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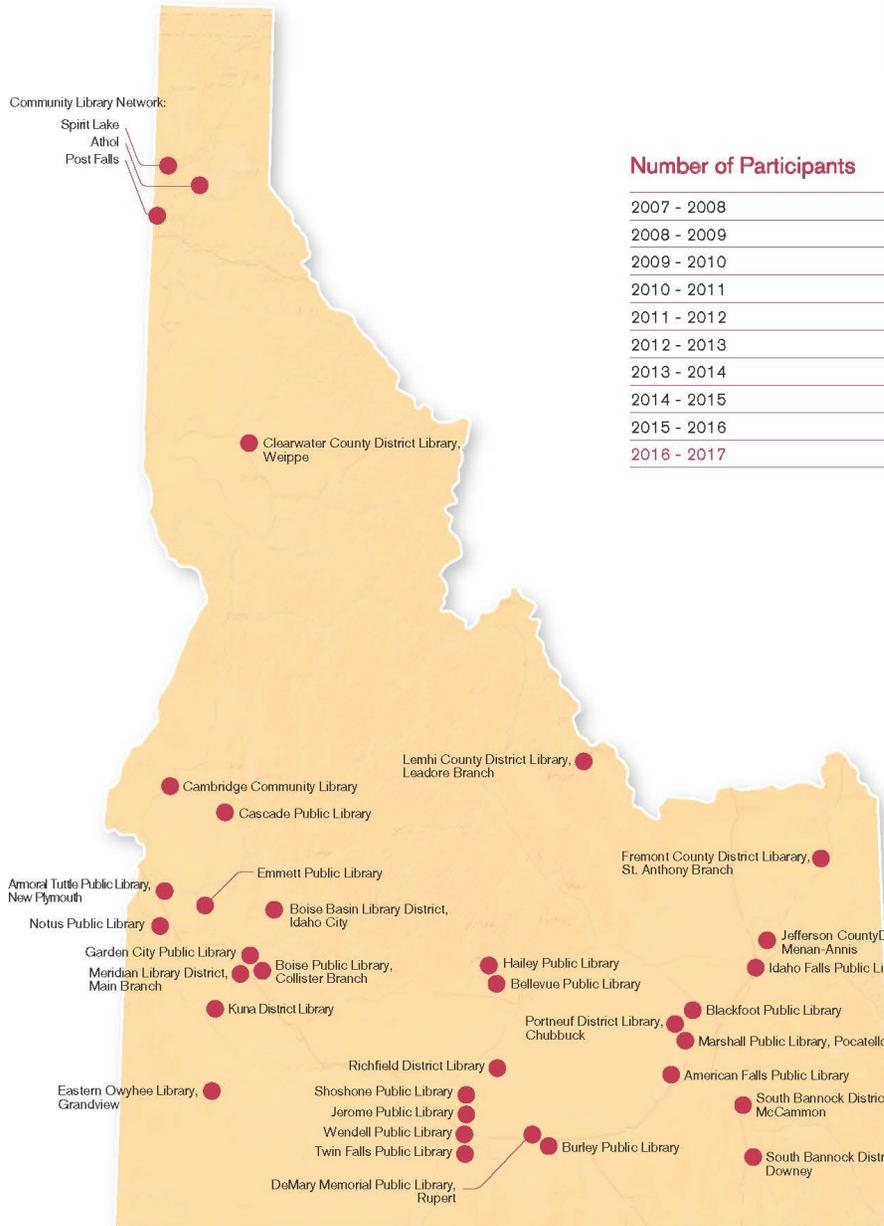
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MY FIRST BOOKS SITES

2016-2017



Number of Participants

2007 - 2008	8
2008 - 2009	25
2009 - 2010	22
2010 - 2011	32
2011 - 2012	32
2012 - 2013	36
2013 - 2014	41
2014 - 2015	29
2015 - 2016	27
2016 - 2017	34

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My First Books Resources

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

Abbreviations:

MFB (My First Books)

ICfL (Idaho Commission for Libraries)

CP (Community Partner)

August 2016

Helpful Links

Author pronunciations:
www.teachingbooks.net

Book jackets:
www.librarything.com

Data and statistics:
www.idahokidscount.org

Early literacy resources:

Read to Me:
libraries.idaho.gov/page/read-to-me-resources

DayByDayID.org

Saroj Ghoting
www.earlylit.net

Jean Warren:
www.preschoolexpress.com

Songs, rhymes, fingerplays videos:

www.youtube.com/Birth2Six
www.storyblocks.org

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 MFB Orientation (New staff) Jerome 1:30-4:00	3 MFB Orientation (New staff) Boise 1:30-4:00	4	5	6
			Pacific Northwest Library Association (PNLA) Conference, Calgary			
7	8	9	10 MFB Orientation (Online) 12:30-1:30 MST (archived)	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
				Estimated arrival of September books		
28	29	30	31	Helpful Hints: Meet with your CP(s) to discuss distribution dates and times. Bring this calendar and the MFB Distribution Planning Sheet. Be sure to address how you and your CP will inform parents about their participation in MFB this year. Confirm enrollment numbers for each age group and send updated Partner Totals Form to Staci.		

