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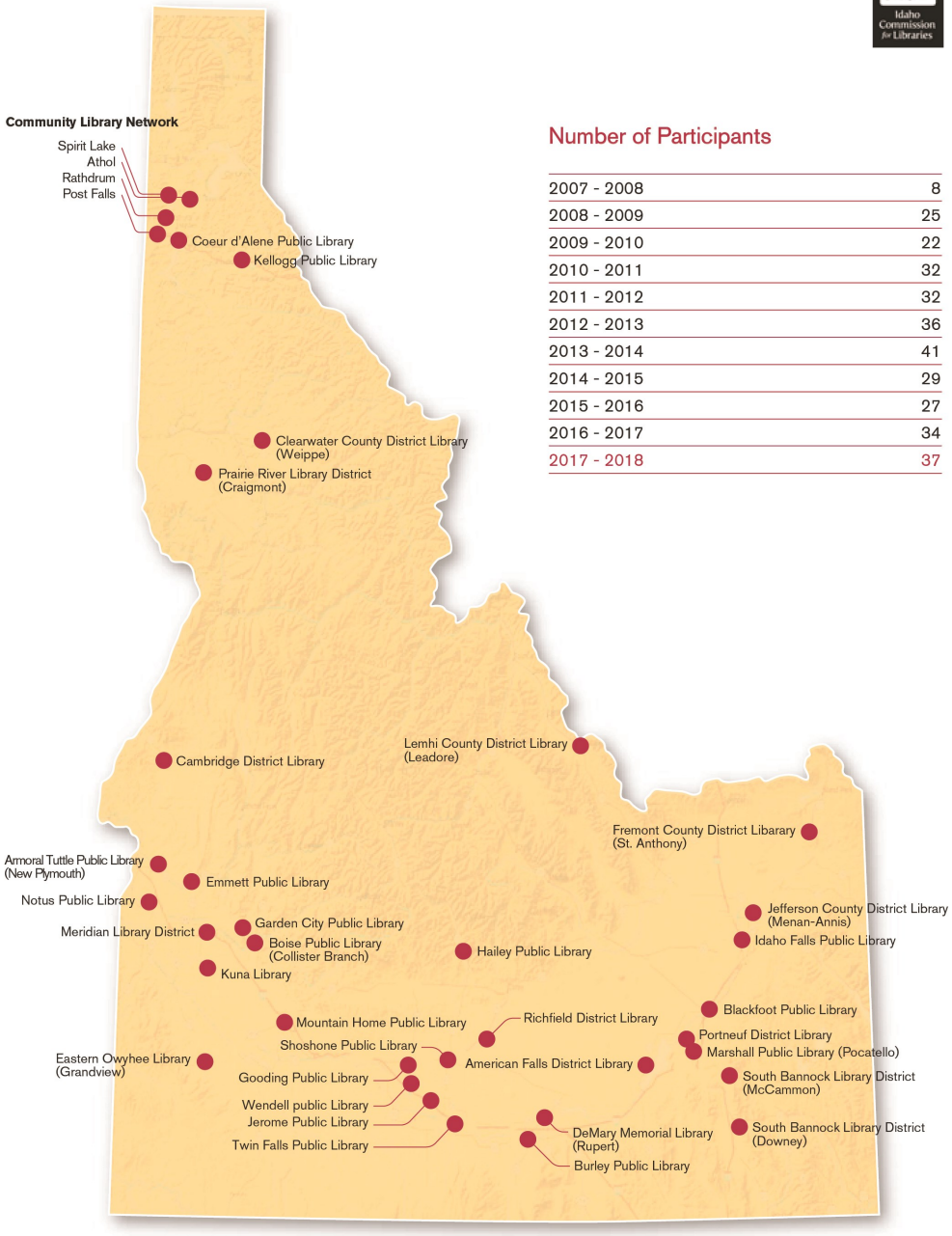
MY FIRST BOOKS SITES

