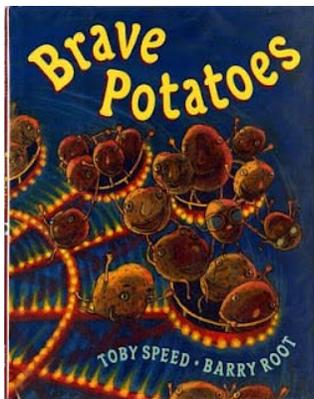




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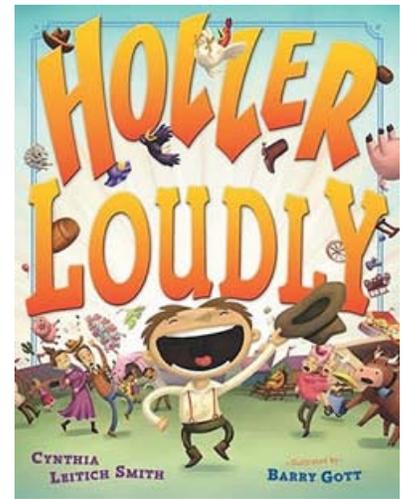


Welcome!

It's fair time! In honor of state and county fairs everywhere, check out these fantastically fun fair books selected by Denver Public Library (with one favorite from the Read to Me staff).

- *Brave Potatoes*, by Toby Speed and Barry Root (K-Gr 2). Prize potatoes enjoy their favorite ride. (A must-have title for Idaho libraries!)
- *Desert Rose and Her Highfalutin Hog*, by Alison Jackson (K-Gr 3). How will Desert Rose get her new hog to the fair?
- *Cows to the Rescue*, by John Himmelman (PreS-Gr 1). The Greenstalks' car won't start! Can their cows get them to the fair?
- *Knitting Nell*, by Julie Jersild Roth (Gr 2-4). Nell knits everywhere all of the time. She enters her creations in the fair.
- *Winnie Finn, Worm Farmer*, by Carol Brendler (PreS-Gr 2). Winnie wants her beloved earthworms to win a prize at the fair, but there's no such category.

- *Holler Loudly*, by Cynthia Leitich Smith (PreS-Gr 2). Holler Loudly's voice usually gets him into trouble, but eventually it saves the day. See www.cynthialeitichsmith.com/cyn_books_forkids/holler/holler.html for a fun book trailer.
- *A Fabulous Fair Alphabet*, by Debra Frasier. We love the great activity pages and printables the author makes available on her website at www.debrafrasier.com/pages/books/fabfair/index.html. This site also has a page of fair storytime ideas and another bibliography of fair-related books.



Dates and Deadlines

- **Summer Reading Programs (SRP) 2012 Report** is due August 31. Every Idaho library must submit a SRP report: www.surveymonkey.com/s/IdahoSummerReading2012. If your library did not host a program this year, simply go to the report and click the “did not host a program this year” option. [More information...](#)
- **Association of Library Service to Children (ALSC) National Institute 2012:** September 20 – 22, 2012 in Indianapolis.
- **Idaho Library Association Annual Conference:** October 3-5, 2012 in Pocatello. [Click here for more...](#)
- **Register Now for Youth Services Fall Training Workshop.** Open through October 4.
 - **October 15, 2012: Coeur d'Alene**, Best Western Coeur d'Alene Inn
 - **October 17, 2012: Boise**, Hampton Inn & Suites - Boise Spectrum
 - **October 19, 2012: Idaho Falls**, Hilton Garden Inn
- You can apply **anytime** for [Idaho Child Care Reads](#) and the [Jump Start Kindergarten](#) programs.

Library to Library



My First Books/ECRTR Training Measures Up to Fun

Trainings for My First Books and Every Child Ready to Read (ECRTR) participants took place in Boise, Pocatello and Coeur d'Alene from August 6-10.

The Read to Me program is piloting a new optional component to the Every Child Ready to Read Family Workshops for the 2012-2013 school year. *Fun with Math and Science* focuses on building Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) skills in children three to five years of age. . “Fun with Math and Science” Family Workshops will be offered at 27 libraries



statewide that have been participating in ECRTR Family Workshops. (See the complete list of libraries [here](#).)