**Early Literacy /
Great Read-Alouds**

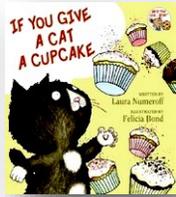
September 2016

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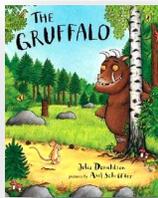
Love Is You and Me/
El amor somas tú y yo,
by Anna Bardaus

Preschool



If You Give a Cat a Cupcake,
by Laura Numeroff

Kindergarten



The Gruffalo, by
Julia Donaldson

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Library Card Sign Up Month Hispanic Heritage Month (Sept. 15-Oct. 15) Banned Books Week: Sept. 25– Oct 1		Helpful Hints: Be sure to utilize the resources provided for Spanish-speaking families: <i>Intro letter in Spanish;</i> <i>Bookworms in Spanish;</i> Spanish translation of books.		1	2	3
4	5 <i>Labor Day</i> <i>ICfL Closed</i>	6	7	8 <i>International Literacy Day</i>	9	10
11 <i>Grandparent's Day</i>	12	13	14	15 Summer Reading Program Report due	16	17
18	19	20	21 <i>International Day of Peace</i>	22	23 <i>Native American Day</i>	24 <i>National Book Festival (Washington, DC)</i>
25	26	27	28	29	30 <i>Partners and Enrollment Form Due to Staci</i>	Look for Idaho Family Reading Week 2016 postcard in the mail this month.

October 2016

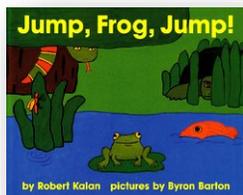
Narrative Skills

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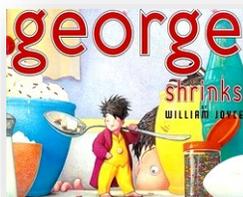
Where's Spot? by Eric Hill

Preschool



Jump, Frog, Jump!
by Robert Kalan

Kindergarten



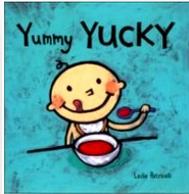
George Shrinks,
by William Joyce

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Jumpstart Read for the Record: How many kids can you involve in the reading of <i>A Bear Ate Your Sandwich</i> , by Julia Sarcone-Roach? (www.readfortherecord.org) Teen Read Week: October 9—15 National Friends of the Library Week: October 16—22 Look for summer reading manuals in the mail.				Helpful Hints: Meet with your partner regarding Family Reading Week (Nov. 13—19) and possible Family Literacy Event. Check out FRW resources at http://libraries.idaho.gov/frw		1
2	3	4	5 <i>International School Library Day</i>	6	7	8
				Idaho Library Association (ILA) Conference: Boise		
9	10 <i>Columbus Day</i> <i>ICfL closed</i>	11	12	13	14	15
16	17 <i>International Eradication of Poverty Day</i>	18	19	20	21	22
		Estimated arrival of November Books				
23	24	25	26	27 <i>Jumpstart Read for the Record</i>	28	29
30		31 Halloween		Assoc. Rural and Small Libraries (ARSL) Conference: Fargo, ND		

**Writing/ Use of Print
Humor**

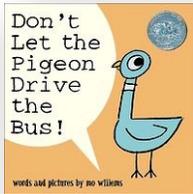
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Yummy Yucky (bilingual),
by Leslie Patricelli
(FRW artist)

Preschool



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

Kindergarten



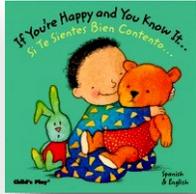
Scaredy Squirrel,
by Melanie Watt

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Native American Heritage Month Picture Book Month		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 ICfL Closed</i>	12
13	14	15 <i>Idaho Early Years Conference: Boise</i>	16	17 <i>Estimated arrival of December books</i>	18	19 <i>International Games Day</i>
Family Reading Week: "Laugh it Up"						
20	21	22	23	24 <i>Thanksgiving ICfL Closed</i>	25	26
27	28	29	30	Helpful Hints: Promote your FRW Event(s): Fliers, Bookworm, stickers on children, emails to parents, posters/signs on doors of classroom/center—send something home each week! Ask your partner to help you promote it in newsletters, personal phone calls, robo calls, etc.		

