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Welcome!



The Read to Me Coordinators attended the **Public Library Association** Conference in Philadelphia last week and brought back a plethora of ideas to share. Over 8,500 people attended the conference and it was great to see so many Idaho librarians there! We attended several early literacy and teen sessions; Erica presented with a panel for Transforming Life After 50; Staci attended the author lunch with Jerry Pinkney; and Stephanie attended the author lunch with Ally Carter.

Because there was such a short turnaround time between Scoop issues and we were out of town, we are going to shorten this issue and share more about the sessions in the April 13 issue. Stay tuned!



Dates and Deadlines

- You can apply **anytime** for [Idaho Child Care Reads](#) and the [Jump Start Kindergarten](#) programs.
- **April 6, 2012:** Deadline to register your **Día** event, www.surveymonkey.com/s/Dia2012
- **May 10, 2012, 5 p.m. MST:** Deadline to apply for the 2012-2013 [My First Books](#) program (formally Read to Me First Book).
- **May 18, 2012:** Deadline for participating in the [2012-13 Every Child Ready to Read Family Workshop](#) program.



Library to Library



Ideas from Small and Rural Libraries in Idaho

During the annual Read to Me meeting several librarians shared tips and ideas during a break out session for small and rural libraries. Here are a few tips they shared:

- Apply for Libri Foundation grants. Four small libraries received grants during the last grant cycle and all indicated the application doesn't take that much time and is well worth the effort. They will all be getting at least 70 new great children's books. See www.librifoundation.org/ for more information about this opportunity. Applications are due May 15, 2012.
- Heidi Riddock from the North Bingham County District Library invites teachers and other community members to help host summer classes at the library. "We've had art, music and drama classes," Heidi said. "They let us know what age-range they are looking for and how many people they can help and the library advertises and handles registration and so far all those involved have really enjoyed the classes.
- One library offers a summer reading challenge to teens: Three books, three hours or 300 pages. The teens decide which category they want to use. Challenge completers' names are posted and prizes are awarded.
- Speaking of prizes, the group listed some prizes they use which included movie tickets, a hot dog BBQ during the last week of Summer Reading, weekly sponsors provide coupons, swimming passes, a ride on the fire truck during the 4th of July parade, and "Cumulative Visuals" – meaning a display at the library that kids/teens can add to as they complete reading time or books, e.g. each child would add a star to the growing "Dream Big" constellation for each 20 minutes of reading done.
- Many libraries utilize talent from their communities to help staff stations or present during summer reading. Extension agents, Forest Service employees, National Park Service (including a very cool field trip sponsored by the Hagerman Horse Park), BLM, and others were mentioned as resources.
- Two libraries use bingo sheets to award prizes to teens during their summer reading programs. One lets them black-out squares for helping at the library along with reading different genres.
- Finally, the group talked about recruiting volunteers and utilizing Friends of the Library group members to help at the library. Several use teens as volunteers. Many are hoping to tap into the Digital Literacy Coach program offered with B-TOP funding this year.

If you're doing something new at your small library, please share your ideas with other *Scoop* readers! Attendees said they love hearing ideas in person, but sharing through *The Scoop* and libidaho is the next best thing when they can't get together. Keep those ideas coming by emailing Stephanie, Staci or Erica any time!



Cindy Bigler from **Gooding Public Library** shared some great ideas including these Pout-Pout Fish extension activities at www.deborahdiesen.com/books/pout-pout.html. The site has patterns for fun "Cooter Catchers" and more.

The Pout-Pout Fish



Young Adult Corner



Teen Tech Week Final Reports Due!

To all of you who hosted a Teen Tech Week event this year – THANK YOU!

If you registered your TTW event with us and received posters for promotion, please remember that you agreed to complete a SHORT FINAL REPORT. You can find that report here: www.surveymonkey.com/s/TTW-2012-Final-Report

The information you provide assists the ICfL in advocating for funding and services for teens. It also provides us with valuable feedback on how we can better help you meet the needs of your patrons. Thank you for your input.

Please contact [Erica](#) or [Sue](#) if you have any questions.



