Lunch in the Lab: Table Discussions (Boise)

Teen Programming:

- Gretchen Perkins from Jefferson Middle School wants to partner/promote Caldwell Public Library programs for teens (and all the public librarians at our table can't understand why they aren't using her for a resource).
- Utilizing tech for teens: Glogster, Animoto, book trailers, Prezi, Vine, etc. (partner with local schools – English teachers, computer labs, libraries)
- Erica Littlefield did book cover necklaces (using small hinges)—great idea—ask her to show you pictures 😊
- Talk to other libraries about what they’re doing—Great ideas!!!
- Tailgating at the library. Pizza, drinks, wii – Pre-game party
- After hours spa day for girls: nails, hair, browse the library, etc.
- “Stealth Programming” – passive programming for teens

School / Public Library Partnership

- Public librarians want to spread the word about summer reading, winter reading, after-school programs. School/library relationships are pivotal, also contact secretaries about newsletters & announcements
- Public librarians can help to read to kids or do book talks at elementary schools and will for school librarians to have a planning period
- Public librarians can reach out to teachers and give business cards and offer to give specialized reader’s advisor for reluctant readers
- School librarians want public librarians to know 1) you can come into the school anytime and offer what you want to see—otherwise they might not know about it 2) they have no time 3) they don’t get much time with teachers
- Public librarians want school librarians to know 1) we want to help, we probably have more free time, let us help! 2) We want to promote summer reading above all

Off-site Summer Programs

- Contact Chamber of Commerce to organize outreach events; be at events that people already go to.
- Partnerships with summer schools
- Community festivals

Early Literacy Programming

- Positive conversations with parents/caregivers encourage to participate with child; early literacy stations; research, etc.
- Early Literacy Stations, Play
- Mad Scientist
- Bilingual programming – how to reach
- Partnerships with schools – bilingual

Reading Logs/Tracking Participation

- Number of books goal set by child OR number of pages
- Different levels of sponsorship get different recognition
- Reviews or pictures; display with something kids fill out with their name
- TRUMBA weekly; One on one reporting vs. minutes of reading