Welcome!

By Erica Compton, Read to Me Project Coordinator

It’s hard to tell, given the very grey skies and torrential rains I’ve been seeing out my window the past few days, but summer really is just around the corner. That means we will be producing only one issue of The Scoop during June, July, and August. Production schedule will revert back to bi-monthly issues in September.

Let’s continue showcasing what librarians from around the state are reading as we celebrate Get Caught Reading month. Remember to add yours to the list by going to www.surveymonkey.com/s/get-caught-reading. We’ll do a prize drawing at the end of May among everyone who has listed a title or two.

Thanks to all of these submissions, I am developing my own list of “Must Read” books for summer. It’s going to be a long one! Read on.
Ruth Nelson at Coeur d'Alene Public Library is reading *13 Treasures*, by Michelle Harrison.

Linda Brilz at Boise Public Library is reading *City of Fallen Angels*, by Cassandra Clare, which is the newest book in the Mortal Instruments series. She just finished *Where She Went*, by Gayle Forman, which is the sequel to *If I Stay* (keep a box of tissues handy), and is working through *Lockdown: Escape From the Furnace*, by Alexander Gordon Smith.

Calvin Main at Clearwater Memorial Public Library is reading *Poison Study, Magic Study*, and *Fire Study*, by Marcia Snyder.

Amber Young at Coeur d'Alene Public Library is enjoying *Daughters of Rome*, by Kate Quinn and *Retribution Falls*, by Chris Wooding. *Heist Society*, by Ally Carter and *Little Bee*, by Chris Cleave are on Ellen Duncan's bedside table. Ellen is the Librarian at Idaho Falls High School Library.

Rubie Gallegos at Mary McPherson Elementary just finished the first book in the *Skeleton Creek* series, by Patrick Carmen.

Karen Ganske, a retired librarian from Nampa is reading *Extraordinary, Ordinary People: A Memoir of Family*, by Condoleezza Rice and is re-reading *The Giver*, by Lois Lowry. Tiffany Scott from Sage Valley Middle School is into *One Second After*, by William R. Forstchen and *Define "Normal"*, by Julie Anne Peters.

*The Shadow Children* Series, by Margaret Peterson Haddix, *The Transall Saga*, by Gary Paulsen, and *The Willoughbys*, by Lois Lowry are books that Sarah Murray from Fernan Elementary School is currently reading.

Gretchen Perkins, the Library Media Director at Syringa Middle School in Caldwell is reading *Hellhole*, by Kevin Anderson and Brian Herbert and *Science Fair*, by Dave Barry and Ridley Pearson. She is also busy reading *Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire*, by J.K Rowling and *Zombie vs. Unicorns* by Various Authors out loud to her 9 year old son.

Teresa Miller from Peregrine Elementary School is deep into *Peter and the Secret of Rundoon*, by Dave Barry and Ridley Pearson.

Debbie Gibler of Kellogg Public Library is reading *Unbroken*, by Laura Hillenbrand, *Out of My Mind*, by Sharon Draper and *Wingshooters*, by Nina Revoyr.

Rebekka Hanson of the Madison Library District is reading *Anna and the French Kiss*, by Stephanie Perkins.

Don’t forget to add your titles to the list and be entered into a special door prize drawing!
Dates and Deadlines

• TODAY (May 20) is the last day to apply for Every Child Ready to Read
• Month of May: Get Caught Reading Month: Take the Get Caught Reading Survey
• June 3, 2011: Deadline to apply for Six SkillsTubs Pilot Program
• You can apply anytime to participate in the Idaho Child Care Reads Program
• You can apply anytime to participate in the Jump Start Program
• Join us for a free webinar May 24th 10:00-11:00 am MT

Introductory HOLA (Hispanic Outreach and Library Activities) Webinar
We will discuss some of the challenges facing libraries in serving Hispanic families and brainstorm ideas to improve and enhance those services. We will also discuss what the ICfL can do to better support Idaho libraries as they strive to meet the needs of this growing population and look at resources currently available to libraries. Please see the attached agenda for more information.