Hunger Games Madness

The YALSA-BK listserv has been awash with all things Hunger Games. Here are a few:

- Hunger Games themed printable invitations, decorations, etc. www.livinglocurto.com/2012/02/hunger-games-party-printables/
- Here's a site that gives you a Hunger Games inspired name, district, and what hunger games you participated in. It also tells you how you died. <http://hungergames.com>
- Erlanger Public Library HG program ideas: <http://industry-crash.wordpress.com/>
- For all of you who want to serve authentic food for your Hunger Games parties, here's some pretty good recipes, including one that is close to squirrel stew: www.myrecipes.com/menus/hunger-games-recipes-00420000010870/
- EW has a fun look at movie posters for The Hunger Games as directed by other directors: <http://m.ew.com/gallery-detail-lu-by-gallery.rbml?guid=20579776&pos=1>
- Hunger Games characters ala Simpsons: www.nextmovie.com/blog/hunger-games-simpsons-characters/
Here are other movie characters ala South Park. Katniss is the last one. www.nextmovie.com/blog/south-park-movie-characters/
- TV Without Pity put together their casting choices for the HG movie sequels: www.televisionwithoutpity.com/show/movies-without-pity/the-hunger-games-casting-the-s.php

- InStyle just did a piece that had designers sketch Katniss's Girl on Fire look, too. Some of them are really cool although one or two seem a bit out there:
www.instyle.com/instyle/package/general/photos/0,,20542054_20549206,00.html
- Found this on Slate.com today, with all of the buzz about Hunger Games, it sums up exactly what folks are anxious about with the trilogy and the third book... how are they going to handle it?
www.slate.com/articles/arts/culturebox/2012/03/hunger_games_trilogy_how_will_they_make_a_movie_out_of_mockingjay_single.html#pagebreak_anchor_2



Percy Jackson: Sea of Monsters, the sequel to the 2010 book series adaptation *Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief*, has added former "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" star Anthony Head to its cast. *The Hollywood Reporter* has word that Head will play the Chiron, portrayed in the original by Pierce Brosnan.

The sequel finds Percy Jackson (Logan Lerman), the son of Poseidon, continuing his epic journey to fulfill his destiny, as he teams with his demigod friends (played by Alexandra Daddario and Douglas Smith) to retrieve the Golden Fleece, which has the power to save their home and training ground, Camp Half-Blood.

Head, who appeared on the big screen in last year's "The Iron Lady," also joins Mary Birdsong, Yvette Nicole Brown, Missi Pyle and fellow Joss Whedon television series alumn Nathan Fillion in the Thor Freudenthal film, set for release on March 27, 2013.
www.imdb.com/title/tt1854564/



School Zone

By Glenda Pfeiger



Navigating the Future

With the Common Core State Standards, the technology component of Students Come First, Idaho Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Standards, and senior projects, the Idaho education landscape is changing dramatically.

If you live in the Treasure Valley you have the opportunity to network face-to-face with Lisa Dawley, Kerry Rice, local online/blended teachers, and others interested in learning and sharing about online and blended teaching.

At the Idaho Commission for Libraries (ICfL), we're very excited about the online and blended professional development opportunities. I encourage school, academic, and public librarians interested in online and blended teaching to join Boise-Online-Blended-Teachers meet-up created by Lisa Dawley, Boise State University.



Another Source for Informational Text

While searching for information related to the new Common Core Standards and the emphasis on “informational text,” North Carolina State Department uses these ebooks/magazines from National Geographic. They are excellent and provide the option to read the text aloud. They also support STEM. See www.nationalgeographic.com/ngyoungexplorer/moreissues.html for more information.



Upcoming Events



April 22-28 - **Week of the Young Child** - The theme for 2012 is “Early Years Are Learning Years.” This week focuses public attention on the rights and needs of young children. It is sponsored by the [National Association for the Education of Young Children \(NAEYC\)](http://www.naeyc.org), which is dedicated to improving the quality of early childhood education for all young children and their families. For more see www.naeyc.org/woyc



April 21 - **Kindergarten Day** - Is celebrated in honor of Friedrich Froebel. He was born on this day in 1782. In 1837, he started the first Kindergarten in Germany. Find out more at www.recess.ufl.edu/transcripts/2005/0425.shtml



May is **Get Caught Reading Month** – It is a nationwide campaign to remind people of all ages how much fun it is to read, but the campaign is promoted throughout the year. For more see www.getcaughtreading.org/getcaughtreading.htm



