

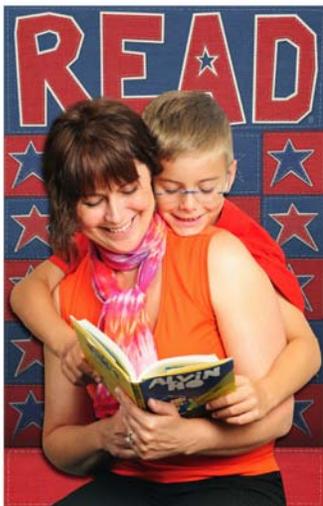


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Welcome!



RTM Coordinator Staci Shaw with son Jamison

~ by Staci Shaw

My eight-year-old son's favorite celebration (other than his birthday) is right around the corner, and he can hardly contain his excitement. The new ninja costume has been test-driven and was deemed most excellent (however, the ninja sword has been relegated to the top shelf in my closet in an attempt to preserve the cat's sanity). My husband has hauled up the boxes of decorations from the man cave, and his annual battle with the pumpkin lights will soon begin. (All the lights work when plugged in and stretched out on the living room floor, he spends an hour hanging them all up just so, and when he plugs them into the porch outlet one section will remain dark-- usually somewhere right in the center.) The countdown really begins with the lighting of the garish Halloween Tree on the front porch, signifying to our neighbors within a three-block radius that the Griswolds Shaws are ready for Halloween.

This issue of The Scoop will help you get in the "spirit" with some ideas you can "bat" around, jokes to get you "howling," and books you can "sink your teeth into." Read on...if you dare.



Dates and Deadlines

- **September 23, 2011- Family Reading Week registration opens.** This opportunity is filling up fast, so sign up now!
- You can apply anytime to participate in the **Idaho Child Care Reads Program** or **Year-Round Underserved program.**

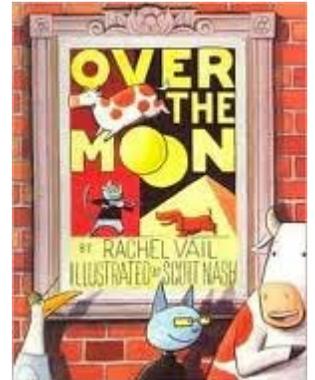


Library to Library



We're Over the Moon for Moon Storytimes

Star Branch Youth Services Librarian Denise Burnett reports she's had great luck using the book *Over the Moon*, by Rachel Vail as the basis for some fun "moon" storytime sessions. "I used this three times last week with slight variations and had positive results each time," she said. Denise was kind enough to send her [Moon Storytime outline](#) to us to share with everyone. It's a great theme for this time of year. And also for summer reading next year!



Idahoans Read for the Record

Idaho librarians joined thousands of others around the nation on October 6 for [Jumpstart's sixth annual Read for the Record](#). They had another huge record-breaking success with thousands reading the same book -- *Llama Llama Red Pajama*, by Anna Dewdney.

Jean Hauritz, youth services librarian at **West Bonner Library District**, sent some photos from her visit to the local elementary school. The 23 students in Mrs. Philipoffs' 2nd-3rd grade class were treated to Jean's reading, and she got to wear her red PJs and slippers for the day. "We had a great time talking about the story," Jean said. Looks like a fun time was had by all.



Ghoulish Fun

Several Idaho libraries are getting in the Halloween spirit. The staff at **Ada Community Library** hosted a teen program on ghost stories. Their program description read, "Like scary stories? What better place to freak out your friends than at the library?! Please join library staff as we share and explore some of the more thrilling avenues of literature."

West Bonner Library District staff also hosted a teen program on a Saturday from noon to 2 p.m. "Old Fashion Monster Movies. Free ghoulish and gross treats for everyone!" read the enticing advertisement on their website.

Eagle Public Library is inviting children ages 0 - 6 to come in costume to a fun Halloween party. "There will be trick-or-treating, a puppet show and not-so-scary stories." Library staff also invited the public to decorate a pumpkin and win a prize at the Library! "Be creative and use paint, glitter, buttons, bows, fabric or any other items you can think of. No carved or cut pumpkins allowed. Two age groups will be judged - Preschool - age 8 and age 9 - 12. Bring your pumpkin to Youth Services between October 17th - 28th." What a great way to help decorate the library too!

Young Adult Corner

~by Erica Compton



Tony Hawk Inspires New Fiction Series

New high-interest fiction titles for those teens that can't get enough of skateboarding. Check it out!



Teen Biography Book List

A comprehensive book list of biographies broken down by categories such as *Dealing with Race in America*, *Caught Between Two Cultures*, *Dealing with War*, *Life is Science*, and many more.



Teen Read Week "Picture It" project deadline extended to November 9, 2011.