HOLA is a support and learning group facilitated by the ICfL Read to Me program. The group is designed to provide the library community with the opportunity to help develop a statewide initiative on how to better serve Hispanic population in Idaho.

Register for the webinar here: http://holawebinar.eventbrite.com

Library to Library

How to sing your way into the hearts of your community!
“O.K……so you may be asking yourself, what does singing have to do with libraries? Well stick around and I will tell you…..”

Better yet, read this great article about Jim Gill’s workshop and sold out performance in Boise, courtesy of Tamra Hawley-House of Boise Public Library.

More Dia Celebrations from Idaho Libraries and Schools
There were some really successful, fun, and inspiring events held in celebration of Dia. Please click the link above to view all of the events and photos submitted so far. Keep those pictures coming!

• Jerome Public Library
• Horizon Elementary School, Jerome
• Meridian Library District
• Coeur d’Alene Public Library
• Bellevue Public Library
• Eastern Owyhee County Library
• Hailey Public Library
• Burley Public Library
• McCall Public Library
• Caldwell Public Library
• Mountain Home Public Library
• Gooding Public Library

Interesting items that can be checked out from public libraries:
(Pulled from the LibIdaho listserv May 11, 2011, Rick Widmer)

Toys (St. Louis, MO): You may request a toy - just as you would a book - to be delivered to any St. Louis Public Library location. http://www.slpl.lib.mo.us/kidzone/using/toys.htm

Tools (Oakland, CA): Carpentry, woodworking, power, garden, you name it! http://www.oaklandlibrary.org/branches/tll_toolsched.html

Garden Plots (Cicero, NY): Anyone can “check out” a plot to teach and learn “food literacy,” as well as to preserve knowledge and to provide fresh organic produce for local food pantries. http://www.nopl.org/library-farm

People (Toronto, ON- Canada): A one-day program allowed visitors to “check out” and glean stories from volunteers, who were selected for their compelling backgrounds. http://www.good.is/post/at-toronto-s-human-library-you-check-out-people-not-books/

And don’t forget…
Energy Efficiency Kits (Idaho libraries): Energy Efficiency Kits are available in Idaho's public libraries for checkout to registered library users. Kits include a Kill-A-Watt energy meter, instructions, and efficiency tips. Simply plug the meter into an outlet, then plug an appliance into the meter, and it will assess the efficiency for you. http://lili.org/index.php/energy

Young Adult Corner

Teen Programming Ideas Shared at Justin the Librarian blog including:
• Teen Tales Workshop video and ideas
• Teen Craft Ideas
• Interesting and Empowering Teen Non-Fiction
Teenreads Contest is now Open

Every month in our Grab Bag of Books contest, five readers are awarded a Teenreads.com signature tote bag filled with some of the hottest books --- and may even include a sneak peek at titles that haven't been released yet!

This contest period’s winners will each receive a copy of Afterlife: An Evernight Novel, by Claudia Gray; Enclave, by Ann Aguirre, The Gathering: Darkness Rising, by Kelley Armstrong; Insight, by Diana Greenwood; Plague: A Gone Novel, by Michael Grant, Roadside Assistance, by Amy Clipston, and Summer and the City: A Carrie Diaries Novel, by Candace Bushnell. All you have to do to enter is fill out this form Monday, May 23rd at noon ET.

WrestleMania Reading Challenge

Registration is now open for the 2011-2012 WrestleMania Reading Challenge. Teens who complete and submit a special project during Teen Read Week (Oct. 16-22, 2011) could win a trip to WrestleMania XXVIII in Miami next April - and you could win $2,000 for your library. Sign up by July 31, at www.ala.org/wrestlemania. Libraries and educators who register will receive promotional packs that can be used in August to promote the challenge. See details...

Best Books for Teen Boys

This is a HUGE list of goodreads for boys (and many girls will love them too!)