May is **Better Hearing and Speech Month**... an entire month dedicated to two essential communication tools that can be affected by medical conditions. Find out more at www.asha.org/bhsm/



May 7-13, 2012 – **Children’s Book Week** - Since 1919, Children's Book Week has been celebrated nationally in schools, libraries, bookstores, clubs, private homes-any place where there are children and books. www.bookweekonline.com/



Tips & Tools



Target Early Childhood Reading Grants. Target funds programs that foster a love of reading and encourage young children, preschool through third grade, to read together with their families. Reading grants support programs such as library storytimes and family reading nights. Awards are in the amount of \$2,000. Apply by April 30 at:



<http://sites.target.com/site/en/company/page.jsp?contentId=WCMP04-031821>



Need \$40,000 for your school? Go-On Grants now Available!

If you are an Idaho middle or high school, you are eligible to submit a Request for Proposal (RFP) for a one-year renewable grant through the J.A. and Kathryn Albertson Foundation's new Go On Schools initiative. Click [here](#) to see what you need to do.



Voki for Education: Not just for avatars

Posted by [joycevalenza](#) on January 27th, 2011, School Library Journal Blog

Voki, the free Web-based tool that allows you to create speaking avatars for blogs and other websites, recently launched its [site for education](#). But it's not just for avatars.



Voki has potential well beyond blog greetings.

Imagine creating a page in which students embed a lengthy, sequenced (albeit imagined) conversation between Generals Lee and Grant at Gettysburg.

Reading a play or novel? Imagine a full page of student character analysis using the student-created voice of the character.

The Voki for Education site now offers ideas for [using Voki in your classroom](#), a community of educator users in its [Teacher's Corner](#), and a growing archive of creative [lesson plans](#).



Summer Reading News



Survey: One slogan for all ages?

The Collaborative Summer Library Program asked its state representatives to distribute a survey for all public librarians. A proposal was brought forward that CSLP offer a single slogan for all age groups in future summer reading programs. For example, if this was in place now, the 2012 CSLP summer reading program slogan might be “Dream Big – Read” for all age groups, instead of “Dream Big – Read” for children, “Own the Night” for teens, and “Between the Covers” for adults.

The CSLP solicits your opinions on this possible change to their annual program. This survey also asks, if the CSLP moved to a single slogan each year, whether you would want to continue to have different artwork for each age group.

The link to this national survey is www.surveymonkey.com/s/OneSlogan. This survey is open until **March 30**. Survey results go directly to the CSLP Board of Directors. Thanks in advance for your participation.

Meet Megan Egbert



Megan Egbert is the Youth Services Supervisor at the Meridian Library District. The district serves 80,000 people and includes one branch library and a bookmobile. “We work with a lot of families here,” Megan said. “Meridian is very family-oriented and the library is a busy, family-friendly place.” Megan got her start in the Idaho library community through her background of working in nonprofits. In fact her work with refugee

families gave her an advantage when she applied for a position at the Collister Branch of Boise Public Library. Working in youth services was another natural draw for her because of the energy and high activity level. She’s been a part of the library world for three and a half years, the last year and a half at Meridian.

Megan said her favorite part of her job is definitely the staff that she gets to work with. As you can see from the picture above (Megan is the one in the hat in the middle), they enjoy their work! “The staff members at Meridian are great. I learn something new every day.” Everyone on staff is currently helping out with a big RFID project at the library, but Megan is also gearing up for summer reading, presenting Every Child Ready to Read family workshops, coordinating First Book distributions, and planning a cool glow in the dark puppet program. “We just got a mascot for summer reading and I think that’s going to be pretty fun,” she said. “We decided that every library needs a mascot to make them easily identifiable! We’re always looking for mascots to come to our big events, so this way we now just have our own. Our mascot will be used to visit schools to promote summer reading, and will also be at our big events this summer. He is so far nameless because we’re going to offer incentive for kids reading this summer to get an opportunity to name him!” The photo is of Megan in costume. “I also have video evidence that I have mastered the art of hop-scotching in this costume!” she said noting that it is harder than it sounds.

