**READ TO ME RENDEZVOUS**

November 2 - 3, 2017

Boise, Idaho

**Meeting Objective:** To build the capacity of public and school library staff to ensure more Idaho children are reading on grade level by third grade.

**Desired Outcomes:**

**Day 1 (Designed for Public Library Staff):**

* Participants will increase their ability to serve homeschooled children in the public library setting
* Participants will increase their ability to facilitate storytimes for infants
* Participants will build capacity to serve diverse families in the library
* Participants will increase their knowledge of early literacy skills, and how to develop those skills through storytimes and library environment; OR Participants will learn why and how to evaluate library programs, and how to strengthen their ability to write and implement grants

**Day 2 (Designed for Public Library Staff, School Library Staff, School Staff):**

* Participants will begin or strengthen partnerships that advance literacy in their communities.
* Participants will understand how adverse childhood experiences impact school readiness
* Participants will learn how early STEM activities can support the development of literacy skills

**AGENDA**

**Thursday, November 2, 9:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.**

9:00 - 9:30 Registration opens & light breakfast

9:30 – 12:00

*Welcome and introductions*

*Serving Homeschoolers at the Library:* Travis Porter, Meridian Library District, Silverstone Branch

*Lapsit programs: Facilitating library storytimes for families with infants:* Julie Patricia, Ada Community Library, Lake Hazel Branch

12:00 - 1:00 Lunch & Panel Discussion: *Serving diverse patrons*

1:00 - 4:00 Breakout Sessions:

 Option 1 – *Introduction to Early Literacy Skills* (geared toward new library staff): Staci Shaw and Tammy Hawley- House, Idaho Commission for Libraries

 Option 2 – *Program Evaluation, Outcomes-Based Measurement, & Grant Writing Tips:* Megan Egbert, Meridian Library District; Patrick Bodily, Idaho Commission for Libraries; Kristina Taylor, Idaho Commission for Libraries

4:15 - 5:00

*Networking and Action Planning*

5:00 - 5:30

*Join us for Read to Me’s 20th Anniversary Celebration!*(Dinner on your own – meal reimbursed if you traveled more than 40 miles away)

**Friday, November 3, 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. (School Librarians & Public Librarians)**

8:00 - 8:30 Registration for new attendees and Breakfast

8:30 *Opening comments*

9:00 – 12:00

*The Brain Game: How early childhood experiences affect school readiness:* Roger Sherman, Idaho Children’s Trust Fund; Jane Zink, Idaho Association for the Education of Young Children

*School and Library Partnerships: Models that support beginning readers:* Various libraries

12:00 – 1:00 *Working lunch & featured speakers*

1:00 – 3:30

*STEM and Beginning Readers: How math and science activities support the development of literacy:* Sesha Hammond

3:30 Adjourn