Good news for libraries participating in the TRW Picture it with Posters program! In order to give you and your teens more time to polish up the READ posters and essays, the deadline for receipt of posters and essays has been extended an extra week to Wednesday, November 9! The deadline for receipt of the TRW final report (description of activities, number of participants, and number of library cards issued) is still Friday, November 4.



Teen Ink Magazine

I received my first free sample issue of Teen Ink this week, and I have to admit it is pretty darn nice! It is packed with articles, pictures, poetry, and other wonderful items all created by teens. The print version comes with a \$35/year price tag, but there is a ton of content online for free. Check it out!



School Zone



School Library Breakout Session at Annual ILA Conference

There were some really great conversations when the group met during the Educational Media Division Meeting on Oct. 7. Here are some highlights:

- Over the past year Ken Cox and Dennis Hahs, as the ILA Educational Media Chair and Chair-elect, respectively, sent emails to all principals and superintendents in the state advocating the importance of healthy school library media centers.

- There is a critical need for the State Department of Education to invite a teacher-librarian to be on the Students Come First Technology Task Force. Teacher-librarians are the professional that the staff turn to for assistance with integration of technology into the classroom curricula. A teacher-librarian would also be able to educate the task force about the essential role teacher-librarians play in regard to student achievement.
- There was a discussion about the database “Opposing Viewpoints.” It was mentioned that EBSCO offers a similar database called “Points of View.”

We checked in with ICfL’s Network Consultant Gina Persichini, and she shared the following: Because of the LiLI contract libraries can add this database at a reduced cost. For those interested in a database with resources covering different viewpoints on current issues, take a look at Ebsco’s Points of View Reference Center. Because of the statewide subscription to Ebscohost, libraries can add on this database at a reduced rate. In fact, Ebsco will provide a 30% discount to Idaho school and public libraries. Contact Ebsco’s Max Linsky mlinsky@ebSCOhost.com or Amanda Winseck at awinseck@ebSCOhost.com for details.

If interested in trying it out, Ebsco has provided a trial of Points of View using this information:

To Login to the Free Trial:

Go to: <http://trial.ebscohost.com>
 User Id: s4572946
 Password: idahostate



Jokes for Ghoul Librarians

Why didn't the skeleton cross the road? *HE DIDN'T HAVE THE GUTS.*
 What is a monster's favorite school play? *ROMEO AND GHOU LIET.*
 Who did Frankenstein take to the prom? *HIS GHOUL FRIEND.*
 Which story do all little ghosts love to hear at storytime? *GHOUL DELUXE AND THE THREE SCARES.*
 Why do witches fly on brooms? *VACUUM CLEANER CORDS AREN'T LONG ENOUGH.*
 Who won the skeleton spelling bee? *NO BODY.*
 How does a monster score a football touchdown? *HE RUNS OVER THE GHOUL LINE.*
 How does a witch tell time? *SHE LOOKS AT HER WITCH WATCH.*
 Why don't skeletons like the prom? *THERE'S NO BODY TO DANCE WITH.*
 Where do baby ghosts go during the day? *DAYSCARE CENTERS.*
 Why do mummies make good librarians? *THEY GET ALL WRAPPED UP IN THEIR WORK.*



From <http://holidays.kaboose.com/halloween-games-jokes.html>



Upcoming Events



Idaho Family Reading Week: November 13 – 19, 2011

“Let the Games Begin!”

Every Idaho public library and public elementary school should have received a Family Reading Week resource CD by now. If you haven't, please contact us right away so we can get another in the mail to you.



Be sure to open this right away to access important information about registering your event and to begin planning your activities. Registration opened on September 23rd and the spots are filling fast! Remember, there are only spots for the first 130 eligible libraries. Register here: <http://libraries.idaho.gov/landing/idaho-family-reading-week>.



Looking Ahead: Association for Library Services to Children Conference

The next biennial **ALSC Institute** will take place in Indianapolis, from September 20 – 22, 2012, at the Sheraton Indianapolis City Centre Hotel in the heart of downtown Indy. The event will feature Peter Brown, author/illustrator of *The Curious Garden* as well as the Chowder books and others. Mark your calendars and plan ahead!

Find details on the ALSC Institute website:

www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/alsc/confevents/institute/index.cfm



Tips & Tools



Give somebody a scary book this Halloween

That's the idea of All Hallow's Read, a website hosted by author Neil Gaiman. The site, www.allhallowsread.com has a list of book recommendations and some fun ideas from people all over the world. I love the great posters you can find in the “extras” section, along with Edgar Allan Poe's “The Raven” mini book you can print for free and give away with candy this year.

We'd love to hear if and how your library is celebrating All Hallow's Read!



