



# 2016 - 2017

*Calendar for Community Partners*

*Monthly book titles, events, helpful tips, holidays, and more!*



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# MY FIRST BOOKS SITES

2016-2017



## 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.

## 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](http://Libraries.idaho.gov)

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### My First Books Resources

[libraries.idaho.gov/resources-my-first-books-participants](http://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 2016

## 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)

**Public library website:**

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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	<p><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.</p>		

**Early Literacy /  
Great Read-Alouds**

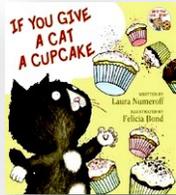
# September 2016

**Birth-2**



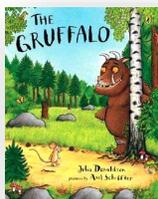
Love Is You and Me/  
El amor somas tú y yo,  
by Anna Bardaus

**Preschool**



If You Give a Cat a Cupcake,  
by Laura Numeroff

**Kindergarten**

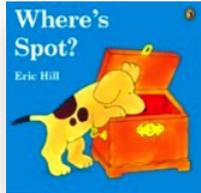


The Gruffalo, by  
Julia Donaldson

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Library Card Sign Up Month Hispanic Heritage Month (Sept. 15-Oct. 15) Banned Books Week: Sept. 25– Oct 1		<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.		1	2	3
4	5 Labor Day	6	7	8 International Literacy Day	9	10
11 Grandparent's Day	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 International Day of Peace	22	23 Native American Day	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	If you haven't confirmed your enrollment numbers with your library partner, please do so ASAP.

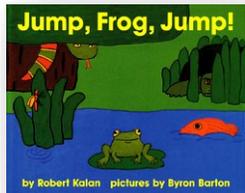
# October 2016

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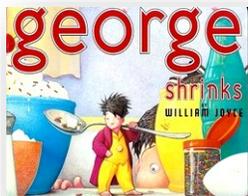
Where's Spot? by Eric Hill

## Preschool



Jump, Frog, Jump!  
by Robert Kalan

## Kindergarten



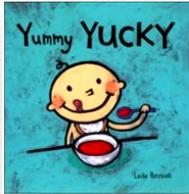
George Shrinks,  
by William Joyce

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<b>Jumpstart Read for the Record:</b> How many kids can you involve in the reading of <i>A Bear Ate Your Sandwich</i> , by Julia Sarcone-Roach? ( <a href="http://www.readfortherecord.org">www.readfortherecord.org</a> ) <b>Teen Read Week:</b> October 9—15 <b>National Friends of the Library Week:</b> October 16—22				<b>Helpful Hints:</b> Meet with your library partner regarding Family Reading Week (Nov. 13-19) and possible Family Literacy Event.		1
2	3	4	5 <i>International School Library Day</i>	6	7	8
9	10 <i>Columbus Day</i>	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27 <i>Jumpstart Read for the Record</i> 	28	29
30	31 <i>Halloween</i>					

**Writing/ Use of Print  
Humor**

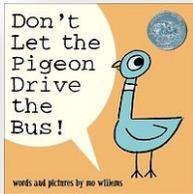
# November 2016

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*Yummy Yucky (bilingual),*  
by Leslie Patricelli  
(FRW artist)

**Preschool**



*Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus,* by Mo Willems

**Kindergarten**



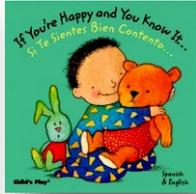
*Scaredy Squirrel,*  
by Melanie Watt

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Native American Heritage Month Picture Book Month Early Years Conference: healthandwelfare.gov/eyc		1	2	3	4	5
6 <i>Daylight Savings Time Ends</i>	7	8 <i>Election Day</i>	9	10	11 <i>Veteran's Day</i>	12
13	14	15 <i>Idaho Early Years Conference: Boise</i>		16	17	18
<b>Family Reading Week: "Laugh it Up"</b>						
20	21	22	23	24 <i>Thanksgiving</i>	25	26
27	28	29	30	<b>Helpful Hints:</b> Promote FRW with library: Fliers, Bookworm, stickers on children, emails to parents, posters/signs on doors of classroom/center—send something home each week! Access resources at <a href="http://libraries.idaho.gov/frw">libraries.idaho.gov/frw</a> . Consider attending the Early Years Conference!		