2017-2018



Number of Participants

2007 - 2008	8
2008 - 2009	25
2009 - 2010	22
2010 - 2011	32
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2017 - 2018	37

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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 2017

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
Helpful Hints: *Meet with your CP to discuss distribution dates and times. Bring this calendar and the MFB Distribution Planning Sheet. Continued below…*		1	2 MFB Orientation (New staff) in Coeur d'Alene *Pacific Northwest Library Association (PNLA) Conference, Post Falls, ID*	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 MFB Online Orientation—12:30 MST	17 MFB Orientation (New staff) in Mountain Home	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29 *Estimated arrival of September books*	30	31	***Helpful Hints:*** *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.*	

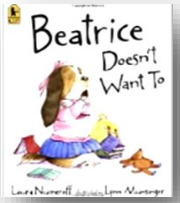
Early Literacy / Great Read-Alouds

September 2017

Birth-2

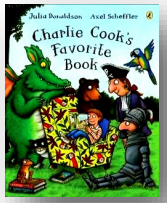
Peek-a-Boo!
by Roberta Grobel Intrater

Preschool



Beatrice Doesn't Want To,
by Laura Numeroff

Kindergarten



Charlie Cook's Favorite Book,
by Julia Donaldson

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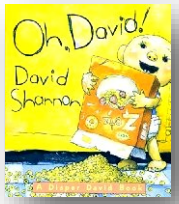
Library Card Sign Up Month Hispanic Heritage Month (Sept. 15-Oct. 15) Banned Books Week: Sept. 24– Sept. 30		***Helpful Hints:*** *Be sure to utilize the resources provided for Spanish-speaking families: Intro letter in Spanish; Bookworms in Spanish; Spanish translation of books.*		Look for Idaho Family Reading Week 2017 postcard in the mail this month.	1	2 *National Book Festival (Washington, DC)*
3	4 *Labor Day* *ICfL Closed*	5	6	7	8 *International Literacy Day*	9
				Association for Rural and Small Libraries Conference (St. George, Utah)		
10 *Grandparent's Day*	11	12	13	14	15 ***Summer Reading Program Report due***	16
17	18	19	20	21 *International Day of Peace*	22 *Native American Day*	23
	Estimated arrival of October books					
24	25	26	27	28	29	30 Partners and Enrollment Form due to Staci

October 2017

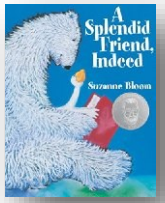
Use of print/ Writing

Birth-2



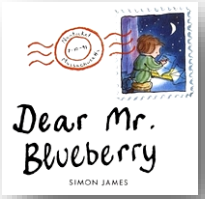
Oh, David!
by David Shannon

Preschool



A Splendid Friend, Indeed,
by Suzanne Bloom

Kindergarten



Dear Mr. Blueberry,
by Simon James

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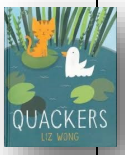
International School Library Month! **Jumpstart Read for the Record:** How many kids can you involve in the reading of *Quakers*, by Liz Wong? (www.readfortherecord.org) **Teen Read Week:** October 8—14 **National Friends of the Library Week:** October 15-21 **International Games Week:** October 29—November 4				***Helpful Hints:*** *Meet with your partner regarding Family Reading Week (FRW) (Nov. 12—18) and possible Family Literacy Event. Check out FRW resources at:* ***http://libraries.idaho.gov/frw***		
1	2	3	4 *Idaho Library Association (ILA) Conference in Boise—Riverside Hotel*	5	6	7
8	9 *Columbus Day* *ICfL closed*	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 *International Eradication of Poverty Day*	17	18 *Estimated arrival of November Books*	19 *Jumpstart Read for the Record*  	20	21
22 / 29	23 / 30	24 / 31 *Halloween*	25	26	27	28

