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Idaho Celebrates Family Reading Week

BOISE, Idaho -- The third week of November is Idaho Family Reading Week, when families are encouraged to read together. This year's theme, "Tell Me a Tale," will be celebrated at public and school libraries across the Gem State, November 12 - 18, 2017.

Idaho Commission for Libraries Youth Services Project Coordinator Kristina Taylor said, "Family Reading Week is a great time to remind parents, grandparents, and all caregivers of the importance of reading with, or to, the child in their life. Reading is the foundation of a youngster's entire education." Taylor added, "And it is never too early to start reading -- and re-reading -- to your little one. Children need repetition for information to be stored in their long-term memories."

Whether it's folktales or fairytales, families will enjoy a magical week of reading and special activities at their library during Idaho Family Reading Week.

State Librarian Ann Joslin said, "Not only does Idaho Family Reading Week celebrate families and the importance of reading together, but it is also a chance for Idahoans of all ages to explore or rediscover everything their local library has to offer. From storytimes and Makerspaces, to databases and DVDs, today's library has learning, innovation, and engagement opportunities for all."

Idaho Family Reading Week is sponsored by the Idaho Commission for Libraries' Read to Me program and supported by libraries across Idaho.

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