# Importance of Singing

# December 2016

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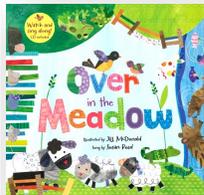
*If You're Happy and You Know It (bilingual)*, by Annie Kubler

## Preschool



*Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star*, illustrated by Annie Kubler, or *Itsy Bitsy Spider*, illustrated by Nora Hill

## Kindergarten



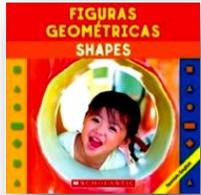
*Over in the Meadow*, illustrated by Jill McDonald

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<b>Helpful Hints:</b> This month will be filled with special assemblies, concerts, parties, etc. Check in with your library regarding distribution dates.		<b>Cultural Celebrations:</b> Chanukah, Dec. 24—Jan 1 (Jewish) Las Posadas, Dec. 16—24 (Hispanic) Kwanzaa, Dec. 26—Jan. 1 (African-American) International Human Rights Day ( <a href="http://www.un.org/en/events/humanrightsday/">www.un.org/en/events/humanrightsday/</a> )		1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 <i>International Human Rights Day</i>
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24 <i>Chanukah begins</i>
25 <i>Christmas Day</i>	26	27	28	29	30	31

# Letter Knowledge

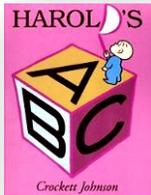
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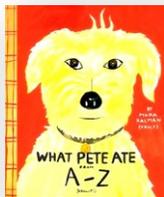
Shapes/Figuras Geométricas,  
by Scholastic

## Preschool



Harold's ABC,  
by Crockett Johnson

## Kindergarten



What Pete Ate, from A—Z,  
by Maira Kalman

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 New Year's Day	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 MLK, Jr. Day/ Idaho Human Rights Day	17	18	19	20	21
22	23 ALA Youth Media Awards (follow on Twitter @ILoveLibraries)	24	25	26	27	28 Chinese New Year: Year of the Chicken
29	30	31	National Braille Literacy Month  100th Day of School: check local school district	<b>Helpful Hints:</b> Whenever you have new children enroll in your program be sure to give your library partner advance 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.		

# Information Books/ Vocabulary

# February 2017

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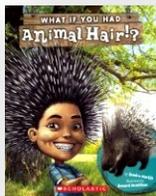
*Oink, Moo, Meow (bilingual),*  
by Sterling Publishing Co.

## Preschool



*The Bug Book,*  
by Sue Fliess

## Kindergarten



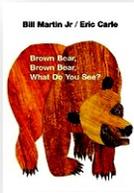
*What if You Had Animal Hair?*  
by Sandra Markle

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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> )			1	2 <i>Groundhog Day</i>	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 <i>Valentine's Day</i>	15	16	17	18
19	20 <i>President's Day</i>	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28 <i>Mardi Gras</i>	<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.			

# Playing with Words

# March 2017

## Birth-2



*Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?*  
by Bill Martin, Jr.

## Preschool



*Bear Wants More,*  
by Karma Wilson

## Kindergarten



*Madeline,*  
by Ludwig Bemelman

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>Helpful Hints:</i></p> <p>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).</p>			1	2 Dr. Seuss's Birthday/NEA Read Across America Day ( <a href="http://www.nea.org">www.nea.org</a> )	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	28	29	30	31	Women's History Month  Teen Tech Week: March 5- 11

# Celebrating children and books

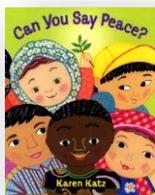
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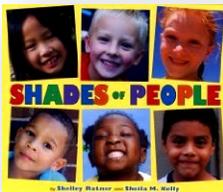
American Babies,  
by the Global Fund for  
Children

## Preschool



Can You Say Peace?  
by Karen Katz

## Kindergarten



Shades of People,  
by Shelley Rotner

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>Helpful Hints:</b> 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>			<p>National Poetry Month School Library Month National Library Week: Apr 9-15 NAEYC Week of the Young Child: April 24-28 (www.naeyc.org)</p>		1	<p>International Children's Book Day www.ibby.org</p>
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 National Library Worker's Day	12 D.E.A.R./Beverly Cleary's BD www.dropeverythingandread.com	13	14	15
16 Easter	17	18	19	20	21	22 Earth Day
23 30 El día de los niños/libros	24	25	26	27	28	29

**Summer Reading**  
**“Build a Better World”**

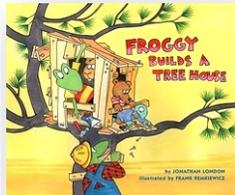
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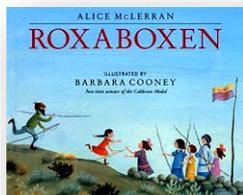
*Hands Can,*  
 by Cheryl Willis Hudson

**Preschool**



*Froggy Builds a Tree House,*  
 by Jonathan London

**Kindergarten**



*Roxaboxen,*  
 by Alice McLerran

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