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## Summer Library Canva Templates Now Available!



We created Bingo Sheets, Reading Log Bookmarks, Prize Drawing Slips, and a Calendar template!

**New This Year:** A Classroom Reading Challenge Sheet is for librarians to use with your daycares and summer school teachers. Our Gameboard Template has two different reading challenges for Elementary ages. All can be customized for your library on Canva!

[Access the Summer Library Templates](#)



## Learn New Ideas at the Free STEM Fairs and Summer Reading Summits!

### About the STEM Fairs:

The **STEM Fairs** give librarians ideas on how to incorporate easy, low-cost STEM activities at their library! This half-day, in-person workshop features presentations from librarians in your district - and time for hands-on learning! Each STEM Fair location will offer a morning session and an afternoon session with the same material presented to allow more librarians to attend.

## About the Summer Reading Summits:

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, craft ideas, book display ideas, and time for networking.

[View the Summer Reading Summit Agenda](#)

## Dates & Locations:

- **March 3 & 4:** Johnston Public Library (Central District)
- **March 6 & 7:** Coralville Public Library (Southeast District)
- **March 10 & 11:** Green Hills AEA, Avoca (Southwest District)
- **March 24 & 25:** Oelwein Public Library (Northeast District)
- **March 27 & 28:** Algona Public Library (North Central District)
- **March 31 & April 1:** Rockwell City Public Library (Northwest District)

## How To Register:

Register for one event or both events in Workday Learning. You must register for each event separately if you are planning on attending both days.

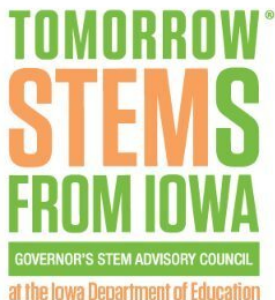
[Register for the Summer Reading Summit](#)

[Register for a STEM Fair](#)

Questions? Visit the [STEM Fair webpage](#) or the [Summer Reading Summit webpage](#).

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## STEM Scale-Up Applications Due March 3



Librarians can apply for the STEM Scale-Up Program from the Governor's STEM Advisory Council. There are 13 different STEM programs offered for different grade levels.

Selected individuals will receive free, high quality STEM materials to keep at their library to aid in their STEM programming.

[About the STEM Scale-Up Program](#)

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## Request a STEM or Storytime Kit for Spring



## Plan Ahead and Grab a Kit for Spring Break!

Spring Break is around the corner! Be prepared for the families at your library with a STEM To Go or a Storytime Kit! All of our kits can be checked out for **five weeks!**

Need a kit for a Butterfly or Colors-themed storytimes? We've got them! From Jumbo Magnetic Building Tiles for a passive program, to Ozobots for a STEM program, we have over **72 kits** to choose from! New kits are coming soon, so stay tuned!

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

## All Iowa Reads Exploring the Shortlist Webinar





Join us **Tuesday, February 18 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** for All Iowa Reads: Exploring the Shortlists.

Attendees can hear about the books that made the shortlists in the Kids, Teen, and Adult categories - and learn about resources from the State Library to promote the All Iowa Reads program.

[Register for the AIR Exploring the Shortlist Webinar](#)

## Save The Date: All Iowa Reads Summer Author Webinars

Join us this summer for these **FREE** hour-long webinars with this year's All Iowa Reads authors! Each author will share insights about their book and answer your questions. This is a great way to plan virtual viewing parties for kids, teens, or adults during Summer Reading. **Registration will open in mid-April.**

- **Tuesday, June 17, 6:30-7:30 p.m.:** *Distant Sons* by Tim Johnston (Adult)
- **Wednesday, June 18, 1:00-2:00 p.m.:** *Jawbreaker* by Christina Wyman (Kids ages 8-12)
- **Wednesday, June 25, 3:00-4:00 p.m.:** *Rez Ball* by Byron Graves (Teens ages 13-18)

## 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.



### 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!

Tuesday, Feb. 25 | 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](#)

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