



Welcome!

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Agenda

iREAD 2025 “Level Up at Your Library”

iREAD 2026 theme development

iREAD Store, details on the ordering process, and specific state arrangements

Instructions on how to redeem a promo code for the downloadable Resource Guide

Q & A



iREAD 2025

Level Up at Your Library

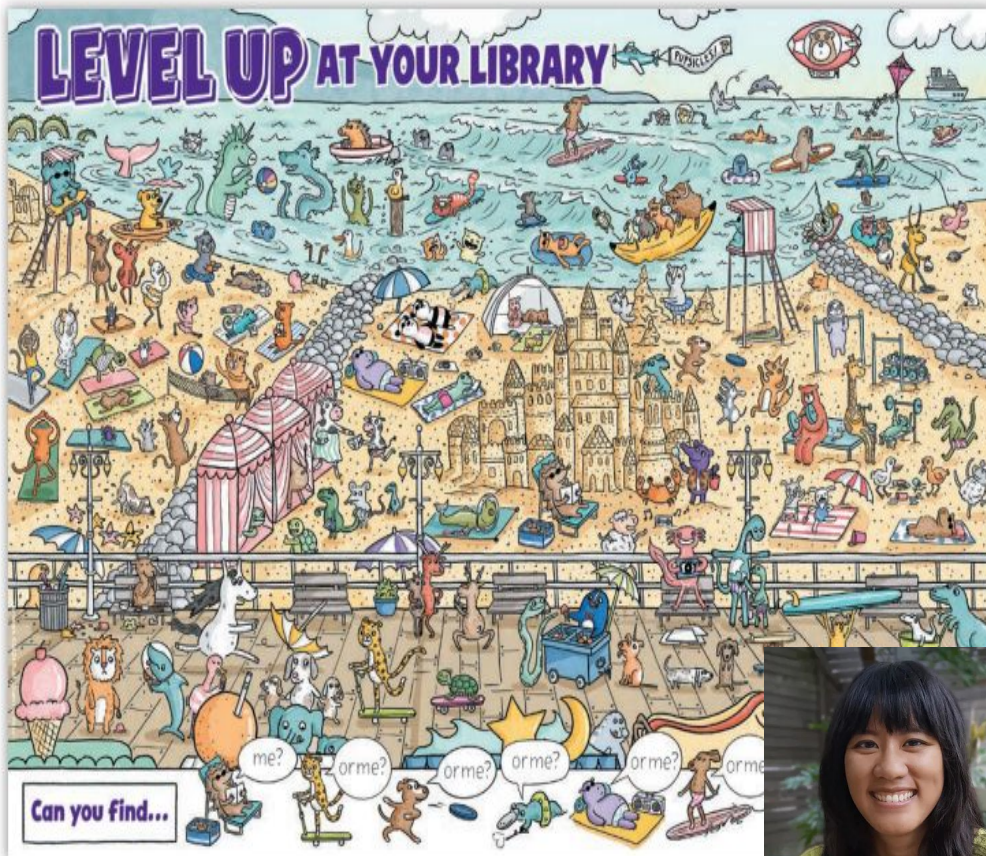
Maisie Iven
Naperville Public Library
iREAD 2025 Chair

2025 Mission Statement



Play is one of the ways we learn to relate to others, to think in new ways, and to foster friendships, new and old. Level Up at Your Library is an all ages summer reading program based around puzzles and games. Whether you're playing with STEM concepts or gamifying your reading logs, learning to play chess or how to code video games, iREAD 2025: Level Up at Your Library reminds us that libraries are not just a space for knowledge, they are a space for fun!

Featured Artists



Ruth Chan

Have You Seen Gordon?

Words by Adam Jay Epstein

Illustrated by Ruth Chan

(Simon and Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2021)



Featured Artists



Oge Mora

I'm From

Words by Gary R. Gray Jr.

