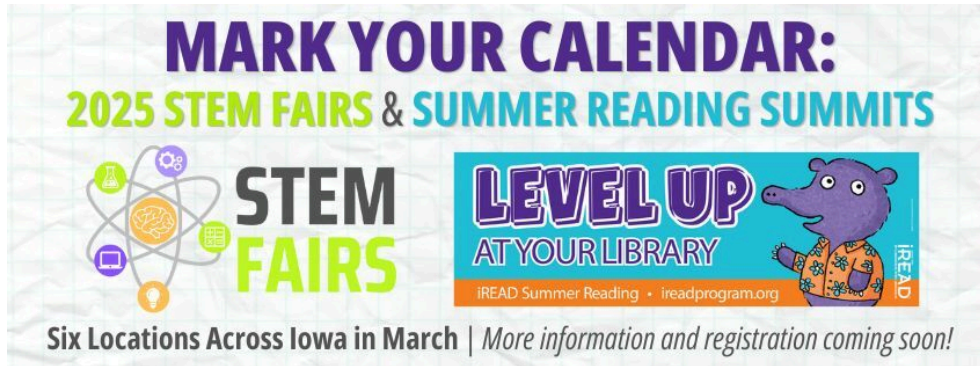




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## STEM Fair Proposals Due This Friday!



### 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, submit 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.** Questions? Contact Janeé at [Jane.Jackson-Doering@iowa.gov](mailto:Jane.Jackson-Doering@iowa.gov).

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

### 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 in your district!

[More Information & Registration](#)

### After the STEM, attend the Summer Reading Summit!

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](#)

## Register Now: 2025 All Iowa Reads Kickoff Webinar



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

Each author will discuss their books, the 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](#)

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## Summer Reading Resources



### Get Ideas & Plan For Summer!

Join Janeé and your fellow librarians in the Summer Reading Office Hours on Zoom **Monday, January 13 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.** and gain ideas for your Summer planning!

Attendees can share programming/craft ideas, performer ideas, and more! All are welcome! These sessions are not eligible for CE credit.

[Register for the January 13 Office Hours](#)

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

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## iREAD Resource Guide Deep Dive Webinar



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

**This webinar will be held Tuesday, January 14 from noon to 1:00 p.m. Central Time.**

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

Questions? Contact Becca Boland at [iread@ila.org](mailto:iread@ila.org).

[Register for the January 14 Webinar](#)



## Pin Ideas 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!

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

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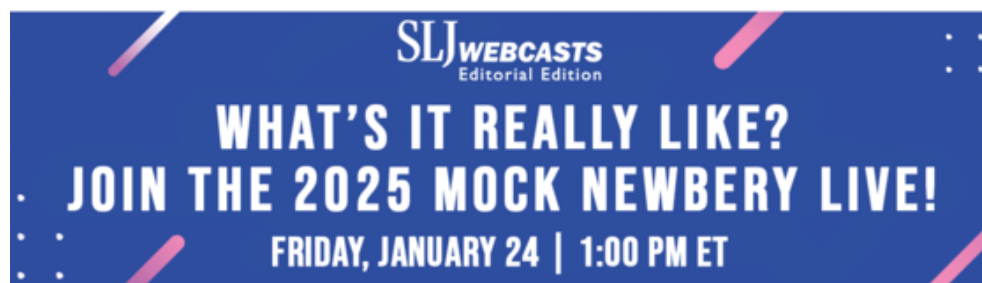
# Youth Services CE Opportunities

## January KidsLib Virtual Meeting

Thursday, Jan. 16, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Join Ankeny Kirkendall Public Library's Youth Service Librarians Kelly Hunter and Brittany Burk on Zoom for KidsLib, a meet-up where youth librarians can discuss all things Youth Services! Share ideas and get inspired!

[Register for the January KidsLib Meeting](#)



## School Library Journal's Mock Newbery Live!

Friday, Jan. 24, 1:00 p.m. Eastern Time

The Newbery Committee chooses the Medal winner behind closed doors, but here's your chance to see how it works. Join *School Library Journal's* expert Mock Newbery panel, the Heavy Medal Award Committee, including Youth Services Consultant Janeé Jackson-Doering, as they discuss five of the best books of the year, following the process of the real Committee.

Watch, listen in, and join the debate with comments and questions before casting your vote to help decide this year's Mock Newbery winner!

[Register for 2025 Mock Newbery Live!](#)

[Read the SLJ Heavy Medal Mock Newbery Blog](#)

# State Library CE Events

## 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.



## 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/directors 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! This webinar will be recorded.

[Register for January Pop YS Live](#)



## February Pop YS Live | Storytime On The Go!

Wednesday, Feb. 12, 1:00 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. This webinar will be recorded.

[Register for February Pop YS Live](#)

## Check It Out! January 2025

Tuesday, Jan. 28 | 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

In this hour, Janeé will book talk the best books for youth ages 0-18 and share collection development tips and trends! There's also a prize giveaway, too! This webinar will be recorded.

[Register for Check It Out](#)



## Article of the Month



### *American Libraries*' "The Upside to Asides"

Storytimes provide great opportunities to share early literacy tips, known as asides, to caregivers. Check out the *American Libraries* article, "The Upside to Asides" and learn tips on how you can share asides in your next Storytime.

[Read the American Libraries Article](#)

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