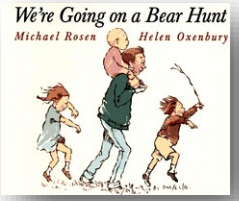
Narrative Skills, Tell Me a Tale

November 2017

Birth-2

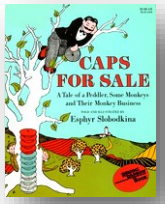
The Mitten,
by Jan Brett

Preschool



We're Going on a Bear Hunt, by Michael Rosen

Kindergarten



Caps for Sale,
by Esphyr Slobodkina

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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.*			1	2 Read To Me Rendezvous - Boise	3	4
5 *Daylight Savings Time Ends*	6	7 *Election Day*	8 American Association of School Librarians Conference—Phoenix	9	10 *ICfL Closed (Veteran's Day Observed)*	11 *Veteran's Day*
12 ***Family Reading Week: "Tell Me a Tale"***	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 *Estimated arrival of December books*	21	22	23 *Thanksgiving* *ICfL Closed*	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	Native American Heritage Month Picture Book Month Look for **summer reading manuals** in the mail.	

December 2017

Vocabulary/ Concept books

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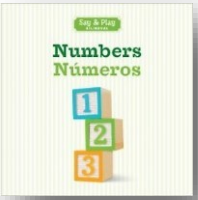
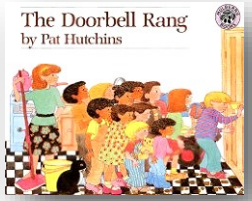


Numbers/ Números, by Sterling Publishing Company

Preschool

Mouse Count, by Ellen Stoll Walsh

Kindergarten



The Doorbell Rang, by Pat Hutchins

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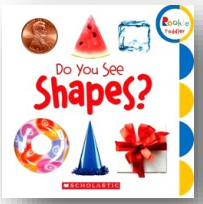
Helpful Hints: *This month will be filled with special assemblies, concerts, parties, etc. Check in with your partner regarding distribution dates.*		**Cultural Celebrations:** Chanukah, Dec. 12—Dec 20 (Jewish) Las Posadas, Dec. 16—24 (Hispanic) Kwanzaa, Dec. 26—Jan. 1 (African-American) International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

Letter Knowledge

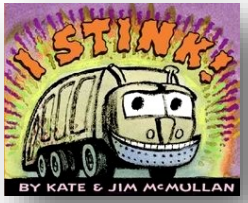
January 2018

Birth-2



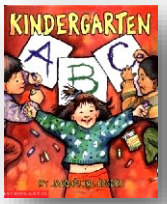
Do You See Shapes?
by Scholastic

Preschool



I Stink!
by Kate & Jim McMullan

Kindergarten



Kindergarten ABC,
by Jacqueline Rogers

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National Braille Literacy Month 100th Day of School: check local district or with partner organization for exact day.	1 *New Year's Day* *ICfL Closed*	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 *MLK, Jr. Day/ Idaho Human Rights Day* *ICfL Closed*	16	17	18 *Estimated arrival of February books*	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	***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.*		

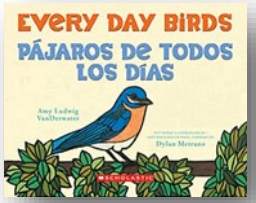
Information Books

February 2018

Birth-2

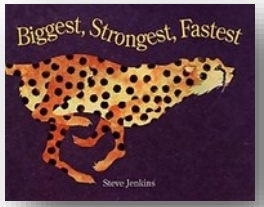
Can You Say Moo! Moo! Too?
by Anna Bardaus

Preschool



Every Day Birds/ Pájaros de todos los días,
by Amy Ludwig VanDerwater

Kindergarten



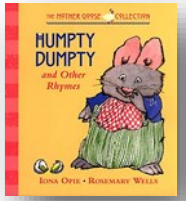
Biggest, Strongest, Fastest,
by Steve Jenkins