Illustrated by Oge Mora

(Balzer + Bray, 2023)



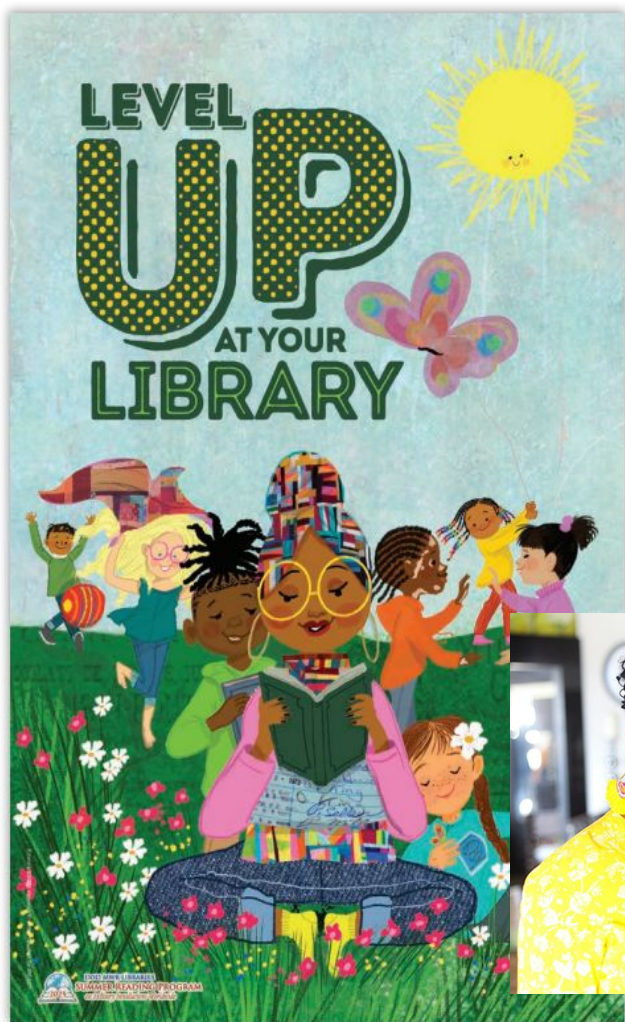
Featured Artists



Carey Pietsch



Featured Artists



**Vanessa
Brantley-Newton**



Public Service Announcement



Dates to Remember!

iREAD 2025 Showcase

Monday, December 9, 2024

12:00 - 1:00 p.m. CST

Online (Zoom)



Learn all about the 2025 iREAD theme: Level Up at Your Library. Get inspired with ideas for decorations, programs, and more!

Reading Dragon and Friends

Wednesday, January 29, 2025

12:00 - 1:00 p.m. CST

Online (Zoom)



Reading Dragons and Friends is a fun way to motivate kids to build positive reading habits. Join the Reading Dragons and Friends creators Mallory Thompson and Liz Strauss and artist Carey Pietsch for an informative session about their collaboration on a special iREAD version of this fun reading incentive that you can use at your library.



Looking ahead to 2026

Plant A Seed, Read

Broad thematic area:

Farm to Table

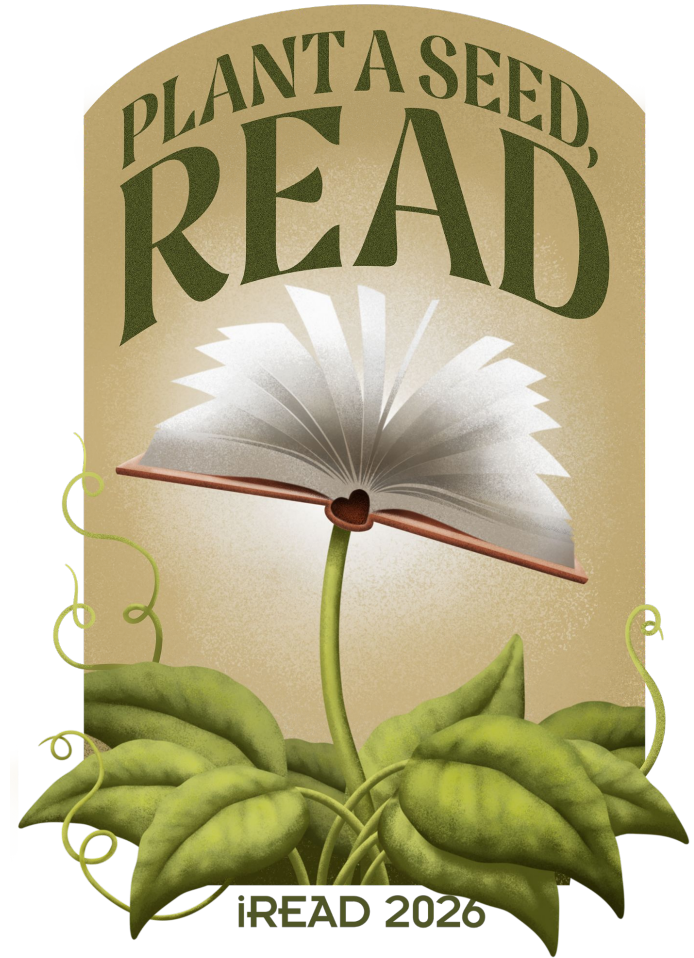
Ellen Fitzgerald, Naperville Public Library

