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# LOW HANGING FRUIT

## March 4th is Idaho Day!

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In 2014 the Legislature established March 4 as Idaho Day, to be observed each year with a proclamation from the governor, programs at the Capitol, and events and activities in communities statewide.

2016's theme is "Idaho Heroes: Past or Present," and everyone is encouraged to learn about and celebrate their favorite heroes, and to wear royal blue (a la our state flag). Idahoans can use Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook to post favorite Idaho heroes and/or what we love about Idaho or Idaho history. Post using #myidaho, #idahero, and #idablue.

Last year, schools and libraries displayed Idaho-themed books, and held Idaho trivia quizzes, Idaho Rendezvous, and numerous other [activities](#). Many school districts are already gearing up to take part in 2016!

### What's the Story? Look it up!

Boise hasn't always been Idaho's capital. Which city was? What happened? What are this city's other major distinctions?

The following resources are available to help with your Idaho Day celebration:

- **"Celebrate Idaho" LibGuide:** Find Idaho books, authors, digital collections, governors, and other notable Idahoans in this collection created by Idaho Commission for Libraries.
- **Idaho Citizen Resources:** Find links to watch the Idaho legislature "In Session," a self-paced workshop about how news media works, and [STACKS] the online repository for Idaho state documents.
- **Guided Capitol Tour:** Book a guided tour with the Idaho Legislative Services Office using video teleconferencing equipment. The tour is designed for a legislator or tour guide to be located in the Capitol building while talking to virtual tour participants at your school or library.
- **Virtual Capitol Tour:** Guide students through each floor of the Capitol and its grounds without leaving school! This tour, created by Idaho Public Television, is online, on your schedule. Or find the virtual tour [photos & videos](#) for young students.
- **Idaho Historical Timeline:** Find information about some of the people, places, and events that made Idaho history! Idaho State Historical Society continues to add dates, vignettes, and images to this work-in-progress.
- **State Symbols Bookmark:** This printable color bookmark highlights Idaho's state symbols. Find more state symbols at [www.sos.idaho.gov/emblems](http://www.sos.idaho.gov/emblems).

Celebrations nourish the human spirit and Idaho Day is a great opportunity to commemorate our past, appreciate our present, and aspire to an even better future.

## LINKS TO MORE LEARNING



### Idaho Day—March 4th

<http://history.idaho.gov/idahoday>

More about Idaho Day, including links with more information to Connect, Discovery and Educate about Idaho.

### Idaho Day Ideas for Activities

[http://history.idaho.gov/sites/default/files/uploads/idahoday\\_ideas.pdf](http://history.idaho.gov/sites/default/files/uploads/idahoday_ideas.pdf)

Ideas for celebrating Idaho Day with students.

### Idaho History: Lesson Plans & Activities

<http://history.idaho.gov/teachers>

Educational tools for classrooms collected by Idaho State Historical Society with printable games, quizzes, and more.

## PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS



### Collaborate Across Subjects!

Idaho Day can include more than history; emphasize the Idaho Heroes "Present" by finding your own school's academic heroes. Host a Quiz Bowl in your classroom, or even better, work with your librarian to organize a school-wide bowl. Be sure to sprinkle liberally with questions about Idaho; a quiz bowl format can cover any subject from an Idaho point of view. Plus it's fun! Get started by checking out some sample questions at <https://www.naqt.com/samples/> or write your own questions with LiLI.org.

## DIGITAL TOOLS



### Celebrate Idaho Guide

<http://guides.lili.org/CelebrateIdaho>

Links to digital content about Idaho through Idaho's libraries about Idaho. Includes digital photographs, Idaho authors, and Governors' biographies.

### Idaho Resources from LiLI

<http://lili.org/idaho>

Quick access to information about Idaho. From locally produced videos about Idaho to an online tour of the Idaho Statehouse.