Participating libraries received a set of wood blocks, display pieces, 12 hardcover books, information cards, and a flash drive full of resources. The librarians who attended shared great ideas on how to bring families in for activities and how they are able to make ECRTR successful in their communities (the photo above shows the materials that come with the starter kit). Families who attend the workshops will receive a great Internet-linked Encyclopedia of Science book and a flash drive filled with great preschool STEM activities, digital literacy information, and online resources. To read more about the new pilot program, visit <http://libraries.idaho.gov/landing/every-child-ready-to-read>. Funding for this pilot program is made possible through the "online @ your library" Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) grant and Library Services and Technology Act funds.

The My First Books program has gone through some minor changes (including the logo and name), and participants were taken through the steps of developing strong partnerships with their community agency/school. There are 36 participating libraries this year, serving 3,100 children from birth to six years old. The Read to Me program has sponsored My First Books since 1997 and received state funding along with Library Services and Technology Act funds to reach more children starting in 2008. The program has been thoroughly evaluated by Boise State University Literacy Professor Dr. Roger Stewart. His research shows that parents read more to their children and actively engage their children in other early literacy activities as a result of participating in the program.

“The program provides a great set of nine books for each child to keep at home, and we encourage participating libraries to help families acquire library cards,” Shaw said. “We know that the availability of reading material in the home, whether owned or borrowed from the library, is directly associated with children’s achievement in reading comprehension.” See [*Read to Me My First Books for more statistics*](#).

Participating libraries of both programs are making an impact on the development of early literacy skills in young children in Idaho.



Read to Me Bookworm Newsletter Now Available Online

Library staff, parents, early childhood educators, and other community partners can now subscribe to the monthly Bookworm newsletters. Free subscriptions are available in three age groups: 0-3, 3-5, and Kindergarteners. The newsletters are provided each month for My First Book families and feature a book of the month, activities that go along with the featured book, and other age-appropriate title recommendations, rhymes, and songs. “We had requests from parents and library staff to make this available in this format and now it is available through email or mobile devices,” Project Coordinator Staci Shaw said. Go to <http://libraries.idaho.gov/page/bookworm> to subscribe.



Young Adult Corner



Teens Top Ten Voting Open

The Teens' Top Ten is a "teen choice" list, where teens nominate and choose



their favorite books of the previous year! Nominators are members of teen book groups in sixteen school and public libraries around the country. Nominations are posted on Support Teen Literature Day, the Thursday of National Library Week, and teens across the country vote on their favorite titles each year. Readers ages 12 to 18 will vote online in August and September; the winners will be announced during Teen Read Week.

View the 2012 list of [nominated titles](#).

Voting takes place from August 13th through September 13th.



Strategies for Addressing Teen Behavior

These ideas were presented at a Pacific Northwest Library Association Conference held last year.

1. **Name the behavior and expectation** – “I can hear your music at the desk, which means it’s too loud; can you please turn it down so the sound doesn’t leave this area?”
2. **Name the consequence** – “I just want to let you know that if I have to come over here again, I’m going to have to ask you to leave for the day.”
3. **ALWAYS follow through** – You won’t be taken seriously, and you will have wasted a lot of time and energy.

Also...

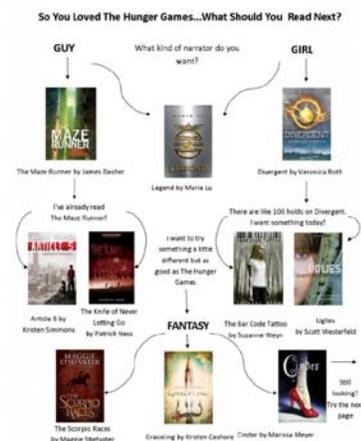
- **Try not to publicly shame a teen** – The consequence that has the most impact for them is that they’ll be embarrassed in front of their friends, not that you are going to kick them out.
- **Give them a Way Out With Dignity (WOWD)** – i.e. “you may not know about this rule, or I know you are just having fun, but...”
- **Set an expectation for success** – i.e. don’t just say “quiet down;” instead say, “I can hear you at the desk. Can you please lower your voice so that it doesn’t leave this area?”
- **Brainstorm together for specific solutions** – Ask for ideas that might work for them. If they don’t have any, offer some of your own.



Flowchart for Hunger Games read-alikes

A colleague of Karen Allen at the Lawrence Public Library created this clever flowchart for Hunger Game fans. Use it to discover other great titles you may want to read!

When asked on the listserv how she created it, she shared a new tool – Easelly – a neat tool that is used to share visual ideas. See more in Tips and Tools below. Thanks for sharing Karen!



Register for International Games Day



ALA is coordinating our annual International Games Day @ your library for Saturday, November 3, 2012. There will be lots of fun activities again, including a

national video game tournament in which your players can compete against other libraries around the world.

For more information about International Games Day, visit ngd.ala.org.

To advertise IGD to your patrons, you can point them to ilovelibraries.org/gaming, where we'll be posting more information soon.



Teen Services and Programming Promotion

Several libraries across the country have posted ideas on how to promote their services to teens during outreach and online. Here are just a couple you might enjoy:

- Crete Public Library - [Library PSA](#) in the “most interesting library in the world” genre
- Brookline Public Library – Teen Room [Tour](#) using Prezi



Best-Ever Teen Novels? [Vote For Your Favorites](#)

Last month NPR asked their audience to nominate titles for a top-100 list of the best young adult — YA — fiction ever written. Thousands sent in nominations. The results have been tabulated and, with the help of an [expert panel](#), they narrowed the list to the 235 finalists you see [here](#). Vote for your top ten! And even if you don't want to vote, be sure to check out the list. It will give you ideas for several years worth of reading.



School Zone



The School Zone is on summer vacation. See you in September!



Upcoming Events



Registration is Open for ***Strengthen Your Storytimes: A workshop for public library staff, partners, and volunteers***

Betsy Diamant-Cohen, the creator of *Mother Goose on the Loose* workshops, books, and CDs will join us for a day filled with ideas on delivering dynamic and skill-based storytimes. There will be ample opportunity to join in the fun and practice new techniques. If you want more information on Betsy click [HERE](#).



The full-day session will start at 8:30 a.m. with registration and snacks. A working lunch will be provided from noon to 1 p.m. and the workshop will end at 4 p.m. with drawings for door prizes.

The morning session (9 a.m. - noon) will be focused on storytimes for English speaking families, and the afternoon session (1 - 4 p.m.) will focus on storytimes for Spanish speaking

families (except in Coeur d'Alene, which will have different content delivered by local presenters). The workshop is a great chance to network with librarians in your area and share ideas with one another.

WORKSHOP OBJECTIVES:

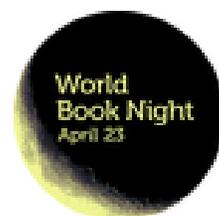
- Libraries strengthen their storytimes by implementing best practices in early literacy.
- Library staff have the opportunity to practice storytime activities in order to increase their comfort level and expertise.
- Library staff will increase knowledge of how ICfL can support their early literacy programs and services.
- Library staff will increase their knowledge and comfort level in conducting storytimes for Spanish speaking audiences.

Register for this great free workshop by Friday, October 5, 2012 at <http://libraries.idaho.gov/page/youth-services-fall-workshops-2012>



World Book Night 2013 Celebrates Literacy

This is a celebration of literacy by publishers, bookstores, libraries and individuals who love books and reading. On WORLD BOOK NIGHT 2013, 25,000 “book givers” will each give away 20 copies of a specially-printed, not-for-resale WBN edition of book they have read and loved (from a list of 25-30 titles selected by librarians and booksellers) to complete strangers – people who may never have owned a book of their own.



To promote this literacy event, libraries and bookstores – as organizational participants in the event – form a nationwide advocacy and distribution network.

If you are interested in learning more, visit the [World Book Night](#) website. The application deadline is September 1, 2012.



August 12 – International Youth Day



The theme chosen for International Youth Day 2012 – Building a Better World: Partnering with Youth – is a global call to action for young men and women, as well as other stakeholders around the world, to develop and engage in partnerships with and for youth towards building a better world.



Tips & Tools



Free Books for Underserved Communities from the Lisa Libraries Foundation

The Lisa Libraries Foundation supplements underfilled bookshelves and provides books to children who may never have owned a book before. The Foundation donates new children's books and small libraries to organizations that work with kids in poor and underserved areas. Applications are accepted throughout the year. See Lisa Libraries Foundation for more information at www.lisalibraries.org.



New Online Creation tool – Easel.ly (Beta Version)

Create and share visual ideas online. Vthemes are visual themes. You can drag and drop a vtheme onto your canvas for easy creation of a visual idea. Check it out!



How to Make Book Earrings

These were just too cute not to share. Very detailed directions, complete with step by step pictures, can be found [here](#).



Are you considering creating or expanding a dedicated space for early literacy in your library?

Cleveland Heights-University Heights Public Library received an IMLS LSTA grant awarded by the State Library of Ohio for *the P.L.A.Y. Room Project*. The grant allowed the library to create a pre-literacy center at the Noble Neighborhood Library and to create programs that supported literacy, community and the family. Branch manager Constance Dickerson has created a guide to assist other libraries in developing similar early literacy spaces in their communities. The guide, ***The Preschool Literacy And You Room: A Guide to Creating an Early Literacy Play Area in Your Library***, includes a detailed summary of play centers and other furniture and resources in the P.L.A.Y.room, including suppliers/vendors. It also includes samples of many materials, created by the library, to encourage parents to use the play centers to engage in singing, talking, reading, writing, and playing with their children.



International Children’s Digital Library iPad App and Website

This free app features books from over 60 countries. Thousands of books have been digitalized for this library, and include summaries of the text in English. “The goal of the library is to excite and inspire young readers to become better world citizens by leveraging technology to reach underserved children who have little access to libraries.” The ICDL’s website is <http://en.childrenslibrary.org/>. From Afrikaans to Yiddish, you can explore this library on your PC or iPad and expand your cultural resources. ICDL also has another free iPad app called StoryKit that allows children to create electronic storybooks.



Harry Potter’s Sweets & Treats

This collection of unique candy recipes based on the mischievous sweets in the Harry Potter series. From Chocolate Frogs to Puking Pastilles, you’re sure to find recipes to delight wizards and Muggles alike!



Summer Reading News



ILA Annual Conference: October 3-5, 2012

Summer Reading Programs Session: *Go Underground!* A 2013 summer reading overview, presented by Staci Shaw on October 4, from 3-4 p.m.

If you're going to the annual conference this year, consider attending this session to see 2013 theme materials, samples of catalog items such as t-shirts and banners, and ideas from the program manual. We'll also share best practices, summer learning loss research, and ICfL resources. It's never too early to begin planning your summer programs!



CSLP 2014 Children's Program Manual: Call for Ideas!

The Collaborative Summer Libraries Program (CSLP) is currently seeking ideas for the 2014 Children's Program Manual. The general theme is "science" and the slogan is "Fizz, Boom, Read!" Please see [specific details](#) from Patti Sinclair, Children's Program Manual Chair, and send ideas either directly to her or to [Staci Shaw](#) by October 15, 2012. For more information about the CSLP, [click here](#).



SRP End-of-Program Report

All Idaho libraries that offered summer reading programs must submit a SRP report to ICfL by **August 31, 2012**. You can access the report at: www.surveymonkey.com/s/IdahoSummerReading2012. Each library branch must fill out a survey.

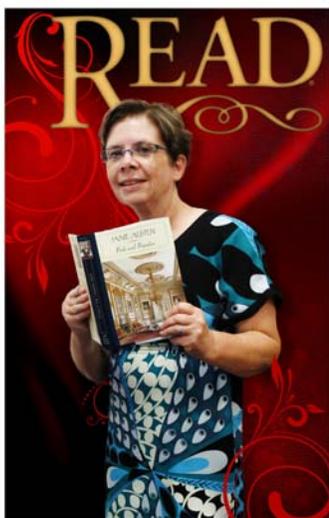
If your library did not host a program this year, simply click on the report link above, fill out your contact information, and choose the option that states that you did not host a program. You will then be taken to the end of the report.



National Conference on Summer Learning

The only national conference devoted entirely to summer learning programs, the theme of this year's program is Expanding the Pool: Reaching More Kids Effectively. This year's conference is in Pittsburgh, October 23-24.

Meet Julie Armstrong



ICfL has recruited their first VISTA volunteer, as Julie Armstrong has joined the Read to Me Team. Julie is an early childhood educator, having been a Head Start teacher before accepting this assignment. She has a Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood Education from Eastern Oregon University, and a Master's Degree in Early Childhood Studies from Boise State University-Go Broncos! She loves the learning that takes place in young children.

Previous to being a Head Start teacher, Julie worked in the field of special education in both public and private sectors. She loves working and playing with children of all abilities. She is excited to be working with the Read to Me team so she can help promote early literacy skills among young children throughout the state. VISTA volunteers work on capacity building within the agency they are assigned to, so Julie is looking forward to supporting the programs the RTM team

has in place, as well as collaborating on expanding programs. She believes that developing strong literacy skills in young children is essential to a successful life.



VISTA
Volunteers In Service To America

Julie is proud of a school garden that she helped to develop with her colleagues at Madison Head Start. It started with seven unused raised beds at the back of the school and has evolved into a working garden. The garden has received recognition from the Idaho Botanical Society for the 2nd Place Community Garden 2011, and an EnviroGuard Youth Grant award from the City of Boise. There was a lot of community support to develop and maintain the garden, which has created some exciting projects. She loves that the garden is a natural extension of the classroom. Julie's biggest challenge as an educator is finding the time and energy to do the projects that she would like to do to support at-risk preschoolers in Idaho.

Julie's favorite children's author (at the moment) is Eric Litwin. She loves how he incorporates learning skills with life lessons, all wrapped up in a catchy tune. Julie is still learning how to apply "buttons come and buttons go, but it's all good" to her life. As a child she enjoyed reading a variety of books, from *The Five Little Peppers* series to *The Borrowers*, by Mary Norton. Her grown-up tastes still enjoy reading children's books, but she loves anything by Jane Austen. Recently she has read *Lark Rise to Candleford*, by Flora Thompson and *Edenbrooke*, by Julianne Donaldson. "I'm kind of an old-fashioned girl," Julie admitted.

Julie's favorite ice cream is Moose Tracks, because it has a lot of her favorite things in it. When she is not at ICfL she likes to work in her flowerbeds (which are never-ending) and do family history. She loves to hang out with her family of eight kids and 11 grandkids. Food is usually a focus of their get-togethers, as well as playing games and talking. She also enjoys reading and watching a good movie. She is hoping that she can be a positive force for the Read to Me program, and will come out of this experience as a stronger educator.



CE News You Can Use



Using Ele™, a Free Online Tool, to Incorporate Principles from NAEYC and the Fred Rogers Center into Your Program, September 12, 2012 2 p.m. Eastern Time



The NAEYC/Fred Rogers Center joint position statement on technology and media in ECE is great.... but now what? Join Michael Robb and Chip Donohue for a discussion of how free online tools can be used in ways that support the recommendations of the position statement.

In this session you will learn how to use an exciting new resource, the Early Learning Environment™, (Ele) in ways to promote professional development, classroom learning, and school-home connections. Ele is a free innovative online space where adults can find high-quality digital resources that support early literacy, media literacy, and other learning and development for children for birth to age five. This new online resource helps early childhood educators and families learn to use media in developmentally appropriate ways. Ele highlights ways to turn media into language-rich, adult-child interactions and provides a set of fun and engaging activities, resources, and other materials for adults that move beyond "tip sheets." Ele resources are designed to answer not just how to support early print and media literacy, but also why.

This webinar will include a live demonstration of Ele that will introduce participants to the site, In this practical webinar, you will learn:

- about the print and technological literacy needs and challenges facing children, families, and educators, and learn how Ele is addressing those needs.
- how to incorporate specific resources into learning in schools, early childhood programs, and family child care homes, and extend the impact into homes.
- how to use Ele effectively
- the array of free resources available on the site.

Register for the webinar [here](#).

Not able to attend the webinar – at least check out the site: <http://ele.fredrogerscenter.org/>. There are TONS of videos and other resources focused on early literacy!

News Beyond Idaho

Oregon Libraries Pioneering Early Childhood Literacy Project

Pendleton Public Library has joined with five other Eastern Oregon libraries to begin preparing children for college before they even enter kindergarten. The program also will assess the effect library use has on early literacy development. The initiative, called Project Ready to Learn, would open college savings accounts with the Oregon College Savings Plan for parents of children from birth to five-years-old. It would be open to members of the Pendleton, Hermiston, La Grande and Enterprise public libraries, and Baker and Grant county libraries, said Pendleton Public Library Director Kat Davis in an article in the Eastern Oregonian.

Every time a child checks out a book or participates in an approved learning program, they could swipe a “Ready to Learn” card and earn two cents in an interest-earning college savings account. Card swipes also would earn parents discounts at places like local restaurants and grocery stores.

The program aims to capitalize on the high rate of brain development children experience from birth to age five, and encourage parents to start planning for their children’s college education earlier by opening the savings accounts. Davis said the two-cent amount was chosen because it’s sustainable relative to the number of children expected to use the service, which could be as many as 10,000 children, according to a Ready to Learn fact sheet.

Davis said she hopes the program will be available in June 2013, pending approval of a \$190,000 state library board-administered federal grant she expects to hear about in October. Project Ready to Learn is being led by a team of IMESD employees, all six participating libraries, the Oregon College Savings Plan and three Eastern Oregon University professors.

Comparing kindergarten screening performance of children who participated in the program against those who did not will measure the correlation between library use and early child development. Professors will conduct this analysis at the end of every year but their findings at the end of the five-year test run will be the most telling because they will offer results of a continuous study on a test sample in the program’s targeted age group.

Read the entire article by Chris Rizer in the August 13, 2012, Eastern Oregonian at www.eastoregonian.com/libraries-pioneer-early-childhood-literacy-project/article_d69a25be-e2a3-11e1-a3c9-001a4bcf887a.html.

Book Look



New Stats Show Great Gains in Children's Fiction in 2011

The second annual edition of BookStats, a collaborative venture between the Book Industry Study Group and the Association of American Publishers, has just been released and brings good news for children's fiction. The category had the strongest performance of any trade segment in 2011 – adult or children's – with sales up 11.9% over 2010, to \$2.78 billion. The increase was led by a huge jump in e-book sales, which rose 374.8% to \$220.3 million, and a solid performance for hardcover books, whose sales rose 14.7% to \$1.29 billion. [more](#) ►

Children's Book Sales (\$ in millions)			
	2011	2010	% Change
FICTION	\$2,780.7	\$2,484.2	11.9%
Hardcover	\$1,295.4	\$1,129.7	14.7%
Paperback	\$1,072.1	\$1,110.3	-3.0%
E-book	\$220.3	\$46.4	374.8%
Audio	\$38.9	\$37.5	3.7%
Other	\$154.0	\$160.3	3.9%
NONFICTION	\$532.1	\$534.3	-2.1%
Hardcover	\$266.3	\$264.2	0.8%
Paperback	\$200.3	\$219.5	-8.7%
E-book	\$14.9	\$4.6	223.9%
Audio	\$2.4	\$1.4	71.4%
Other	\$39.2	\$44.6	-12.1%

Source: BookStats



Back to School Books

As the last days of summer fun arrive, it's time to start thinking about going back to school. We Give Books has gathered a collection of books to help you prepare the students in your life for the first day! The beginning of the school year can be an exciting time filled with meeting new teachers and reuniting with friends, but it can also be challenging to adjust to new routines. Check out some great reads to ease the transition, including [Llama Llama Misses Mama](#) and [The Night Before First Grade](#). Check out [Henry and the Bully](#) and [Stand Tall, Molly Lou Melon](#), titles about handling difficult situations at school. And be sure to take some time to laugh out loud as you prepare for the school year with a little boy and his parents in [You Can't Go to School Naked!](#)



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Author Birthdays

September is Roald Dahl Month

Start planning your scrumdiddlyumptious activities in celebration of all things Roald Dahl for September! Go to the [official Roald Dahl website](#) to immerse yourself in the world of Roald Dahl. There you can find information on your [favorite titles](#), check out some [incredible downloadables](#), and learn more about [the man himself!](#)

Don't forget to keep [following that peach!](#) Join the mission to roll James's peach around the world. Encourage your students to send the peach on further adventures by sending a [virtual peach](#) or download a [paper Peach-gram](#) to send through the mail.

August 22 – **Will Hobbs** (born in 1947). He is the author of several novels for upper elementary, middle school and young adult readers, as well as two picture book stories. Some of his novels include: *Bearstone*, *Downriver*, *The Maze*, and *Jason's Gold*. Check out www.willhobbsauthor.com/meet.html for more information.

August 27 – **Ann Rinaldi** (born in 1934). Rinaldi is a young adult fiction author. She is best known for her historical fiction, including *In My Father's House*, *The Last Silk Dress*, *An*

Acquaintance with Darkness, A Break with Charity, and Hang a Thousand Trees with Ribbons. Read more about [Ann Rinaldi](#).

August 28 – **Brian Pinkney** a.k.a. **J. (Jerry) Brian Pinkney** (born in 1961). Pinkney is an illustrator and author who works in a striking and unusual medium: oil painting over scratchboard. His unique illustrations have graced the pages of numerous books for children since he began his career in the late 1980s. Some of his books include *Max Found Two Sticks*, *The Adventures of Sparrowboy*, and *Cosmo and the Robot*. Find out more at www.answers.com/topic/jerry-brian-pinkney



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