iREAD 2026 Chair

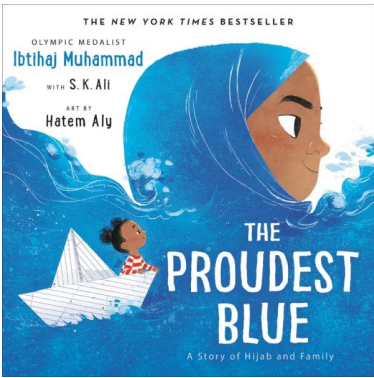
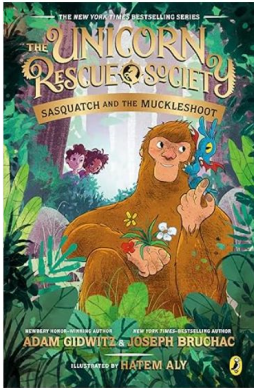
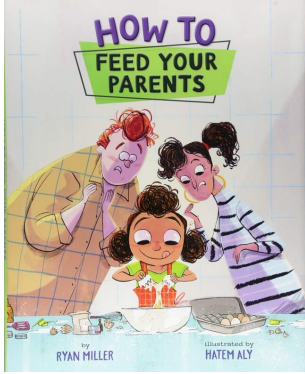
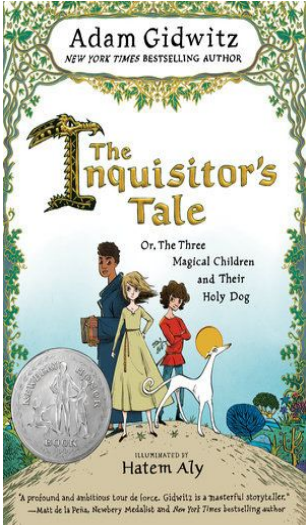
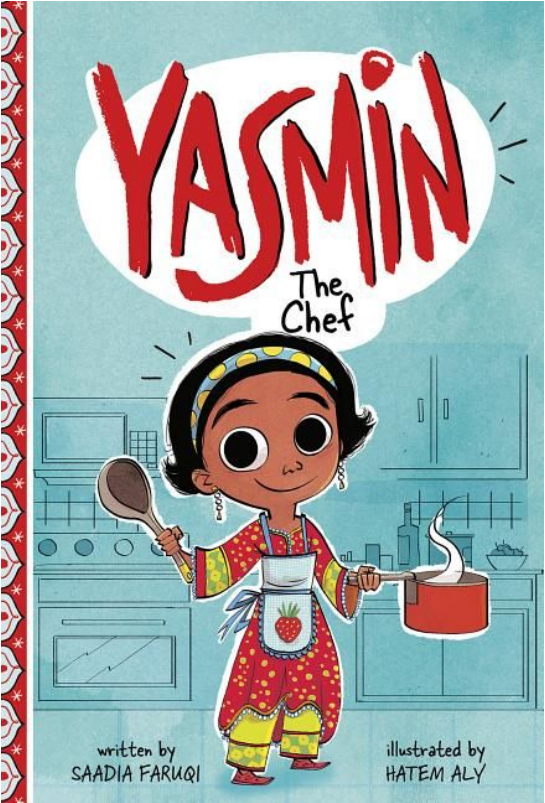
Mission Statement for iREAD 2026:

Plant a Seed, Read

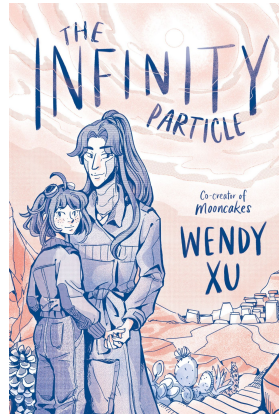
Plant a Seed, Read is rooted in the concept of farm to table. A farm grows food that nourishes our bodies; a library grows ideas that nourish our minds. Both food and stories connect us to our family, culture, economy, and ecology. iREAD 2026: *Plant a Seed, Read* will provide a context for exploring culture, history, science, health, and human connection.



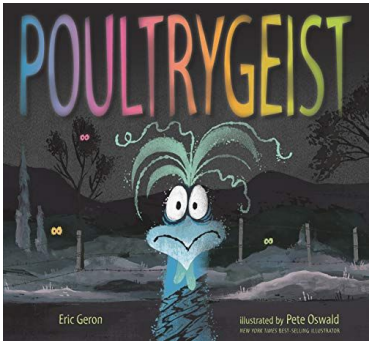
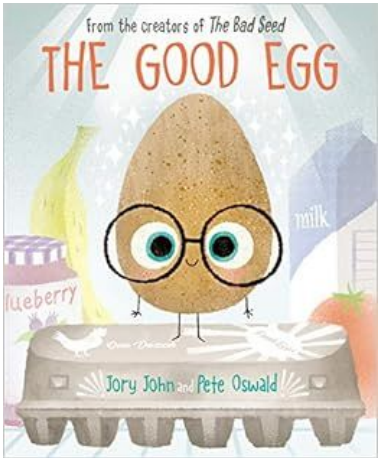
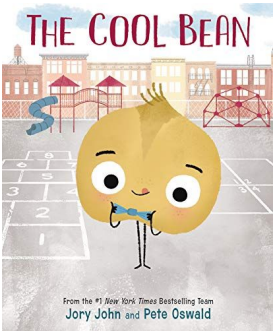
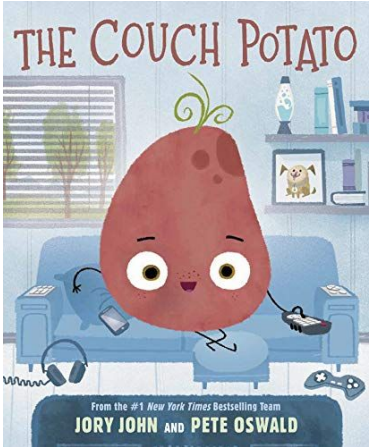
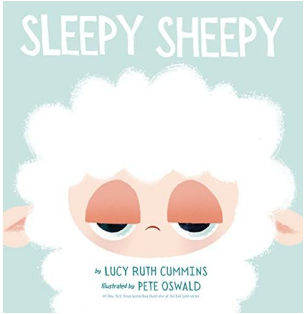
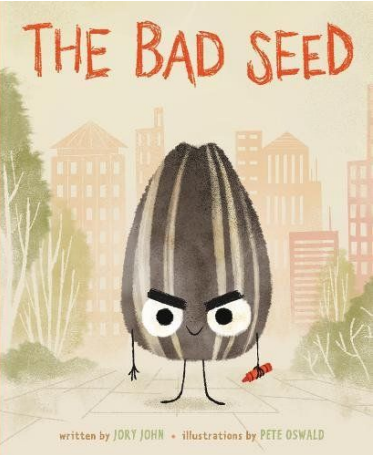
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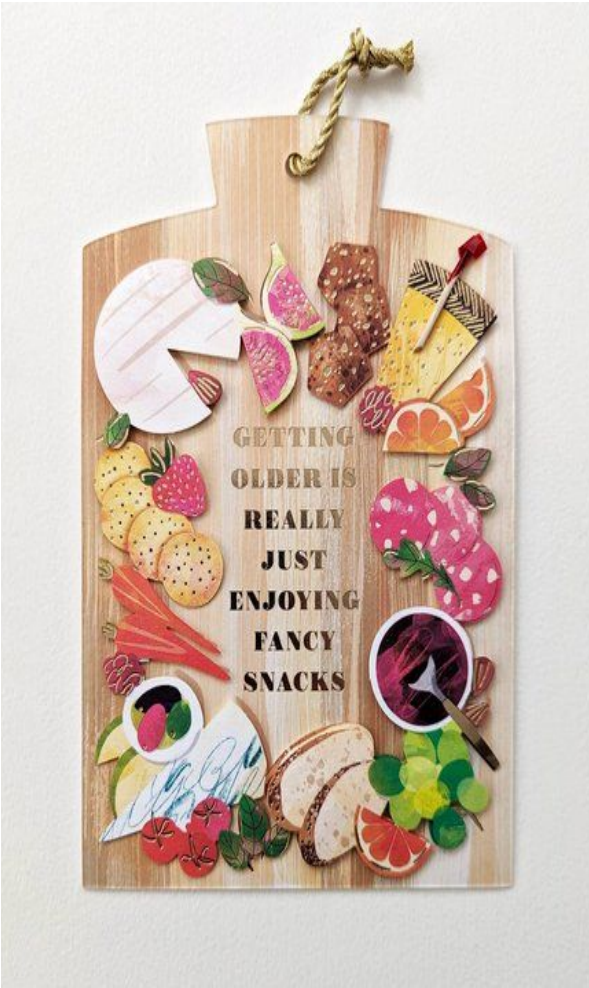
Wendy Xu