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 *Groundhog Day*	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9 ALA Midwinter—Denver, CO.	10
11 ALA Midwinter—Denver, CO.	12 *Youth Media Awards*	13 *Mardi Gras*	14 *Valentine's Day*	15 ***Deadline to apply for Idaho Child Care Reads***	16 *Chinese New Year: Year of the Dog*	17
18	19 *President's Day* *ICfL Closed*	20 *Estimated arrival of March books*	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	***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 2018-2019 will be available this month. If you have not held your Family Literacy Event, time is running out!*		

Playing with Words

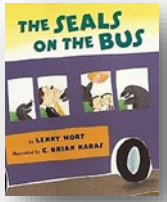
March 2018

Birth-2



Humpty Dumpty and Other Rhymes,
by Iona Opie and Rosemary Wells

Preschool



Seals on the Bus,
by Lenny Hort

Kindergarten

Tanka Tanka Skunk!
by Steve Webb

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Helpful Hints: *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 20th.***			Women's History Month Teen Tech Week: March 4-10	1 *Dr. Seuss's Birthday/NEA Read Across America Day (www.nea.org)*	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 *Daylight Savings Time Begins*	12	13	14	15 *Estimated arrival of April books*	16	17 *St. Patrick's Day*
18	19	20 Public Library Association Annual Conference—Philadelphia, PA	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

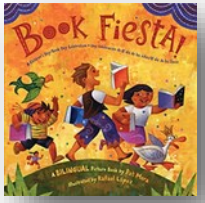
Celebrating children and books

April 2018

Birth-2

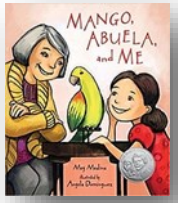
Lola Reads to Leo/ Lola le lee al pequeño Leo,
by Anna McQuinn

Preschool



Book Fiesta!
by Pat Mora

Kindergarten



Mango, Abuela and Me,
by Meg Medina

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Helpful Hints: *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.*			National Poetry Month School Library Month National Library Week: Apr 9-15 NAEYC Week of the Young Child: April 24-28 (www.naeyc.org)			
1 *Easter*	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 *National Library Worker's Day*	11 *D.E.A.R./Beverly Cleary's BD* *www.dropeverythingandread.com*	12	13	14
15	16 *International Children's Book Day* *www.ibby.org*	17	18	19	20 ***My First Books Applications for 2018-2019 due***	21
			Estimated arrival of May books			
22 *Earth Day* / 29	23 / 30 *El dia de los niños/ libros*	24	25	26	27	28

Summer Reading
“ Libraries Rock! ”

May 2018

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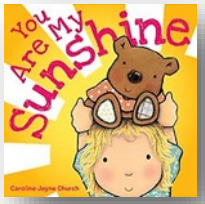

You Are My Sunshine,
by Caroline Jayne Church

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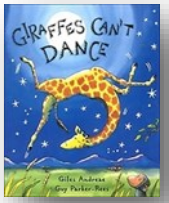

Giraffes Can’t Dance,
by Giles Andreae

Kindergarten

Max Found Two Sticks,
by Brian Pinkney
(CSLP artist 2018)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Asian/Pacific Heritage Month Teacher Apprec Wk: May 7-11 Children’s Book Week: April 30 —May 6 www.bookweekonline.com		1	2	3	4	5 *Cinco de Mayo* *Free Comic Book Day*
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 *Mother’s Day*	14	15	16 *Ramadan begins*	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28 *Memorial Day* *ICfL Closed*	29	30	31 ***My First Books Final Report and Parent Surveys due June 1***		

Helpful Hints: *Debrief with your partner. Begin promoting summer reading to your partners /MFB parents. Is there a way to collaborate with child care partner organizations for summer reading (deposit collections, weekly visits, reading logs, etc.)?*