalists in your library.

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Open Meetings & Records: Compliance is the Law
Tuesday, Feb. 25, 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
Public library boards are subject to Iowa's Open Records and Open Meetings laws. In this session, representatives from the Iowa Public Information Board (IPIB) will provide an overview of the legal requirements and best practices for boards to comply with these laws in order to maintain transparency. The session will cover such topics as compliance with posting of meetings, public comment, requests for records, how and when library boards can go into closed sessions, and avoiding legal pitfalls.

More Information & Registration

Check it Out (February 2025)

Tuesday, Feb. 25, 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Check it Out! is a monthly webinar series from the State Library of Iowa spotlighting the best new books for ages 0-18. Youth Services Consultant Janeé Jackson-Doering will share collection development tips, programming ideas, the best books to use for storytimes, and of course, new titles galore for kids and teens. This is a fun, fast-paced session that will fill both your library shelves and your TBR list!

More Information & Registration

Building Bridges for Mental Health: Creating a Toolkit for Effective Community Partnerships

Wednesday, Feb. 26, 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Mental health is a pressing issue that touches every community, and libraries are uniquely positioned to help. This session will introduce the Mental Health Information & Community Partnerships Toolkit, a practical resource developed by the Network of the National Library of Medicine (NNLM). Participants will explore how the toolkit can support libraries and organizations in fostering effective partnerships to address mental health needs.

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Additional Upcoming Events

Pop YS Live (January 2025) | Supersize It! Summer Planning for Small-, Medium-, and Large-Sized Libraries

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

Iowa is home to 540+ public libraries and that means there are 540+ ways to do summer library programming. But 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.

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All Iowa Reads 2025: Author Presentations
Tuesday, Jan. 14, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Join us as we launch the 2025 All Iowa Reads program with a very special webinar with the authors of this year's All Iowa Reads selections.

- For adults: *Distant Sons* by Tim Johnston
- For teens: *Rez Ball* by Byron Graves
- For kids: *Jawbreaker* by Christina Wyman

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Tuesday, Jan. 28, 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
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ILOC 2025: Assess, Adapt, Act: Making Evaluation Count
Thursday, Jan. 30, 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

This online conference will encourage attendees to consider why we collect statistics and evaluations and how we make them useful. Attendees are welcome to attend however many or few live sessions as work for their schedule.

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New Kernels

Kernels is an ongoing series of prerecorded videos from the State Library of Iowa. Each installment in the series offers an overview of a program, service, or library methodology applied in a public library setting. They feature in practice librarians talking about what they're up to, so others can benefit & apply that idea in their library.

Kernels! Reading with History

Join Maryann Mori (State Library of Iowa), Matthew Jayne, and Kenedy Reichert (State Historical Society of Iowa) as they chat about the various resources the State Historical Society offers for children's program ideas in public libraries.

- [View the Reading with History Kernel](#)

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If you don't track CE hours, or only want to view for informational purposes, you can also view recorded webinars on the State Library of Iowa CE Team YouTube Channel. Subscribe for alerts when new content is added!

State Library CE YouTube Channel

External CE Training Opportunities

The Maine State Library maintains a list of CE events going on around the country. It's a good place to browse if you're looking for hours, or something on a specific topic. Our thanks to our colleagues in Maine for compiling this list. Please confirm time zone when registering for an event

Nationwide CE Calendar

Watch a course from that list or another CE training offered by someone other than the State Library of Iowa? Please complete the "Request for External CE Form" within 45 days of participating in the training.

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