Megan also coordinates the library’s Mad Scientist Program and enjoys thinking of fun and interesting things to try for that group. “Mad Scientists is a program I’ve been doing for over a year. It’s geared for 6-11 year olds. Each month we focus on a new science concept, and then incorporate a short educational video, a themed snack, an interactive discussion piece, and then most importantly an experiment! We’ve made



slime (polymers), invisible ink (acids/bases), rockets, volcanoes, parachutes, lava lamps (density), and much more! It is a lot of setup and cleanup (we allow up to 40 kids in the program) but it's well worth it. It's my favorite program ever!" she said.

Megan's biggest challenge has been working on her graduate degree while working and raising two young children. "I started the University of North Texas MLIS program in August of 2010 as part of the SWIM co-hort. When I was first applying for the program I was literally working three jobs and I had no idea how I was going to fit grad school into the equation. As life has a tendency of doing, things worked themselves out. The job of Teen Specialist opened at Meridian Library and I was able to downsize to one job and grad school. Then last summer I was fortunate enough to be selected as the YS Supervisor for the Meridian Library. I love my job and feel extremely fortunate for the work I get to do, however going to school full time on top of it (while raising two young girls) definitely ranks up there in terms of biggest challenges! Also, I went to Kenya two summers ago to teach for several weeks in a small village. That was another huge challenge. Not just financially (which took a small miracle to send a single mom working three jobs across the world) but a personal challenge in almost every aspect of the way I live my life," Megan said. She is in the homestretch of her first challenge and will get her MLIS degree this June!

As a child, Megan enjoyed the Anne of Green Gables series. She just finished reading *All There Is: Love Stories from StoryCorps*, which she highly recommends. "I read it in one night, crying most the time (in a good way)." She just checked out *We Need to Talk About Kevin*, by Lionel Shriver. "Typically I really do read J Fic or YA Fic. I also do a great deal of reading picture books, easy readers and juvenile nonfiction with my girls. We're currently enjoying a lot of books about plants so we can get our garden ready!," she added.

Megan's favorite ice cream flavor is Mexican Chocolate. When she's not working, she can be found hiking, running (training for a half marathon), gardening, cooking, or traveling. "Somehow they let me be a librarian even though I'm bad at knitting and don't have any cats!"

We're glad they did, Megan, and hope you stay a part of the Idaho library community for a long time!



CE News You Can Use



WebJunction Webinars in April

Skills for the Everyday Leader

Wednesday, April 4, 2012 ♦ 2 p.m. Eastern / 11 a.m. Pacific ♦ 60 min

Registration: <https://oclc.webex.com/oclc/onstage/g.php?t=a&d=717908240>

Many of us regard a move into management as "going to the dark side," but leadership is not only reserved for those with manager in their title. Learning effective supervisory skills can benefit many levels of work in the library, especially if you wear multiple hats in your organization serving as both staff peer and manager. Find out the top 10 actions to take and the top 10 mistakes to avoid as an everyday leader. By the end of this webinar, you'll have some simple and effective tools to help you work more powerfully with your colleagues or become the supervisor you always wanted to work for.

Presented by: **Edra Waterman**, director, Hamilton East Public Library (IN)

Virtual Connections

Tuesday, April 10, 2012 ♦ 2 p.m. Eastern / 11 a.m. Pacific ♦ 60 min

Registration: <https://oclc.webex.com/oclc/onstage/g.php?t=a&d=711626360>

Get connected with your library patrons! Connecting with patrons in the online world is vital for libraries. Learn how to build and maintain virtual, internet-based connections with your patrons by utilizing the tools they are increasingly using themselves, including Google Plus, QR Codes, and Pinterest. We will focus on how to get started with these platforms and how to immediately put them to use for your library. You will also be provided with ideas to expand your use of these great connection-oriented tools. Learn how libraries are growing virtual community connections and engaging with their patrons.

Presented by: **Melanie Hedgespeth**, technology manager and **Randy Merrell**, tech trainer, Salina Public Library (KS)

News Beyond Idaho

Book Tower of Babel

Check out this 82-foot-tower made of 30,000 books donated by readers, libraries and 50 embassies. It includes books written in virtually every language and is an artistic tribute to the city of Buenos Aires' new designation as 'World Book Capital 2011.' Artist Marta Minujin, a Buenos Aires native known for mattress sculptures and performance art events she calls "happenings," designed the tower and installed it on a public street with the help of volunteers. The sculpture will be disassembled on May 28th, and the books will be given away to the public.

