

# Calendar for library partners

## 2015 - 2016



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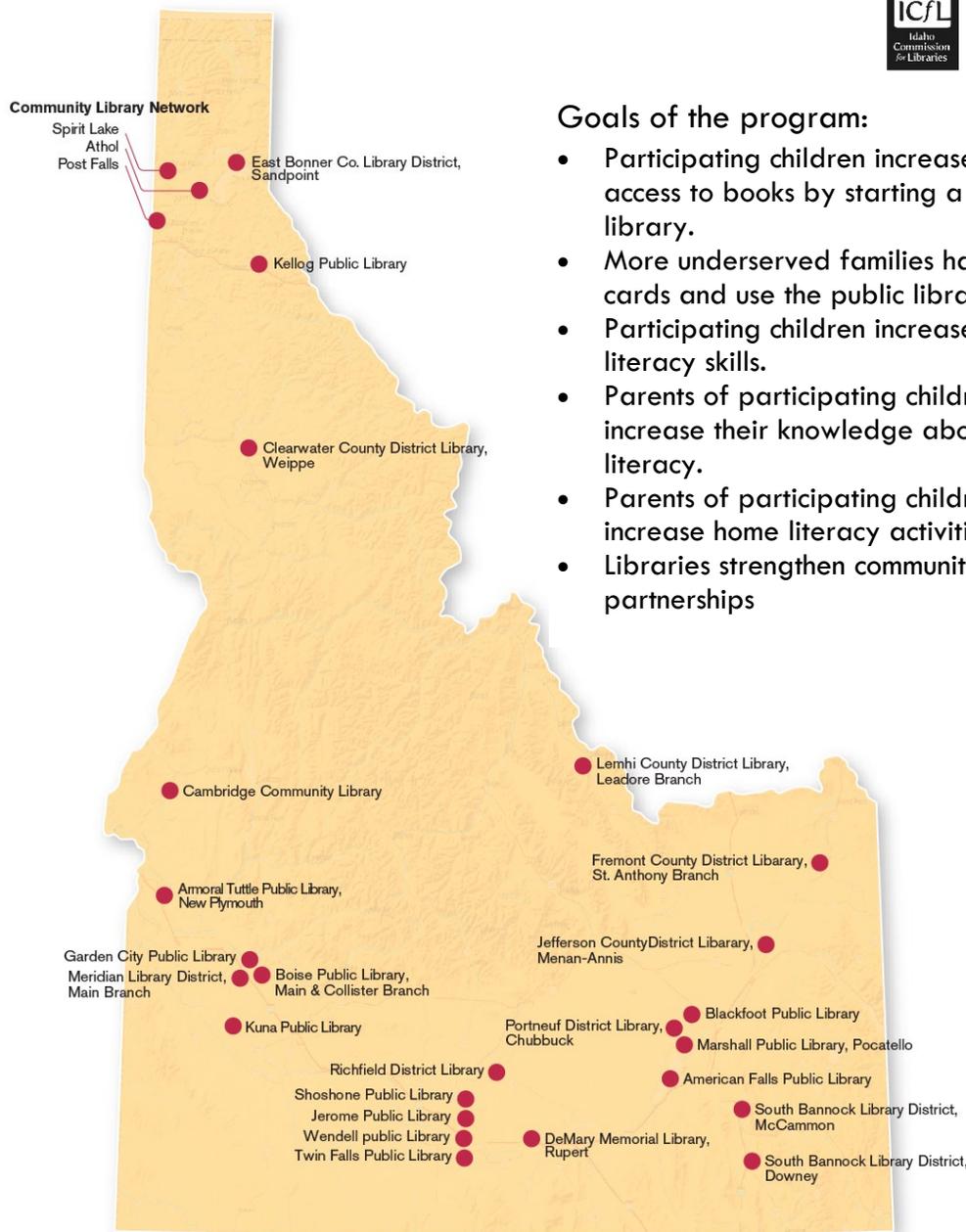


Idaho  
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# MY FIRST BOOKS SITES

2015-2016



## Goals of the program:

- Participating children increase their access to books by starting a home library.
- More underserved families have library cards and use the public library.
- Participating children increase early literacy skills.
- Parents of participating children increase their knowledge about early literacy.
- Parents of participating children increase home literacy activities.
- Libraries strengthen community partnerships

## Helpful Contacts:

### Your public library contact:

### Idaho Commission for Libraries

325 W. State St.  
 Boise, Idaho 83702  
 334-2150 or 1-800-458-3271  
 Fax: 334-4016  
 Libraries.idaho.gov

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 639-4178

### My First Books Resources

libraries.idaho.gov/resources-my-first-books-participants

**Be sure to check out the templates and tips for Partners on this website!!!**

### Abbreviations and acronyms:

MFB = My First Books (this program)  
 ICfL = Idaho Commission for Libraries  
 RTM = Read to Me (ICfL early literacy program)

# August 2015

## Helpful Links

### Author pronunciations:

[www.teachingbooks.net](http://www.teachingbooks.net)

### Book jackets:

[www.librarything.com](http://www.librarything.com)

### Data and statistics:

[www.idahokidscount.org](http://www.idahokidscount.org)

### Early literacy resources:

#### Read to Me:

[libraries.idaho.gov/page/read-to-me-resources](http://libraries.idaho.gov/page/read-to-me-resources)

#### DayByDayID.org

**The Bookworm:** (in English and Spanish)

[libraries.idaho.gov/bookworm](http://libraries.idaho.gov/bookworm)

### Songs, rhymes, fingerplays videos:

[www.youtube.com/Birth2Six](http://www.youtube.com/Birth2Six)

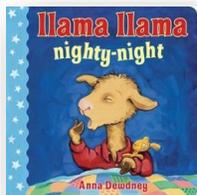
[www.storyblocks.org](http://www.storyblocks.org)

### Library partner website:

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Helpful Hints:</b> Meet with your library partner to discuss distribution dates and times. Be sure to address how you and your library partner will inform the parents about their participation in My First Books this year. Double-check enrollment numbers for each age group and give to library partner ASAP.						1
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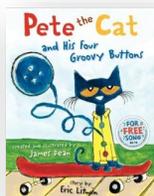
# September 2015

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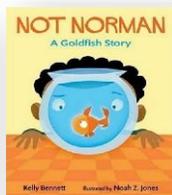
Llama Llama Nighty-Night,  
by Anna Dewdney

## Preschool



Pete the Cat and His Four  
Groovy Buttons,  
by Eric Litwin

## Kindergarten



Not Norman: A Goldfish Story,  
by Kelly Bennett

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
If you haven't confirmed your enrollment numbers with your library partner, please do so ASAP.		1	2	3	4	5 National Book Festival (Washington, DC)
6	7 Labor Day	8 International Literacy Day	9	10	11	12
					Idaho Association of the Education of the Young Child (IAEYC) Conference, Boise	
13 Grandparent's Day	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 International Day of Peace	22	23	24	25 Native American Day	26
27	28	29	<b>Helpful Hints:</b> Be sure to utilize the resources provided for Spanish-speaking families: Intro letter in Spanish; Bookworms in Spanish; Spanish translation of books.		Library Card Sign Up Month Hispanic Heritage Month (Sept. 15-Oct. 15) Banned Books Week: Sept. 27-Oct 3	

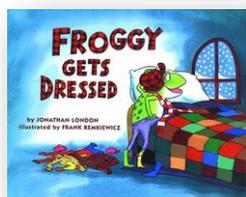
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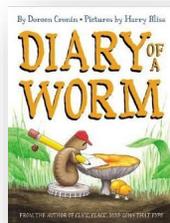
*In My Neighborhood (bilingual)*, by Anna Bardaus

## Preschool



*Froggy Gets Dressed*, by Jonathan London

## Kindergarten



*Diary of a Worm*, by Doreen Cronin

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Jumpstart Read for the Record:</b> How many kids can you involve in the reading of <i>Not Norman: A Goldfish Story</i> , by Kelly Bennett? ( <a href="http://www.readfortherecord.org">www.readfortherecord.org</a> ) <b>Teen Read Week:</b> October 18-24th <b>National Friends of the Library Week:</b> October 18-24				1	2	3
<i>Helpful Hints:</i> Meet with your partner regarding (FRW) Family Reading Week (Nov. 15-22)				<i>Idaho Library Association (ILA) Conference: Boise</i>		10
	5 <i>International School Library Day</i>	6	7	8	9	
11	12 <i>Columbus Day</i>	13	14	15	16	17 <i>International Eradication of Poverty Day</i>
18	19	20	21	22 <i>Jumpstart Read for the Record</i>	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31 <i>Halloween</i>

*Family Reading Week:  
Classics*

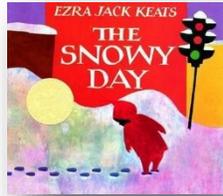
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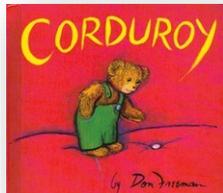
*The Tale of Peter Rabbit,*  
by Beatrix Potter

**Preschool**



*The Snowy Day,*  
by Ezra Jack Keats

**Kindergarten**

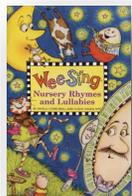


*Corduroy,*  
by Don Freeman

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <i>Daylight Savings Time Ends</i>	2	3 <i>Election Day</i>	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 <i>Veteran's Day</i>	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20 <i>Idaho Reads! Summit, Boise</i>	21 <i>International Games Day</i>
<b>Family Reading Week: "Curl Up with a Classic"</b>						
22	23	24	25	26 <i>Thanksgiving</i>	27	28
29	30	<p><b>Helpful Hints:</b>  <i>Promote Family Reading Week with your library: Fliers, Bookworm, stickers on children, emails to parents, posters/signs on doors of classroom/center—send something home each week! You can access resources at <a href="http://libraries.idaho.gov/landing/idaho-family-reading-week">http://libraries.idaho.gov/landing/idaho-family-reading-week</a>.</i></p>				<p>Native American Heritage Month  Picture Book Month</p>

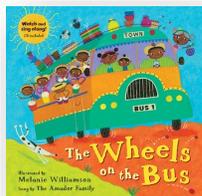
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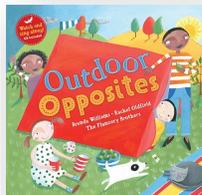
Wee Sing: Nursery Rhymes and Lullabies, by Pamela Conn Beal and Susan Nipp

## Preschool



The Wheels on the Bus, Illustrated by Melanie Williamson

## Kindergarten

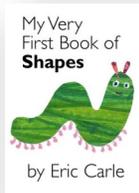


Outdoor Opposites, by Brenda Williams

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	<b>Cultural Celebrations:</b> Chanukah, Dec. 6-14 (Jewish) Las Posadas, Dec. 16-24 (Hispanic) Kwanzaa, Dec. 26-Jan 1 (African-American)		1	2	3	4	5
	6 Chanukah Begins	7	8	9	10	11	12
	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	20	21	22	23	24	25 Christmas Day	26
	27	28	29	30	31	<b>Helpful Hints:</b> This month will be filled with special assemblies, concerts, parties, etc. Check in with your library partner regarding distribution dates.	

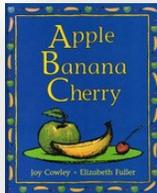
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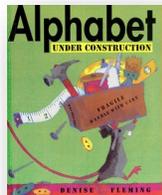
My Very First Book of Shapes, by Eric Carle

## Preschool



Apple, Banana, Cherry, by Joy Cowley

## Kindergarten

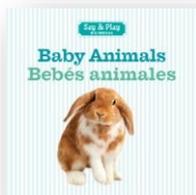


Alphabet Under Construction, by Denise Fleming

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<p><b>Helpful Hints:</b> Whenever you have new children enroll in your program be sure to give your library partner advanced notice. This way they can bring enough books for your new children. Be sure your new children receive a letter of introduction from the library explaining the My First Books program.</p>			<p>National Braille Literacy Month 100th Day of School (specific day dependent on first day of school) American Library Association (ALA) Youth Media Awards (Caldecott, Newbery, etc.)</p>		1 New Year's Day	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 ALA Youth Media Awards (follow on Twitter @ILoveLibraries)	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 MLK, Jr. Day/ Human Rights Day	19	20	21	22	23
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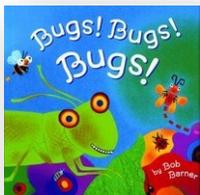
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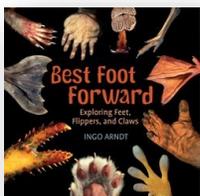
*Baby Animals (bilingual),*  
by Sterling Publishing Co.