School Zone

School Library/Media Center Survey for 2010-2011 in Progress

The Idaho Commission for Libraries is now collecting annual statistics for the current 2010-2011 school year. Data should be submitted by June 30th, although submissions will be accepted over the summer. Preliminary data from the 2010-2011 survey should be available in late October, 2011.

These school library/media center statistics are helpful when school librarians and media specialists want to:

- Track their own library's activity from year to year
- Compare information from school libraries of similar size
- Obtain statistics to support budget requests
- Analyze the needs of their faculty and students
- Plan how the library will serve the school community in the future

Go to http://libraries.idaho.gov/page/school-libraries for more information on the online collection tool and how to get your school’s username and password. The form and instructions are also available to print from this page to allow you to see what information is being collected. Data from two previous surveys as well as the full report of the Idaho School Library Impact Study-2009 may also be found at this location.
We look forward to your participation this year. Please send us an email or call at the numbers given below if you have any questions or comments.

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Get in on the Weird: Dan Gutman “My Weird Classroom” Club:
The first rule of this club is that the weirder you are the better. These beginning chapter books are a big hit with the primary grade kids, especially reluctant readers and boys. This site provides teaching guides, activity sheets, and more. [http://www.myweirdclassroomclub.com/](http://www.myweirdclassroomclub.com/).

**Upcoming Events**

Teen Read Week 2011 is October 16-22

Now is the perfect time to start planning your celebration. This year’s theme is Picture It @ your library.

Stay tuned for more ideas and information on TRW 2011 in the coming months. We hope many public and school libraries will consider hosting an event this year.

June is Audiobook Month, designed to increase the number of audiobook listeners and generally raise awareness for the entertainment and educational benefits of the audiobook experience. More information can be found at [http://www.audiopub.org/events-jiabm.asp](http://www.audiopub.org/events-jiabm.asp).

Be sure to check out the Odyssey Award winners. This annual award is given to the producer of the best audiobook produced for children and/or young adults in the United States. The Odyssey Award is given and jointly administered by the Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC) and the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA), divisions of ALA, and is sponsored by *Booklist*. Visit [www.ala.org/yalsa/odyssey](http://www.ala.org/yalsa/odyssey) for award winners.

YALSA also produces **Amazing Audiobooks for Young Adults** at [www.ala.org/yalsa/audiobooks](http://www.ala.org/yalsa/audiobooks). Don’t forget to take a look at the selections from past years.

The Wimpy Kid Do-It-Yourself Comic Contest
Create an original comic made by YOU (and only you) on one side of an 8 ½ x 11” piece of white paper. Include your name, phone number, and birth date. Open to children ages 6-16.
The Grand Prize Winner receives $500, plus $1,000 for the library of his/her choosing and one signed copy of *The Wimpy Kid Do-It-Yourself Book*, by Jeff Kinney. 20 runners up receive a signed copy of *The Wimpy Kid Do-It-Yourself Book*, by Jeff Kinney.


Save the Date

The annual conference for Idaho Library Association is October 6-9, 2011, at the Boise Center on the Grove.

Tips & Tools

**Grants for Urban, Public, and School Libraries**

The Lois Lenski Covey Foundation, Inc. annually awards grants to rural and urban public and school libraries serving at-risk children. The Foundation will give priority to applications from libraries and agencies with real need and limited book budgets. Funds are earmarked for purchasing books for young people, and are not intended for administrative or operational use. Previously-awarded grants have ranged between $500 to $3,000. Successful applicants have proposed purchases to update their children's book collections or to expand their holdings in specific areas.

Deadline: June 15, 2010

Grants for Urban, Public, and School Libraries

**Lisa Libraries Foundation**

The Lisa Libraries Foundation supplements under-filled bookshelves and provides books to children who may never have owned a book before. The foundation donates new children's books and small libraries to organizations that work with kids in poor and under-served areas. To apply, send a letter about your organization, number of children served, age range of children served, and a breakdown of how the books will be used.