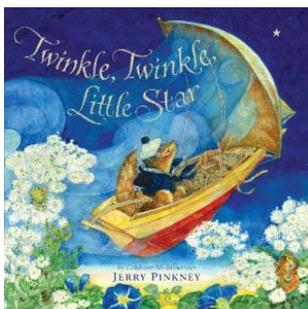


Book Look

By *Staci Shaw*



One of the featured authors at the Public Library Association conference last week was the legendary Jerry Pinkney. It was a pleasure to attend a special luncheon to hear him speak about his life's work, and especially about his newest book, *Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star* (October, 2011).

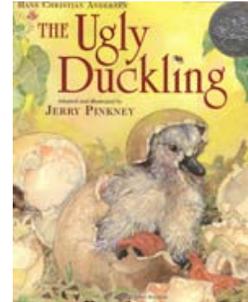
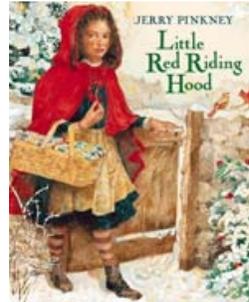
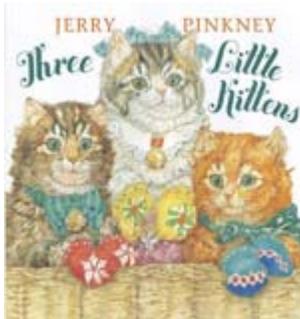


As beautifully-illustrated as his 2010 Caldecott winner, *The Lion and the Mouse*, every element in the book contributes to the dreamlike vision of a curious adventurer exploring the natural world.

It was fascinating to hear Mr. Pinkney talk about how the book came about, and that he based the chipmunk character on the little creature living in his backyard stone wall. Depicting the beauty of nature is very

important in Mr. Pinkney's work and we can look forward to reading more lovely picture books in the future.

Other books by Jerry Pinkney:



More: www.jerrypinkneystudio.com



Young Readers Choice Voting

From Joy Lear

It is time to begin accepting votes for the 2012 list of YRCA nominees. Please encourage your students to vote for their favorite, if they qualify as determined below.

Who can vote? - Anyone in grades four through twelve in the Pacific Northwest who has read (or has heard read) at least **two titles** from the [list](#).

When do we vote? - Between March 15 and April 15. [Since April 15 is a Sunday, please submit by Friday, April 13th.]

Please collect these votes between now and April 13th at your schools and/or libraries. When you have tallied your votes, please send them to Joy at jlear@adalib.org. Joy is the YRCA representative for Idaho and she will be submitting all votes on the super-secret Idaho balloting webpage. Joy will also be happy to send you ballots to use if you send her an email.

"I need to have all the votes for each title, not just the title that won at your school or library. These will be counted together with votes from students in Washington, Montana, Alaska, Alberta and British Columbia. Winners for 2012 will be announced in mid April! Please don't hesitate to email me if you have questions! Thanks to all of you for participating this year!" Joy said.



Author Birthdays

May 5 – **Leo Lionni** (1910-1999). Lionni wrote and illustrated more than 40 highly acclaimed children's books. Some of his works include: *Inch by Inch*, *Frederick*, *Swimmy*, and *Alexander and the Wind-Up Mouse* and more. See www.randomhouse.com/kids/lionni/author.html for more.

May 9 – **Sir James Matthew Barrie** (1860-1937). The Scottish author and dramatist is best known for his character Peter Pan. The play *Peter Pan or, The Boy Who Would Not Grow Up*

was first performed in 1904 and published in 1928. See www.britannica.com/EBchecked/topic/54080/J-M-Barrie for more.

May 10 – **Christopher Paul Curtis** (born in 1954). Curtis confronts powerful issues in his books. Racism, family, love, and hope are recurring themes in novels such as *The Watsons Go To Birmingham—1963*, *Bud, Not Buddy*, and *Elijah of Buxton*. See www2.scholastic.com/browse/collection.jsp?id=49 for more.