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



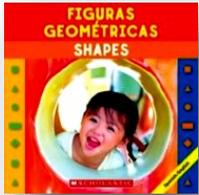
Over in the Meadow, illustrated by Jill McDonald

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<p>Helpful Hints: This month will be filled with special assemblies, concerts, parties, etc. Check in with your partner regarding distribution dates.</p>	<p>Cultural Celebrations: Chanukah, Dec. 24—Jan 1 (Jewish) Las Posadas, Dec. 16—24 (Hispanic) Kwanzaa, Dec. 26—Jan. 1 (African-American) International Human Rights Day (www.un.org/en/events/humanrightsday/)</p>			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>
	<i>Estimated arrival of January books</i>					
25 <i>Christmas Day</i>	26 <i>ICfL Closed</i>	27	28	29	30	31

Letter Knowledge

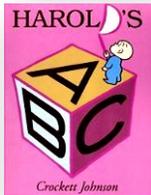
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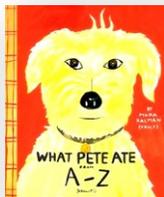
Shapes/Figuras Geométricas,
by Scholastic

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 ICfL Closed	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 MLK, Jr. Day/ Idaho Human Rights Day ICfL Closed	17 <i>Estimated arrival of February books</i>	18	19	20 ALA Midwinter Conference: Atlanta	21
22	23 ALA Youth Media Awards (follow on Twitter @ILoveLibraries)	24	25	26	27	28 Chinese New Year: Year of the Chicken
ALA Midwinter Conference: Atlanta		29	30	31 National Braille Literacy Month 100th Day of School: check local district or with partner organization for exact day.	Helpful Hints: If you haven't held your parent workshop/family event, plan now. Idaho librarians have had better luck getting parents to show up at fall and winter events versus those held in late spring (April/May) when sports and school events tend to compete for their time. Consider how you will market your library card applications.	

Information Books/ Vocabulary

February 2017

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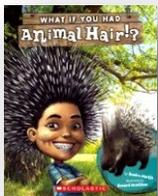
Oink, Moo, Meow (bilingual),
by Sterling Publishing Co.

Preschool



The Bug Book,
by Sue Fliess

Kindergarten



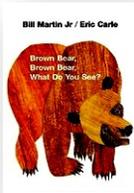
What if You Had Animal Hair?
by Sandra Markle

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
African American History Month International Friendship Month Children's Authors and Illustrators Week: First week of Feb. (www.childrensauthorsnetwork.com)			1	2 <i>Groundhog Day</i>	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 <i>Valentine's Day</i>	15 Deadline to apply for Idaho Child Care Reads	16	17	18
			<i>Estimated arrival of March books</i>			
19	20 <i>President's Day</i> <i>ICfL Closed</i>	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28 <i>Mardi Gras</i>	Helpful Hints: Ask your partner about special activities they have planned for Black History/American History/Friendship Month. Choose age-appropriate books to feature in a library display. MFB Application for 2017-2018 will be available this month. If you haven't held your Family Literacy Event, time is running out!			

Playing with Words

March 2017

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

Preschool



Bear Wants More,
by Karma Wilson

Kindergarten



Madeline,
by Ludwig Bemelman

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<p><i>Helpful Hints:</i> Check with your school district and partner for Spring Break dates. Meet with your partner regarding Dia. Are there ways to collaborate? Register your Dia event with RTM at http://libraries.idaho.gov/page/el-dia-de-los-ninos Reminder: MFB applications for next year are due April 21st.</p>			1	2 Dr. Seuss's Birthday/NEA Read Across America Day	3	4 Idaho Day
				Library Directors' Summit, Boise		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18
			<i>Estimated arrival of April books</i>			
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

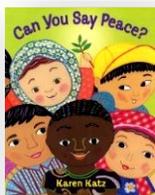
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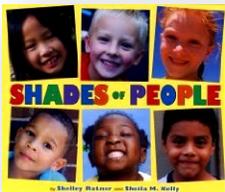
American Babies,
by the Global Fund for
Children

Preschool



Can You Say Peace?
by Karen Katz

Kindergarten



Shades of People,
by Shelley Rotner

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>Helpful Hints:</i> Meet with your partner to plan how parent surveys will be distributed and collected. If you are applying for MFB again, be sure to include data in your Need Statement. Ex: % of kids who qualify for free/reduced lunch, etc. The strength of your Need Statement is critical to the application, so spend time on this.</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 Estimated arrival of May books	18	19	20	21 My First Books Applications for 2017-2018 due	22 Earth Day
23 30 El día de los niños/libros	24	25	26	27	28	29

Summer Reading
“Build a Better World”

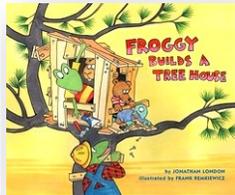
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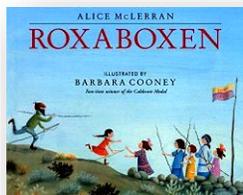
Hands Can,
 by Cheryl Willis Hudson

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 ICfL Closed	30	31 <i>My First Books Final Report and Parent Surveys due June 1</i>	Helpful Hints: Meet with your partner to debrief. Begin promoting summer reading to your partners and MFB parents. Is there a way to collaborate with child care partner organizations for summer reading (deposit collections, weekly visits, reading logs, etc.)?		