



Pop YS Con 2026 Printable Schedule

Thursday, April 16th



Event	Time	Title	Speaker
Morning Keynote	9:00 – 10:30	<i>A Joyous Way to Learn: Music Play to Promote Readiness, Literacy and Math Development</i>	Jim Gill Musician & Author
Breakout Session 1	11:00 - Noon	<i>Comprehensive Teen Programming and Teen-Led Initiatives</i>	Catherine Shook Norwalk Easter Public Library
		<i>Stretch the Limits of Storytime: Using Props in New Ways</i>	Maddie Bassman Des Moines Public Library
		<i>Managing the Chaos: No School Days at the Library</i>	Danielle Ziegler, Heidi Chopskie, Michelle Rowe Ames Public Library
Breakout Session 2	12:30 - 1:30	<i>Bee Connected: How Spelling Bees Build Literacy, Resilience, and Community</i>	Corrie Loeffler, Elizabeth Keest Sedrel, Mary Brooks
		<i>Budget Friendly Teen & Tween Programming</i>	Dr. Ambri Refer, Sam Exline (Marion Public Library), Victoria Brander (Orange City Public Library)
		<i>Picture-Perfect Teen Programming: How to Run a Teen Photography Contest at Your Library</i>	Jeremy Hall Avoca Public Library
Afternoon Keynote	2:00 - 3:15	<i>Connecting Librarians to the Iowa Comprehensive Statewide Literacy Plan</i>	Dr. Darcie Kress, Leigh Bellville, April Gosselink-Lemke, Wanda Steuri Iowa Dept. of Education

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Event	Time	Title	Speaker
Morning Keynote	9:00 – 10:30	<i>Public Libraries and the Science of Reading: How to Support Parents, Kids, and Educators</i>	Jennifer Humphrey Carmel Clay Public Library
Breakout Session 1	11:00 - Noon	<i>Learn to Read: How Public Libraries Can Support Communities</i>	Christine Barth & Emily Haage Scott County Library System
		<i>Creating Meaningful Online Content for Library Patrons of All Ages</i>	Emerson Taylor Musser Public Library
		<i>What's in the Box: Teen Readers Advisory</i>	Emery Bunkers Kling Memorial Library
Breakout Session 2	12:30 - 1:30	<i>Social Emotional Learning at the Library</i>	Allison Richert Burlington Public Library
		<i>Proven Strategies for Designing Accessible Makerspace Workshops in your Library</i>	Denise Bean Iowa Library for the Blind & Print Disabled
		<i>Out of the Margins: Disability Representation in Juvenile Graphic Novels</i>	Elizabeth Lovell-Martin West Des Moines Public Library

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