May 10 – **Caroline Cooney** (born in 1947). Cooney is the author of suspense, romance, horror and mystery books for teenagers. She has written over 60 books beginning with *Safe as the Grave* in 1979. A recent publication is *Enter Three Witches: A Story of Macbeth*. Read more about [Caroline Cooney](#).

May 11 – **Peter Sís** (born in 1949). Sís is an award winning children's book writer and illustrator. He was awarded with the Caldecott Honor for the illustrations of his book, *Starry Messenger: Galileo Galilei*, and *Tibet Through The Red Box* as well. www.petersis.com/

May 12 – **Betsy Reilly Lewin** (born in 1937). She is married to children's book illustrator Ted Lewin and with him has co-written and illustrated several books about their travels to remote places, including Uganda in *Gorilla Walk* and Mongolia in *Horse Song*. She is arguably best known for *Click Clack Moo: Cows that Type*. Read more at the [Betsy Lewin](#) website.

May 15 – **L. Frank Baum** (1856-1919). Baum is best known today as the creator of *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*. He also wrote 13 sequels, nine other fantasy novels, and a plethora of other works. www.literarytraveler.com/authors/l_frank_baum.aspx

May 15 – **Paul Zindel** (1936-2003). *The Pigman*, first published in 1968, is widely taught in American schools, and also made it on to the list of most frequently banned books in America in the 1990s, because of what some deem offensive language. To find out more go to www.paulzindel.com/

May 16 – **Bruce Coville** (born in 1950). Coville's works include the *Unicorn Chronicles* series, *My Teacher is an Alien*, *Aliens Ate My Homework*, *Magic Shop* series and more. Check out www.brucecoville.com/bio.asp for more.

May 16 – **Margret Elizabeth Rey** born **Margarete Elisabeth Waldstein** (1906–1996). Was (with her husband H. A. Rey), the co-author and illustrator of children's books, the most famous of which are the Curious George series. For more visit www.kidspoint.org/columns2.asp?column_id=1189&column_type=author

May 17 – **Gary Paulsen** (born in 1939). Paulsen has written more than 200 books and is best known for writing Hatchet and other young adult books coming of age stories about the wilderness. Read more at <http://eolit.hrw.com/hlla/authorbios/index2.jsp?author=8garypaulsen>.

May 18 – **Lillian Hoban** (1925-1998). Hoban's "I-Can-Read" books about *Arthur the Chimpanzee* and his little sister Violet and the *Frances the Badger* books (illustrated by Hoban but written by her then-husband Russell) continue to be popular among children as time goes by. Find out more at www.lillianhoban.com/

May 20 – **Mary Pope Osborne** (born in 1943). She is best known for her award-winning and bestselling *Magic Tree House* series, which has been translated into over 20 languages and sold over 53 million copies. Read more about Osborne at www.marypopeosborne.com/

May 22 – **Arnold Lobel** (1933-1987). Lobel wrote and illustrated many books during his lifetime. His drawings of cats, mice, pigs, and other animals are favorites of children everywhere. Among his most popular books are those in the *Frog and Toad* series, and *Mouse Soup*. To find out more go to www.parents-choice.org/article.cfm?art_id=35&the_page=editorials

May 23 – **Margaret Wise Brown** (1910-1952). The author of many children's books including *Goodnight Moon* and *The Runaway Bunny*. Read more at www.margaretwisebrown.com/long_bio.htm

May 23 – **Scott O'Dell** (1898-1989). O'Dell was an American children's author who wrote 26 novels for youngsters, along with three adult novels and four nonfiction books. His most famous children's novel being *Island of the Blue Dolphins*. Find out more at [Scott O'Dell's website](http://www.scottohdell.com).

May 24 – **Candace Fleming** (born in 1962). Fleming is the author of *Ben Franklin's Almanac*, *Muncha! Muncha! Muncha!*, and more. Check out www.rif.org/readingplanet/bookzone/content/fleming.msp for more.

May 25 - **Martha Alexander** (born in 1920). Is the author and/or illustrator of nearly 50 books, including *A You're Adorable*, *Nobody Asked Me If I Wanted a Baby Sister*, the classic *Blackboard Bear* series. Read more about Alexander at <http://loganberrybooks.com/most-alexander.html>



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