Deadline: Rolling

Lisa Libraries Foundation

**ICF Grant Deadlines Approaching**

Libraries in southwestern Idaho can apply for funding through the Idaho Community Foundation. Grant applications are due July 1, 2011. See [www.idcomfdn.org/pages/grant_dates.htm](http://www.idcomfdn.org/pages/grant_dates.htm) for more information.
Libri Foundation Grants Due August 15.
Many Idaho libraries have been able to get wonderful new children’s books for their collections thanks to grants from the Libri Foundation. Grant applications are due August 15th. See www.librifoundation.org/apps.html for more information.

This Month at TechSoup: Spring Clean Your Website
Throughout May TechSoup is sharing a variety of resources on web design and development for nonprofits and public libraries. Each week they posted new resources on a different topic relating to web design. Check out the information and comments posted so far:
Week 1 focuses on The Basics, including:
- A Cooperative Approach to Web Design - Building a website doesn’t have to be hard, but it does require some thinking about your organization’s message, audience, and goals.
- A Guide to Building Simple, Low-Cost Websites - A well-designed, user-friendly website can help engage new members, raise money, and communicate with decision-makers. How can you create a site affordably and find the right tools to build and host it when relying on in-house talent with little web-development expertise?
- What Story Does Your Website Tell? - Does your website tell a clear story of your organization, or a watered-down mixture of several stories?

Come back each week until the end of May for more ideas and resources, and share your own in the comments!

Ebook Survey 2011
The ebook survey is open to public, academic and school libraries. The survey is comprehensive, and you may want to preview/print the appropriate pdf version below before responding. Once you have done so, please return to this site to record your answers.
Public Library version (pdf)
Academic Library version (pdf)
School Library version (pdf)

Two lucky respondents will each win a Nook Color valued at $249!* Four virtual ebook summit registrations will also be given away.

Summer Reading News

Preview of Summer Reading Survey
Here are some of the questions we will be asking you upon completion of your summer reading program this year. This preview allows you to create data collection instruments at the beginning of your summer program, in order to ensure you are able to provide information
regarding the numbers and types of children/teens you served. The link to the actual survey will be posted in the June 17 Scoop, as well as through LibIdaho and on the ICfL website.

Please note: Each branch must submit a survey. Please keep branch participation numbers separate from the main branch numbers. You will be asked to provide…(click for PDF)

From CSLP:
Vendor Committee (by Staci Shaw)
The CSLP Vendor Committee, comprised of librarians, library staff, and youth services consultants from all over the nation, is charged with the sometimes thankless task of choosing artwork and incentives for the annual theme and slogans. Our own Karen Yother from CLN-Hayden is the current Chair of the committee and has been busy compiling and distributing the samples on which the committee votes. I am now a member of this committee and feel I should get some feedback from a few Idaho children’s and YA librarians before submitting my votes. The turnaround time of Karen’s emails is usually only a few days, as Highsmith is on a tight timeframe with the artists. If you are interested in providing very quick feedback when choices are to be made, send me your name, your library, and your email address, and I will create a distribution list. Remember, the CSLP is a grass-roots consortium of librarians, not a business corporation. Your feedback is valued and necessary to the planning process.

Rafael López On Stirring the Pot of Color
(Illustrator, 2011 Children’s theme, “One World, Many Stories”) Check out this guest blog in which Lopez discusses his creative process and illustrations. You can also hear him talk about his work on Book Fiesta!

Program Resources
• Free download: “One World, Many Stories” song by Dennis Caraher, with accompaniment by Senegal drummers. Go to http://www.dogbonetown.com/ and click on "One World, Many Stories" underneath photograph. To download, right click and click "Save As". (Song is longish--this would be a good tune to add to PowerPoint photo shows at the end of your program, or for a “freeze” song during preschool storytimes.)

