



May 1, 2025

Register Now for the Summer All Iowa Reads Virtual Webinars!

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Adult	Kids	Teen
Tim Johnston	Christina Wyman	Byron Graves
June 17 at 6:30 p.m.	June 18 at 1:00 p.m.	June 25 at 3:00 p.m.

FREE Webinars - Host a Viewing Party At Your Library!

Join us this summer for these 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 wonderful event to plan virtual viewing parties around for kids, teens, or adults during Summer Reading!

- **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)

[Register for the All Iowa Reads Webinars](#)

Request An All Iowa Reads Book Club Set!



Did you know the State Library has All Iowa Reads book club sets for checkout? Get ready for the Summer webinars by reading the books with your patrons!

We have this year's titles and sets from previous years, too! Contact your District LRT to request a set.

[Contact Your District LRT](#)

Introducing Daniel Umemezie, Iowa Student Poet Ambassador for 2025-2026

The Kid and Teen All Iowa Reads webinars will be moderated by Iowa Student Poet Ambassador (ISPA) Daniel Umemezie from Cedar Falls, Iowa.

Daniel is a junior at Cedar Falls High School. He's received accolades for his poetry through the prestigious Scholastic Art & Writing Awards, the nation's leading recognition program for creative teens.

The Iowa Student Poet Ambassador (ISPA) Award is the highest award given to a young writer in Iowa. The program is designed to recognize and celebrate a talented student poet who supports the voices of Iowa youth and raises awareness of the literary arts.

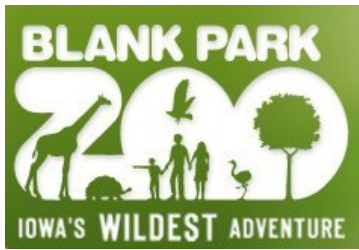


[More from the ISPA Program](#)

Blank Park Zoo Passes For Summer Reading

Passes Still Available for Request

The State Library has free Blank Park Zoo passes for you to give out as prizes for your summer readers!



Check in with Dori Buls at the State Library to request quantities for your library. The passes are for children ages 12 and under and are **available while supplies last**.

Email Dori at dori.buls@iowa.gov or call (515) 281-5790.

Thank you to the Blank Park Zoo for their generous donation of zoo passes!

Redeem the iREAD Code By June 1!



If you haven't downloaded the iREAD Resource Guide and Graphics files, time is running out! **Use the code and download the files by June 1. The code will expire after that date.**

The download instructions were emailed to library directors in November. To request the iREAD code and instructions, contact Youth Services Consultant Janeé Jackson-Doering at jane.jackson-doering@iowa.gov.

Summer Fun With STEM To Go & Storytime Kits!



Summer is coming - and we've got lots of new kits for your Summer programming!

Hosting a Family or Teen Game Night? Check out the selection of games for checkout! Need a Storytime Kit? View our array of themed Storytime Kits you can use for five weeks! We have Ozobots, Jumbo Magnetic Building Tiles and kits from Iowa PBS, too!

[Browse the STEM To Go & Storytime Kits](#)

Iowa PBS' Farmers Market Program

Does your community host a local Farmers Market? Consider partnering with organizers to bring the Iowa PBS Farmers Market program to your town this summer!



This initiative contains 12 weeks worth of activities that build on everyday literacy learning for children. There's a program guide, games, STEM activities, recipes that kids can make with their families, and more.

For more information, contact Iowa PBS Education Outreach Specialist Nicki Mullins at nicki.mullins@iowapbs.org.

[View the Farmers Market Program](#)

CE Events

Ready, Set, Game! Designing Accessible Games for Youth Library Programs Webinar

Wednesday, May 21 | 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.

Join Denise Bean (Youth Services Librarian for Iowa Library for the Blind and Print Disabled) for an engaging training session focused on creating positive play experiences for blind and low-vision youth in your summer library program!

She'll introduce fun, budget-friendly game ideas that can be easily adapted to meet the needs of everyone for all ability levels.

This webinar will include:

- Principles of accessible simple game design.
- How to modify classic games to make them accessible.
- Creative, low-prep ideas that work well in group settings or independently.
- Tips for choosing materials and setup considerations.
- Real-life examples from libraries successfully implementing accessible play.

This webinar will be recorded.

[Register for Ready, Set, Game!](#)



School Library Journal's Day of Dialog



Thursday, May 22 | Events Held All Day via Zoom

Join *School Library Journal* (SLJ) for their upcoming Spring virtual Day of Dialog! This event features author panels and in-depth conversations with keynote speakers.

Attendees can visit the Virtual Exhibit Hall to network with publishers and download digital galleys and other free resources. You can hear firsthand of the hottest upcoming books for Kids, Tweens and Teens -- in all genres, categories and formats!

SLJ is also offering CE certificates for attending keynotes and panels.

[Register for SLJ's Day of Dialog](#)

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.



May Pop YS Live | Organizing Recruited Presenters

NEW DATE - Tuesday, May 13 | 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The May Pop YS Live will feature an all-inclusive look at working with outside presenters in your library. We'll start with some recruitment and contracting best practices, including program agreements for expectation setting and a checklist to give your presented events their best chance of success.

But sometimes even the best laid plans go awry. Janeé's got you covered there too. She'll share a round robin of easy programs for groups of all ages and sizes that you can easily whip out if a presenter is a no-show at the last minute – every librarian's worst nightmare. This webinar will be recorded.

[Register for May Pop YS Live](#)

Check It Out!

Tuesday, May 27 and Tuesday, June 24 | 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!

These webinars will be recorded.



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