

# ILLINOIS READS

## A READING STATE OF MIND



Join the Illinois Reading Council in celebrating the 2023 statewide literacy initiative! Six books have been selected in each age band from birth to adult! This is a great time to start planning a Family Reading Night, book club, author event, online visit, and more! Don't forget to order bookmarks and posters today!

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### Birth-4

*Would You Come Too?*  
by Liz Garton Scanlon and  
illustrated by Diana Sudyka  
*This is Music: Drums*  
by Rekha S. Rajan  
*Chicago, Baby!*  
by Feather Flores and  
illustrated by Kelly Leigh Miller  
*ABC Animals!*  
by Stephen F. Majsak  
*I'll Be Your Polar Bear*  
by Justin Roberts  
*Molly on the Moon*  
by Mary Robinette Kowal

### 6-8

*Courage*  
by Barbara Binns  
*The Civil War of Amos Abernathy*  
by Michael Leali  
*Pilar Ramirez and the Escape from Zafa*  
by Julian Randall  
*Tumble*  
by Celia C. Pérez  
*ReThink the Internet: How to Make the Digital World a Lot Less Sucky*  
by Trisha Prabhu  
*Underground Fire: Hope, Sacrifice, and Courage in the Cherry Mine Disaster*  
by Sally M. Walker

### K-2

*The Most Haunted House in America*  
by Jarrett Dapier  
*Stella Keeps the Sun Up*  
by Clothilde Ewing  
*Elephant's Big Solo*  
by Sarah Kurpiel  
*The Meaning of Pride*  
by Rosiee Thor and illustrated by Sam Kirk  
*Tortoise and Hare: A Fairy Tale to Help You Find Balance*  
by Susan Verde and illustrated by Jay Fleck  
*Yetis are the Worst!*  
by Alex Willan

### 9-12

*A Man Called Horse: John Horse and the Black Seminole Underground Railroad*  
by Glennette Tilley Turner  
*Murder Among Friends: How Leopold and Loeb Tried to Commit the Perfect Crime*  
by Candace Fleming  
*As Fast As Her: Dream Big, Break Barriers, Achieve Success*  
by Kendall Coyne  
*Strike the Zither*  
by Joan He  
*The Wolves Are Watching*  
by Natalie Lund  
*Darling*  
by K. Ancrum

### 3-5

*Exquisite: The Poetry and Life of Gwendolyn Brooks*  
by Suzanne Slade and  
illustrated by Cozbi A. Cabrera  
*Buzzing with Questions: The Inquisitive Mind of Charles Henry Turner*  
by Janice N. Harrington  
*Pighearted*  
by Alex Perry  
*A Rover's Story*  
by Jasmine Warga  
*Apple Crush*  
by Lucy Knisley  
*Three Strike Summer*  
by Skyler Schrempp

### Adult

*The Upstairs House: A Novel*  
by Julia Fine  
*Grace: President Obama and Ten Days in the Battle for America*  
by Cody Keenan  
*Eat, Drink, and Be Murray: A Feast of Family Fun and Favorites*  
by Andy Murray  
*Remarkably Bright Creatures: A Novel*  
by Shelby Van Pelt  
*The Two Lives of Sara*  
by Catherine Adel West  
*Last Summer on State Street: A Novel*  
by Toya Wolfe