## Preschool



*Bugs! Bugs! Bugs!*  
by Bob Barner

## Kindergarten

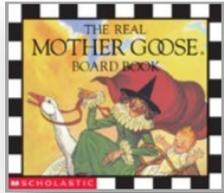


*Best Foot Forward: Exploring Feet, Flippers, and Claws,*  
by Ingo Arndt

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 <i>Groundhog Day</i>	3	4	5	6
7	8 <i>Chinese New Year: Year of the Monkey</i>	9 <i>Mardi Gras</i>	10	11	12	13
14 <i>Valentine's Day</i>	15 <i>President's Day</i>	16	17	18	19	20
21 28	22	23	24	25	26	27
<p><b>Helpful Hints:</b> If you have special activities planned for Black History/American History/Friendship Month check with your library partner to see if they can bring in some age-appropriate books to feature.</p>				<p>African American History Month International Friendship Month Children's Authors and Illustrators Week: First week of Feb. (<a href="http://www.childrensauthorsnetwork.com">www.childrensauthorsnetwork.com</a>)</p>		

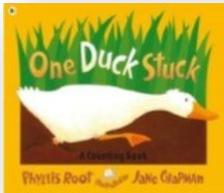
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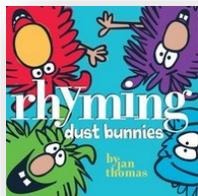
The Real Mother Goose,  
illustrated by Blanche Fisher  
Wright

## Preschool



One Duck Stuck,  
by Phyllis Root

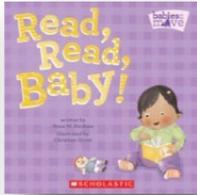
## Kindergarten



Rhyming Dust Bunnies,  
by Jan Thomas

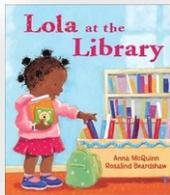
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Women's History Month Teen Tech Week: March 6- 12	<i>If your library plans to apply for MFB next year their application is due April 22rd. Fill out your Partner Info sheet and return to them ASAP!</i>	1	2 Dr. Seuss's Birthday/NEA Read Across America Day (www.nea.org)	3	4 Idaho Day	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 Easter	28	29	30	31	<b>Helpful Hints:</b> Let your library partner know your Spring Break dates. Consider collaborating to plan something for Dia de los ninos April 30 (Day of the Child).	

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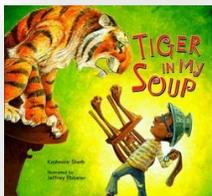
*Read, Read, Baby!*  
by Anna Bardaus

## Preschool



*Lola at the Library,*  
by Anna McQuinn

## Kindergarten



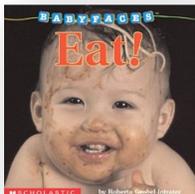
*Tiger in My Soup,*  
by Kashmira Sheth

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		<p><i>Helpful Hints:</i> Meet with your library partner to plan how parent surveys will be distributed and collected. If you collect at least 75% of your parent surveys for your library, ICfL will provide you with a free hardcover book for your classroom!</p>			1	2
		<p>National Poetry Month School Library Month National Library Week: Apr 10-16 NAEYC Week of the Young Child: April 10-16 (www.naeyc.org) D.E.A.R./Beverly Cleary's BD, April 12</p>			<p>International Children's Book Day <a href="http://www.ibby.org">www.ibby.org</a></p>	
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		<p>National Library Worker's Day Drop Everything and Read Day</p>				
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
					<p>Earth Day My First Books Applications for 2016/2017 due 5:00 pm MST</p>	
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						<p>El día de los niños/ El día de los libros</p>

Summer Reading  
(Fitness/Health theme)

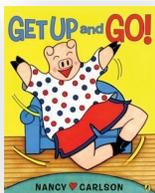
# May 2016

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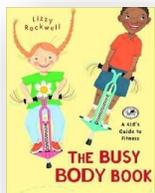
*Eat!* (Baby Faces series)  
by Roberta Grobel Intrater

## Preschool



*Get Up and Go,*  
by Nancy Carlson

## Kindergarten



*The Busy Body Book: A Kid's  
Guide to Fitness,*  
by Lizzy Rockwell

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5 Cinco de Mayo	6	7 Free Comic Book Day (www.freecomicbookday.com)
	8 Mother's Day	9	10	11	12	13	14
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	29	30 Memorial Day	31	<b>Helpful Hints:</b> Meet with your partner to debrief. Begin promoting summer reading to your parents. How can you help keep your kids reading over the summer? Be sure to get MFB parent surveys to the library so they can get their report in on time!			Asian/Pacific Heritage Month Teacher Appreciat. Week: May 2-6 Children's Book Week: May 2-8 <a href="http://www.bookweekonline.com">www.bookweekonline.com</a>