



## Take Part in the 2010 Jump Start Program!

Participating libraries host a library table at kindergarten registration. Library staff or volunteers hand out prepared packets of early literacy and library information to families and a free copy of *Look Out Kindergarten, Here I Come!* by Nancy Carlson for each child who will be attending kindergarten in the fall. Libraries are encouraged to customize the folders and displays with local library and summer reading program information.

Idaho Reading Indicator scores and other research clearly show that many children entering school lack literacy experiences and reading role models. Public libraries have the tools parents need to give their child a jump start on reading – books and materials, librarians with early literacy expertise, and early literacy programs and services.

Library staff who have participated in the past report great results. Here are a few of their comments:

“The school administration appreciated our effort, the kids were excited, and the parents loved it.” – Mary Nate, Bear Lake County District Library

“We had a good response from the parents who seemed to appreciate the information in the packet about the learning skills needed to prepare their children for school. The next day a father told me that he read *Look out Kindergarten...* to his son at least 50 times. We would like to do it again. The kindergarten teacher appreciated it and it was a great opportunity to meet the children and to tell about the library.”  
- Nezperce Branch Library

“Great program, kids loved the books, parents appreciated the info!! And a local kindergarten teacher who listened to my presentation asked if I would come in the fall and present to her parents!! WOW!!!” – Lewiston City Library

For more information about the program, see <http://libraries.idaho.gov/landing/jumpstart> or contact Stephanie Bailey-White at 1-800-458-3271 any time.



**Applications are available online at the web site above or fill out the form on the reverse side and fax it in.**

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## **2010 Jump Start Application**

Fax this back to (208) 334-4016 or fill it out online at  
<http://libraries.idaho.gov/landing/jumpstart>

Name of Library:

Address:

City:

Zip:

Contact Name:

E-mail:

Phone:

Number of children you anticipate will register for kindergarten:

Name of school(s) hosting information tables:

Date(s) for the kindergarten registration (approximate date or month is fine):

Does your library do anything else that targets parents of children entering kindergarten with library/reading information?

Additional comments: