

# Family Reading Week 2014

## Building a Community of Readers

Family Reading Week activities took place the week of November 16-22 in public and school libraries. Many of them partnered with community agencies and programs, or with each other. Across the state there were 52 public libraries and 26 school libraries that participated. Public libraries brought in 4,879 attendees and school libraries engaged with 4,306 attendees. That means that 9,185 children and their families were involved in the fun and learning of Family Reading Week activities.

### Salmon Public Library



### Mountain View Elementary (75 Families, 300 Participants)

We had an awesome turnout for our family reading event. We invited our Sherriff, a firefighter, public librarian and a school board member (Linda Peterson) to do storytimes with our students. We also had a book swap, book walk (like a cake walk but you would win a book) and snacks. We planned for 100 people and hoped for 150. We were shocked when we had over 300 parents, students and siblings attend! I have attached some pictures for you. Melissa Farran







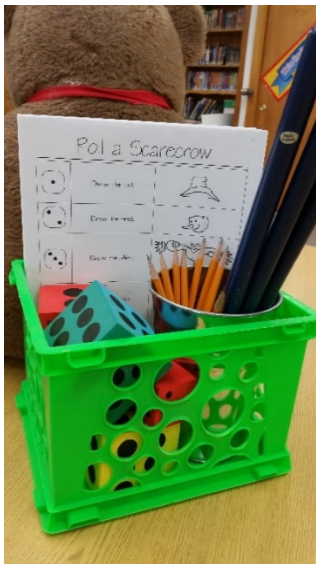
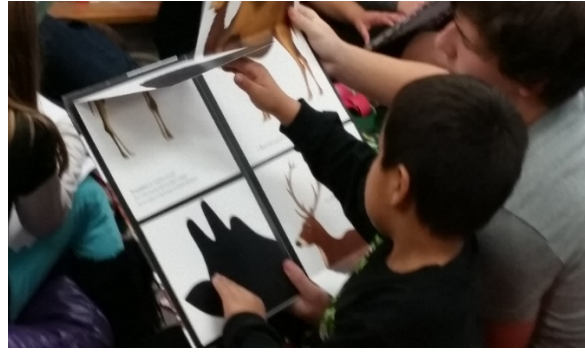


### **Garden Valley District Library (10 Families, 48 Participants)**

Our Family Read Night was AWESOME...I had 37! Can you believe it? Our programming push is really getting results. My children's programming has had GREAT attendance since summer. Our adult and family programming is just starting to take off. I was super happy to have the support from parents this week. We did some Minute to Win It Challenges to start the night. The kids and adults all loved it. We followed that with a 10 minute tower build with gumdrops and toothpicks. Families enjoyed pizza, two story times and 30 minute Lego Challenge; build a structure, business, or building from Garden Valley. The night was successful, finishing up in about 1hr 45 mins. The Garden Valley School District allowed me to conduct outreach within the elementary classrooms during Family Read Week. I hung posters throughout the school preschool-12 grade. Students took home 'Save The Date' t-length fliers as well as bookmarks on separate days. Stephany Corn

### **KSD Library Services**





**Kuna Public Library (9 Families, 38 Participants)**

Here at the Kuna Library we did a "Mo Willems" Night and we all dressed up in a Moe costume. This is a picture of some of the Kuna Library staff with Elephant, Piggie and Pigeon! We love Mo Willems!!!!!!!





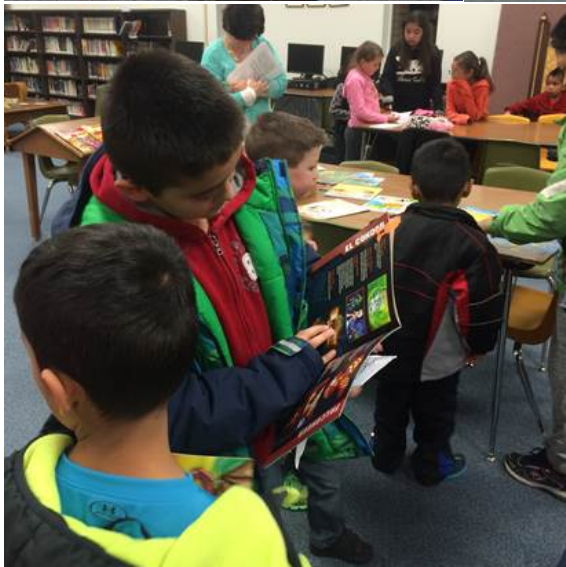
### **Lowell Elementary Library (50 Families, 200 Participants)**

Here are a few pictures of families at Lowell Elementary Library enjoying Family Reading Week activities with books, eBooks, and databases. I partnered with the ELL teacher to reach out to her community of past and present students. She provided fluency activities in addition to the library activities. Rashelle Mack



### **Aberdeen Library (12 Families, 55 Participants)**

I forgot to mention in my Summary Report that we took our Legos and let them build and also printed out a bookmarks on the 3D printer for everyone. We partnered with Aberdeen Elementary School. We met at the school and the families built All About Me books. I talked about the importance about continuing to read aloud to your children. I have away chapter read aloud books to 10 people. We also have each person a book to take home with them. For snacks we put together a baggie with small marshmallows, small gum drops and toothpicks for them to take home and build together as a family. Stephanie Adamson





**Leadore Community Library (10 Families, 29 Participants)**

This is a little description of what we did on our “Family Reading and Technology Night”.

We combined the event with a Fun with Math & Science event. The children (and some of the adults) built with spaghetti noodles and marshmallows, k’nex, newspaper, blocks and snap circuits. The adults were shown how to create their own account so that they could access some of the library resources from home. Sherry



**Buhl Library (14 Families, 39 Participants)**

Here are some pictures from our LEGO ZOO building as well as our Build a Turkey project with graham crackers, frosting, and candies. (Messy, but fun.) Linda Henderson



**Boise Public Library- Collister Branch (7 Families, 32 Participants)**



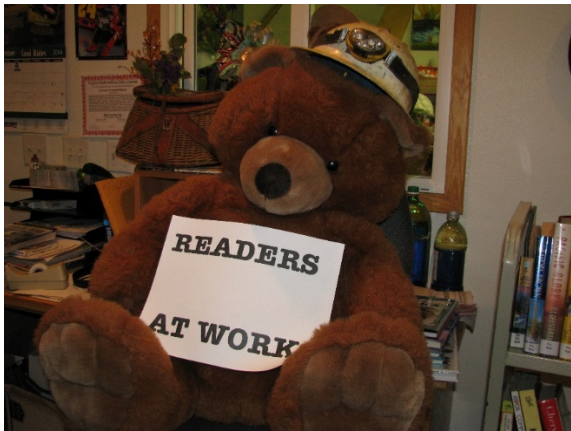
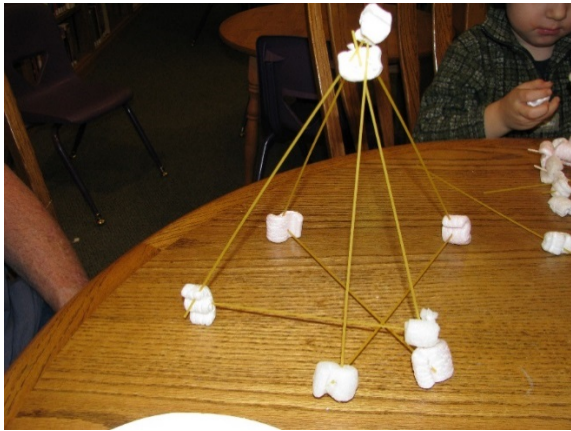




**Kooskia Library**



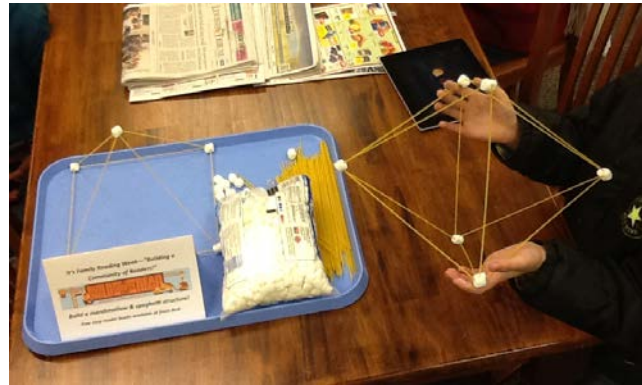
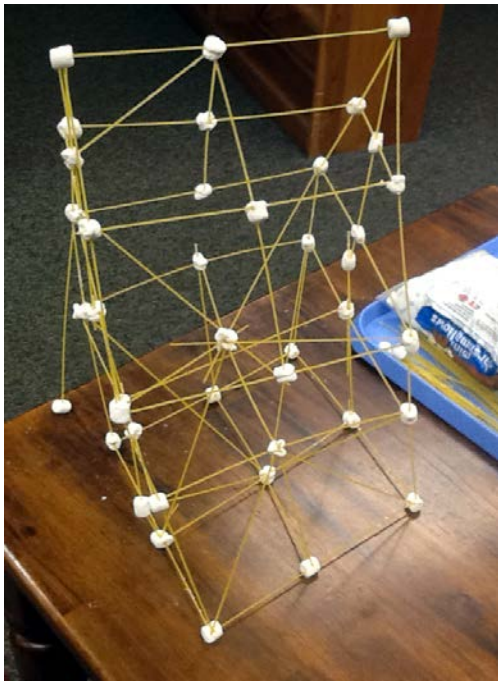




**Kamiah Community Library (8 Families, 14 Participants)**

Partnered with Lewis-Clark Early Childhood Program parents group. We had a maker space for spaghetti and marshmallow building set up on a main table for the week - it was very popular with the kids and adults commented what a good idea it was, too.





**Island Park Library (9 Families, 41 participants)**

We had a Lego bridge building contest, a nail driving contest (One of our biggest attractions), Newspaper tower building contest, Just Dance competition, Play dough station with truck cookie cutters, plus more. Everyone had a great time.



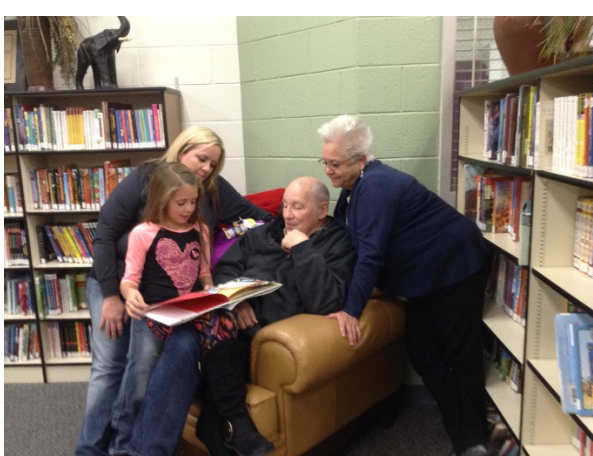


**Snake River Community Library (22 Families, 75 Participants)**

We had a few High School football players come out and read their favorite picture books to groups during the evening. These guys were just heading off to the State Championship and the kids were excited to have them share their books with them. (By the way, they won the championship!) We demonstrated Tumble Books and gave parents hands on training of how they could have use it in their homes. We also had them play around with tinkercad.com and had a demonstration with the 3D printer. We played games, made Bob the Builder and towns out of cardboard rolls.







**Gooding School District (50 Families, 150 Participants)**

We really enjoyed our Family Read Night!!! We had several "stations" of building activities:

Construction:

Straws & connectors

Legos

Duplos

Blocks

Crafts:

paper bag houses

Builder Bob (toilet paper roll)

Family Competition

Spaghetti towers, winning family received pizza & pop gift card

Minecraft characters

create one, name went into drawing for Minecraft poster

Story corner

Everyone- yellow hard hat, choice of free book

Our snack was graham cracker houses with cereal roofs! Fun, but messy! I had prepared a group presentation for "Building a House", but the projector didn't cooperate that night!

Here is a link to some photos for you!

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### **Driggs Elementary School (250 Families, 300 Participants)**

Here's a photo of our Pete the Cat Button Guessing Contest at Driggs Elementary School during the Family Reading Week festivities. We have a stuffed real cougar for a mascot and I dressed him up as Pete the Cat. This is mentioned in the survey along with the other fun activities we did during the week. Our school partnered with Valley of the Tetons Public Library and the Driggs Branch Library. Rasheil Stanger from Valley of the Tetons Library coordinated with our school librarian to host a Decorate Your Classroom Door contest and provided books for the winning class. Runners up also



received prizes. The public library also coordinated events to enhance our scheduled activities throughout the week. We used Pete the Cat as our theme and had a Button Guessing Contest by dressing up our Cougar mascot (a real one!) as Pete and placed a container of buttons with him. Winning class received a book for each student sent from Idaho Commission for Libraries. All classes also received a set of books for participating. Activity packets of Pete the Cat coloring and work sheets were given to students along with Public Library flyers announcing their week-long celebration activities and the grand opening of the Driggs branch library. At each story time Pete the Cat books were read and bookmarks were handed out to every student. Our music teacher incorporated Pete the Cat songs at music lessons. We culminated our celebration with an assembly to announce the contest winners and had a musician playing guitar and the Pete the Cat "I Love My White Shoes" story was read and the song sung by all the students while the stuffed Pete the Cat danced along! It was great fun and the kids loved it!

### **Nampa Public Library (37 Families, 88 Participants)**







### Art Endeavor: Building!

The Nampa Public Library celebrated Idaho Family Reading Week at their monthly Art Endeavor Program on November 20<sup>th</sup>. Several enthusiastic architects designed and built their own houses, castles and other creations highlighting the Idaho Family Reading Week theme, *“Building a Community of Readers at Your Library”*.

Participants had a great time choosing from a wide variety of materials to use in the construction process. Armed with handy tools such as glue guns, paint brushes and scissors, they went to work with gusto and created their own community of unique structures.

Afterwards, we took a snapshot of the buildings in a community setting. One young lady requested that we “do this again!”

Art Endeavor is a free program offered every third Thursday at the Nampa Public Library. Most projects are geared towards ages 8 to 16, but all ages are welcome. Registration is not required for this program.

### **DeMary Library (2 Families, 5 Participants)**

During our event at the DeMary Memorial Library, we had Officer Normand from the City of Rupert Police Department and Lynn Porter from Search and Rescue come and share some of their favorite books. They talked about how to be safe. Officer Normand took fingerprints of the kids so they can keep them on file at home for if they ever get lost and a fingerprint is needed. Ms. Porter taught the kids about how to be safe while camping. She helped them make shoe prints using tinfoil to have on hand if anyone gets lost in the woods. She explained this is a good thing to do as part of getting your camp set up so you always have a current shoe print on your camp trip. We finished off with a competition to see who could build the longest, strongest bridge based on the story "The Great Bridge Building Contest" by Bo Zaunders. Everyone involved had a great time.





## Falls Valley Elementary- Idaho Falls (100 Families, 166 Participants)



We did a duct tape the principal to the wall night. Kids had to keep a reading log of how many minutes they read and earned duct tape to tape our principal to the wall. We had a huge attendance of over 200 people. It was a huge success and the kids had a lot of fun! We also had Michael Coats from Local News 8 come and read to the kids and also had a demonstration from our Title One

Teacher to show parents how to read aloud to their children to engage them more. It was so much fun and the kids are still talking about it. We were planning the literacy night in the beginning and then was told that the Title 1 needed to be involved, so most of our plans were changed. We did have a huge turnout with 166 reading logs turned in to earn duct tape to tape our principal to the wall. Our students ended up reading 71,680 minutes. We had a teacher do a reading demonstration, the weather man from Local News 8 came and read and then we had books out for families to read and the kids to take AR tests on. We had funds from Title 1 from the district, so we purchased over \$300 of books and had a drawing to give them away. It turned out to be a pretty great event. Kids were so proud of themselves!



### **Blackfoot Community Library (21 Families, 39 Participants)**

Attached is a picture of our Story Time kickoff of "Building a Community of Readers". We featured the hats of "people in our neighborhood" (including our mayor's rather distinctive panama hat). Our Mayor came and explained about what he did for the community and the importance of reading and libraries. He read about firemen to the children, had them practice stop, drop and roll and gave them a fire safety sucker. The group grew as the presentation went on.



### **Larsen Sant Library- (350 Families, 900 participants)**



Hi Erica, Teresa Rasmussen here. We just wanted to let you know what a great success our Family Reading Week Activity was. We held it October 22, because the Smithsonian Display was coming to our library during the November dates. This was possibly the most successful FRW activity we have ever had. Since it was held in October we had it in conjunction with Teen Read Week activities. We also had a kick off our new 1000 books before kindergarten program. Seventy-five

children were signed up before the end of the evening. Each year we have our "BOOK and a Cookie" night. With help from our community partners, The Franklin County Reading Association and the Preston school district we have games, stories, and each child takes home a free book and everyone gets a cookie. This year we had 900 participants and had a wonderful night. Miss Idaho came and handed our cookies to the children. I have attached some fun photos for you.





**Ada Community Library- Hidden Springs Branch (35 Families, 50 Participants)**

We had a Little Critter party. With our owl mascot Whoodini. We read stories and had a raffle for stuffed animal little critters. We made little critter puff ball craft, hedgehog and monster face food activity and made CD fish. We ended the night with the book give away and hot chocolate. We had over 50 people attend. We partnered with the local preschool to promote and attend our all ages event. Our teen program also partnered with the Idaho Food Bank.





### **North Bingham County District Library (150 Families, 620 Participants)**

We partnered with Baron Photography in Shelley. Sheri is great and comes to take pictures of the children. This year Rebecca Jolley, a local artist and member of our Friends of the Library, made Lego Movie Costumes for her 4 children. The children agreed to come and pose in the photos. We also had 3 local authors come and sign their books. Larry Murry: "Chet: Whispers from the Past" and "Chet: Strength Beyond Our Own", Vivienne Mathews: "The Sons of Masguard" series, and Kathy Rae: "The Jewel of Hope." The Schools made sure that the activities were announced and handouts sent home with the students.

### **Ada Community Library- Star Branch (30 Families, 77 Participants)**

The Star Outreach was our partner. We did a food for fines program throughout the week. People brought in food and we waived up to \$10 in fines. We generated 2 large barrels worth of food through the week.

### **Weippe Library (10 Families, 45 Participants)**

We partnered with Timberline School and worked with their librarian. We teamed up with door prizes, and the THS Librarian read two books. We made cardboard building squares and had each one make a tree and an animal. Then we had everyone join into as many in a group as they wanted to build a bridge.

### **Groveland Elementary- Blackfoot (40 Families, 160 Participants)**

I collaborated with the Groveland PTA and the Pocatello Fencing Club. We enjoyed a fencing presentation, storytelling and crafts! The construction theme had already been used by the Public library so I stuck with my own original idea that is why I didn't find the resources useful. Like I related above our Medieval Reading Feast was a booming success. Our previous Reading Nights were poorly attended but this turn out shocked us. I was a little disappointed to finally receive the book package only to find that we didn't receive as many books as was promised. I would have preferred that information previous to receiving it, because I didn't have time to put together a "creative" way to use them. They WILL get used at a later date!

### **Dalton Gardens Elementary (212 participants)**

I made up a Family Reading Passport with 10 items to choose for completion and if they did 5 of the 10 with a parent's signature, they would be entered into a drawing for a paperwhite Kindle. I had over 50% participation in the school. If they also visited the public library, they would receive a second chance at the drawing.

### **East Bonner County Library- Sandpoint Branch (90 Families, 192 Participants)**

We did a huge Pete the Cat party on November 22nd. Partners included: Kootenai Elementary School-- The public librarian attended their event and read stories. The school librarian attended the public library event and did a fishing game. They handed out lots of fliers at school

Mayor Carrie Logan-- Came to storytime 2 weeks before hand and read to children. She signed a proclamation naming the 16th - 22nd as Family Reading Week. She came to our event and read stories. Head Start & Farmin-Stidwell Developmental Preschool-- My First Book partners-- 10 kids & 20 parents showed up from these programs! They read Pete the Cat stories at school ALL week to advertise the event and teachers from both programs attended the event. Kids' Castle Daycare-- Aggressively promoted the event to their impoverished families and brought a group of kids on the day of.

#### **Midvale Community Library (7 Families, 28 Participants)**

A local business, MTE Communications, partnered with us for this event. Two of the employees came to talk to the kids about how the phone company started in our area. They brought an old crank-type telephone, a big solid black thing with a crank to make it ring the operator. All the kids got to pretend to ring the phone. We didn't get a confirmation that the guys were coming, so we had arranged for another speaker, a local handyman who brought his tools for show and tell. So we had more than we expected and it all turned out very well. Since it is always so close to Thanksgiving, we often incorporate some T-day books, crafts or food into our event. We have a Happy ThanksReading banner that we use every year. So a theme that includes being thankful? Or maybe something about how reading feeds the mind like food feeds the body.

#### **Grangeville Elementary (40 Families, 150 Participants)**

Our local public library (Grangeville Centennial Library), our PTA and PTA Reflections group and our student body (middle school) took part in creating a fall social, which was sort of like a mini-carnival. Games including the cupcake walk, ring toss, duck pond, and tic-tac-toe were available to play for free. By playing games children won tickets they could turn in. Then names were drawn from the tickets that were turned in for prizes. The student body representatives sold long-dogs and chips to provide a small meal and the PTA parents backed cookies and cupcakes for the cupcake walk.