Meet Kathryn Foley
Kathryn Foley tells us that she has been in the library field in one way or another all her life. “We had bookmobile service where I lived out in the country. I was the first Junior Librarian in the elementary library at my girl’s boarding school. I helped my Mum in her school library during my first two years of university and was allowed to take four teacher/librarian courses early at university because of my experience,” explains Foley. Her first teaching job was as a Teacher/Librarian and it was a job she kept going back to whenever the economy enabled her to find a position. Kathryn had been working at a small public library in Alberta before obtaining her Masters of Library and Information Science at the University of British Columbia. “There I was able to rise from volunteer to Co-Head Librarian in six months!” she states.
Currently Kathryn serves as the Youth Services Librarian at the Meridian Public Library, a job she started in February of 2008. The Meridian Library District currently has a population of approximately 85,000 with 10.5 percent under five years old, 25 percent school-aged, 58 percent adult, and 6.5 percent senior. They have over 3,000 people coming into the main library every day, with close to half using Youth Services. Most months they are proud to claim an equal or higher circulation of youth materials to adult materials.

Kathryn works with many different people at the library. In particular she works with Head Start, the Read to Me First Book program, and with families in the Every Child Ready to Read program. She has a hand in several different outreach programs from high school to preschool aged children, and offers a weekly elementary program each summer. She is also the go-to person to fill-in for programming whenever anyone in Youth Services is away. In addition, Kathryn provides collection development for birth to grade six and supervises the Teen Specialist in expanding the teen collection.

When asked what drew her to the library services for children, Kathryn states, “I love to learn new things and to share my knowledge with others through encouraging the people who work with me. I enjoy interacting with children and mentoring parents and caregivers, and last year, a university intern.” She continues that, “Buying books for the library is like having Christmas all year round!”

Kathryn’s current projects list is a long one. She shares that the theme of “One World, Many Stories” has inspired their whole team. One project she enjoys is presenting to schools utilizing If the World Were a Village, by David J. Smith. Kathryn expands when asked about the program. “I hand out various colored pieces of paper which correspond with different world populations to the school children. I then ask them to hold up their pieces of paper so we can discover which continent has the most people, from which countries they are, and the ages of the population of our world village. So far we have had great reviews! The children love being a part of the whole assembly, and one child could not wait to come and tell us all about what color he had been, and therefore where he was from.” Kathryn sent a copy to the ICfL and encouraged library staff to use and adapt it. You can view the document HERE.

Kathryn states that her biggest successes are the friendships she has formed and nurtured throughout her life. When asked her biggest challenge, she quickly states, “Staying tidy.” “Everyone is assisting me to get more organized!” she concludes.

One of Kathryn’s favorite things about her job is the constant interaction with others. “My beloved husband researched North America to find a place that was family oriented, safe, and with many children that I could work with and enjoy. We chose Meridian together, and I am
grateful that we did, even though it took us nearly a thousand miles away from our families and out of Canada,” explains Kathryn.

When asked about her favorite children’s author she struggles to pick just one. However, when pressed, she shares that Bill Peet is a long-time favorite. “I love to read his books aloud, especially the rhyming ones,” says Foley. She read his autobiography—which she confesses isn’t her usual reading material—but loved it and encourages everyone to read it for the wonderful humor throughout.

As a child Kathryn read “almost everything,” but especially enjoyed the Swallows and Amazons series, by Arthur Ransome for boys. She adds that they were a lot more fun than any of the series written for girls at that time.

Her current reading includes Caroline Graham’s books. She has just finished watching the Midsomer Murders series over several months and thought she would try the novels upon which they were based. Kathryn continues, “I read many murder mysteries, and at least two months of the year I read science fiction or fantasy. I also do my best to read as wide a selection as possible of children’s and teen’s books, in all genres except horror and real teen angst!”

When Kathryn is not at work she enjoys swimming, gardening, walking, reading, photography, scrapbooking, playing computer games, and doing puzzles. Her favorite ice cream is mint.

