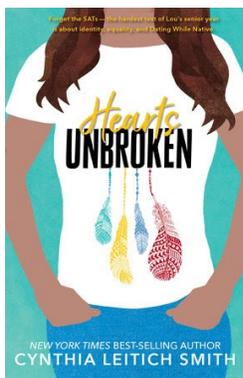


## 2021 Teen All Iowa Reads Shortlist Programming Guide



### Hearts Unbroken

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#### Summary:

*Louise Wolfe is ready to spend her time in her senior year with her family and friends and working on the school newspaper. The editors pair her up with Joey Kairouz, the ambitious new photojournalist, and in no time the paper's staff find themselves with a major story to cover: the school musical director's inclusive approach to casting *The Wizard of Oz* has been provoking backlash in their mostly white, middle-class Kansas town. As tensions mount at school, so does a romance between Lou and Joey -- but*

*as she's learned, "dating while Native" can be difficult. In trying to protect her own heart, will Lou break Joey's?*

#### Activity Ideas

- **EXTRA, EXTRA!** Louise works hard at her school's newspaper. See what it's like to write your own newspaper! Teens could work together to write their own newspaper. Programs could bring in someone who works for the local paper to talk about their work. The local high school's newspaper writers could come in and discuss what it is really like to work on a school paper. This could be an in person event, or teens could submit their articles or photos online.
- **ZINE-MAKING.** Louise is passionate about telling her truth and making her voice heard through her school's newspaper. Zines, while technically a type of magazine, can be a simple way to get your thoughts and opinions out into the world when you aren't lucky enough to be a part of an official newspaper. [Learn how to create a zine using a single sheet of paper](#) and fill it with whatever you are passionate about. Not into writing? Zines can be filled with drawings, collage, or anything you can fit onto the paper. (This program could culminate in a zine exchange between participants; National Zine Day is July 21).
- **NATIVE KNOWLEDGE.** Louise is a citizen of the Muscogee Creek Nation and her Indigenous identity is important to her. Think about a program that could invite in an Indigenous speaker or focus on other works by Indigenous people. Lou mentions listening to the podcast [Native America Calling](#), for instance. You could share specific episodes about YA books or teen activists with your teens. This is also a chance to spotlight other Indigenous authors, some of who Lou and her brother talk about reading.

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