#### **Boise Public- Cole Branch (13 Families, 46 Participants)**

The Boise Public Library/Library! at Cole & Ustick partnered with the Friends of the Boise Public Library and Flying Pie Pizza. We provided a dinner for families consisting of pizza, salad, drinks and ice cream. We focused on the "Construction" theme and had blocks for the kids to build with and had construction themed word games (word searches and fill in the blanks) for the families to do together.

#### **Boise Public- Main (45 Families, 120 Participants)**

We partnered with the Flying Pie Pizzeria. They provided the Pizza for our Dinner and a Book event on Wednesday, November 19. We served salad, bread, and ice cream. Our families had a lot of fun listening to staff read stories while they had a fabulous feast!

#### **Grangeville Centennial Library (50 Families, 279 Participants)**



We partnered with Friends of Centennial Library, Blue Fox Theater, Grangeville Elementary and Middle School (GEMS), GEMS PTA, GEMS PTA Reflections Group, Grangeville Community Foundation. Our partnership with GEMS, PTA and PTA Reflections was amazing! We held a Fall Social- had booths, prizes, presentation from Reflections Group- had over 200 people! Was awesome! Lynn Johnson sent pictures! We did our Annual PJ Party, Fall Social, Partnered with Blue Fox for Mockingjay premiere at the theater (gave out books and movies), had a Family Craft Day, Princess Bride Night and it was such a great week!

#### **Notus Elementary Library (19 Families, 82 Participants)**

This is my first year as a librarian. Last year I was an EA and attended the Family Reading night which was held in the gym. Only three moms, four children, the librarian and I attended. This year I chose a "Family Campout" theme for our reading night. The school provided hot dogs, chips, and drinks and the parents and students brought flashlights and blankets. We have a small library so on my projector screen I had a fireplace scene from YouTube. The families sat on the floor in the library and in the hallway. After we ate we began reading. We had a drawing for free books. I had great feedback from the parents and students. We went from 9 participating last year to over 80 this year...it was successful and a lot of fun.

#### **West Elementary School Library (65 Families, 200 Participants)**

Since the theme was Construction, we asked construction companies, moving company, cheese factory, Equipment Rental company, Plumbing Store, Idaho Power and the US Air Force for donations of \$, time, or items to decorate with. We received items for decorating the library, the hall ways, and class rooms. We received \$ to buy kids hard hats to give away to all the children who came. We also received 10 new books from a teacher to add to the ones the Idaho State Library sent for raffle prizes. We received 500 cheese portions to hand out for a snack. Idaho Power brought 2 large vehicles and parked them in the front of the building, and had hands on items in the gym for the kids. The Military sent over 20 volunteers that helped man the place. Some volunteers helped by reading in the classrooms with a teacher, others helped with the "Construction Zone" in the gym. In the Construction Zone we had a larger need for adults for safety. Had a box building area, a cup stacking area, and 2 wooden block areas.

#### **Valley of the Tetons Library (30 Families, 240 Participants)**

We partnered with public schools WIC and Head Start. We had a week of events that included teen activities, youth activities, and family events. We had a read-in pajama party. It was the best attended event to date.

#### **Idaho School for the Deaf and Blind (35 Participants)**

We partnered with the Gooding Police Department. Since we are a residential school we do not have families with our students, but cottage parents. This year sticking the community theme, we invited several police officers along with their car to show the kids their uniforms and

equipment. The students asked all kinds of questions. We then read books about police officers.

### **Rendezvous Upper Elementary School (265 Participants)**

Our school partnered with the Valley of the Tetons Public Library in Victor. They supplied us with informational flyers advertising all the fun events they were hosting during the Idaho Family Reading Week to distribute to our students. We especially encouraged our kids to visit our new public library branch in Driggs. At our school we used the theme "Building a Community of Readers" to coincide with the public library theme. As each class visited the library they were introduced to the world of Pop-Up books - how a unique type of literature they are and their construction. Students viewed a video interview with Robert Sabuda (from Martha Stewart's web site) to see how he chooses his topic, designs the pages, and the final construction of each page that is then put together to form one book. The video was fascinating and quite educational. We hosted a Pop-Up Page Challenge contest. Basic pop-up instructions from Robert Sabuda's web site were distributed to those interested. Students could make a single pop-up page and write a short story to go along with it. We had 3 winners who used interesting materials and methods to make their page and wrote fun stories to go along with them.