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2026 Resource Guide

Two opportunities to participate:

- Volunteer for the Resource Guide Team
- Submit your idea/program/bibliography/article!



Resource Guide

- The heart of the program
- By librarians, for librarians
- Suggestions, ideas, bibliographies, scripts
- Reproducible artwork—use in perpetuity
- Transparent criteria for theme and graphics



Broad thematic area:

Science Fiction

Kara DeCarlo, Orland Park Public Library

iREAD 2027 Chair

Theme for 2027: SCIENCE FICTION



Vision statement:

Science fiction encourages us to dream big, take risks, and imagine a future enhanced by human innovation. Libraries make contemporary technology accessible and provide access to stories that encourage patrons of all ages to explore a world greater than themselves. The beauty of science fiction is that there is a niche for everyone; whether you want robot butlers, dream of a solar-powered utopia, or yearn for time travel. These stories have brought us into the furthest reaches of space, shrunk us down so that we can explore the jungle of our own backyards, and helped readers to examine what it means to lead a human life on Earth. With *iREAD 2027: Science Fiction*, we invite libraries and their patrons to dream big, take risks, and enjoy a summer of exploration and imagination.



Criteria for Theme

Be universal in promoting reading

Be focused in interpretation

Be dynamic and imply action

Be appropriate for all genders



Criteria for Theme

Include the word "book," "read," or "library"
(or related)

Lend itself to strong graphic interpretation

Have appeal to preK-8 students, YA, adults,
and library staff



Themes & Taglines

2026: Farm to Table/ *Plant A Seed, Read*

2025: Games & Puzzles/ *Level Up at Your Library*

2024: Conservation/ *Read, Renew, Repeat*

2023: Voice/ *Find Your Voice!*

2022: Camp/ *Read Beyond the Beaten Path*

2021: Color/ *Reading Colors Your World*

Tagline voting!



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Book a Journey Through Space
♡ 0

Book a Trip to Another Dimension
♡ 0

Don't Panic! Head to the Library
♡ 0

Launch into a good book
♡ 0

Reading is a Portal to Other Worlds
♡ 0

Books--They're Bigger on the Inside
♡ 0

May the Books Be With You
♡ 0

Reading Expands Our Universe
♡ 0

Discover the Power Within-Read
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Take Me to Your Reader
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Read to the Future
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Reading Expands Our Universe
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Read Where No One Has Gone Before
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Beam Me to the Library
♡ 0

Escape Reality, Enter the Library
♡ 0

Read More and Prosper
♡ 0

Explore New Territory at Your Library
♡ 0

Soar Through the Stars at Your Library
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Questions?

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