2018 Idaho Day Book Read Program --
Tips for Coordinators

What to do before the program

- Schedule a book discussion for early March (Idaho Day is March 4).
- Read the book.
- Check books out to participants and prepare them for the book discussion:
  - Suggest using post-it notes to mark aspects of the book they want to discuss.
  - If the book might take readers into dark aspects of the human experience, let them know.
  - Encourage readers to keep reading when they come across something difficult or unpleasant. The discussions can help clarify confusing or difficult parts.
  - Encourage participants to come to the discussion even if they don’t like a book. They may discover something new about the book, such as parts that others found interesting or engaging.
- Publicize the book discussion in the library and in the community.
- Create discussion questions, if appropriate.
- Arrange for a discussion leader.
- Arrange for refreshments (if possible) and hosts.
- Set up the room.

What to do at the program

- Distribute the discussion questions, if being used.
- Have participants introduce themselves, if they don’t already know each other. You might also have them briefly share what they most want to discuss about the book.
- Use ground rules that create a safe and welcoming environment, like:
  - We learn from each other.
  - Everyone gets a chance to speak and no one dominates.
  - We respect each other’s opinions and disagree with grace and tact.
  - We stick to the topic.

What to do after the program

- Collect the books from participants.
- Fill out the ICfL Library Feedback Form.
- Mail books/Feedback Form to Idaho Commission to Libraries by April 6, 2018.

For more information/resources, visit: http://libraries.idaho.gov/page/idaho-day.

Questions?

If you need general information and/or have questions about receiving or returning books, please contact the ICfL’s Karen Parsons at 208-334-2150 or 800-458-3271 (toll free) or at karen.parsons@libraries.idaho.gov.