CE News You Can Use

Turning the Page 2.0 is a free public library advocacy training course developed and presented by the Public Library Association (PLA) with generous support from The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

This is a great course -- while it focuses on public libraries, these are advocacy tips for any type of library! In this six-week, facilitated online course, library staff and supporters will learn how to create and tell their library’s story, deliver effective presentations, develop a compelling case for support, and build and sustain partnerships along the way. Participants are encouraged to come with a specific, self-determined advocacy goal for their library. At the end of six weeks, you’ll have a complete Advocacy Work Plan to guide your efforts.

Facilitated six-week course
Online Self-Paced course

News Beyond Idaho

Calame-ity at Platte City Middle School

The School Library Journal had an interesting article on reluctant readers in the May edition– in particular reluctant male readers. Kelly Miller writes that she noticed a disturbing trend among her students at Platte City Middle School in
Missouri: the girls loved to read, and the boys just didn't. She began to focus her research efforts on finding books for reluctant male readers. She knew these books had to be “edgy, current, realistic, and most importantly, humorous.” She began her Google search with “funny books for boys” and hit the jackpot. Her research led to one book near the top of the list - *Swim the Fly*, by Don Calame. As soon as she started to read it she knew it would be a winner. Read the entire article here to find out what happened the first time she put it in the hands of a reluctant teenage boy, and the amazing event with the author that developed.

## Book Look

**Local authors with books relating to the 2011 SR theme:**

- **Judy Cox**, [www.judycox.net](http://www.judycox.net) (Ontario, OR)
  
  *Carmen Learns English*, 2010. Newly-arrived in the United States from Mexico, Carmen is apprehensive about going to school and learning English. (Gr. K-3)
  
  *Cinco de Mouse-O!,* 2010. Mouse enjoys the sights and smells of Cinco de Mayo despite being trailed by a determined cat. (Gr. P-2)

- **Debra Burroughs**, [www.deborahburroughsbooks.com](http://www.deborahburroughsbooks.com) (Boise, ID)
  
  *Chicana*, 2010. The story of five generations of the author’s family, beginning with their daring escape from Mexico, coming to America in 1918. This is a gripping account of what forced Burroughs’ great-grandparents to make the difficult decision to attempt the dangerous border crossing and what it truly cost them. (Gr. 7-12)

- **Donna L. Peterson**, [www.cedarfortbooks.com](http://www.cedarfortbooks.com) (Weiser, ID)
  
  *The Misadventures of Phillip Isaac Penn*, 2011. Everybody calls Phillip Isaac Penn, Pip. And usually they yell it at the top of their lungs. Sure he might forget to close the classroom mice’s cage door, or leave his mother's hair dryer in bathtub (hey, it's unplugged), and he might even make it so that Liar Lizzy gets caught, but that doesn't make him bad. It's just not easy being a kid. (Gr. 3-6)

## Author Birthdays

- **June 6 – Geraldine McCaughrean** (born in 1951). Author of *The Pirate’s Son*, *Gold Dust*, and *Forever X*. For more see [www.teenreads.com/authors/au-mccaughrean-geraldine.asp](http://www.teenreads.com/authors/au-mccaughrean-geraldine.asp)


- **June 12 – Anne Frank** (1929-1945). Read some of Anne’s diary entries.

- **June 14 – Michael O. Tunnell** (born in 1950). Author of several picture books, including the award-winning *Mailing May*. Go to [www.michaeltunnell.com](http://www.michaeltunnell.com/) for more.
June 18 – **Angela Johnson** (born in 1961). Author of *Bird, Heaven, I Dream of Trains* and more. See www.visitingauthors.com/authors/johnson_angela/johnson_angela_bio.html

June 26 – **John Archambault** (born in 1959). Known for his best-selling classic *Chicka Chicka Boom Boom* which he wrote and dedicated to his son. Read more at www.johnarchambault.com/about.html

**Talk Back**: We welcome your feedback on anything in The Scoop. Just e-mail Stephanie, Staci or Erica and we’ll print your comments in The Scoop.

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