Some Halloween crafts that will appeal to boys:

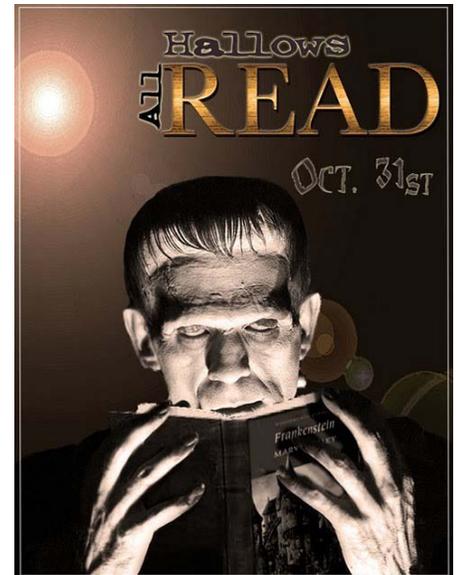
www.makingfriends.com/halloween_bat_crafts.htm



Ezra Jack Keats Minigrants

Public and school libraries can apply for \$500 minigrants to fund projects that foster creative expression, working together, and interaction with a diverse community. The deadline for grant submission is March 15 of each year. Decisions will be emailed to all applicants after May 15. In this way, educators will begin the next academic year knowing if they have the funding they need for their special program. All applications will be submitted electronically.

The deadline for submission of proposals for the \$500 minigrant award is March 15, 2012. Proposals will be read directly after the March deadline, and winners will be announced



starting on May 15. Applications are available exclusively online at the Foundation's website: www.ezra-jack-keats.org/news/minigrant/ .



Storytime Blog, by the Reading Chick <http://storytime.readingchick.com/>

Complete storytimes with lots of various themes. Check out the “Flannel Friday” section, where librarians contribute their ideas and photos of flannel board stories and props.

Some Halloween ideas:

[Mrs. McMurphy's Pumpkin, by Rick Walton](#)

[Make a Jack-o-lantern](#)

[Owl Story Time](#)



Reaching Reluctant Readers, Tuesday, Nov. 1, 2 p.m.

Can't make it to ICfL's “Getting Kids to Read” workshop in October? Here's a free webinar from *Booklist*:

Engaging the diverse group of children and teens labeled “reluctant readers” is an effort as challenging as it is common. In this free, hour-long webinar representatives from five publishers—ABDO, Abrams Books for Young Readers, Saddleback Educational Publishing, Lorimer, and Orca Book Publishers—will present books that provide a combination of high-interest topics and accessible writing. Learn how to transform reading from a frustrating to a rewarding experience. To learn more about this and other *Booklist*-sponsored webinars, and for the link to register go to www.booklistonline.com/GeneralInfo.aspx?id=63 .



Día 2012 Begins in 2011



Celebrating Día in 2012? The time to start preparing is now! ALSC is getting ready with a new Día website, three new Día webinars, and a discount on Jeanette Larson's book *El día de los niños/El día de los libros: Building a Culture of Literacy in Your Community through Día*. The re-designed Día website appears on November 14, 2011.

Check out more information about how to celebrate Día @ your library. ICfL will offer another exciting Día opportunity in 2012. Stay tuned!



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Just place this graphic on your website and link it to

www.wegivebooks.org/. eBranch sites will be receiving an email any day from Aubrey with the graphic and link as well.



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UV Disinfection Lights

We've had several librarians asking us about these handy little tools to use on library toys, puzzles, etc. Most of them are wands or flip-open scanners. UV disinfection scanners are designed to safely kill surface germs using Ultra Violet Light technology with a handheld device. A quick internet search lists prices as low as \$12 and as high as \$200, depending on the size and brand. We have not conducted any research as to the effectiveness of these devices so we are only sharing, not endorsing them.



Family Reading Week Skin

There is a new eBranch skin available to help promote Family Reading Week! It is currently in use on our [eBranch Demo](#) site if you want to check it out.



If you have eBranch questions contact [Aubrey Ellis](#).



Summer Reading News



2012 Program Manuals

Are on their way to you! Manuals are addressed to the library and not a specific person, so please keep an eye out and give your mail processing person a heads-up.

Those of you who requested a DVD copy instead of the paper copy should look for a padded manila envelope. The rest of you should look for a large, thick, white envelope.

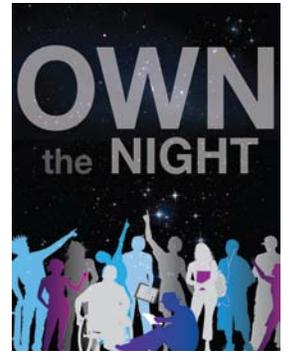
In addition to the manual the following **important information** is included in your package:

- Cover Letter from Staci, Stephanie, and Erica
- Form to help you collect participation numbers for 2012
- Bright Futures Outreach information
- CSLP Rules of Use “Frequently Asked Questions”
- Summer Reading Program Planning Timeline
- Upstart catalog for 2012 CSLP theme



CSLP Teen Video Challenge 2012 Announced!

For the 2012 Summer Reading Program, the Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP), working through member states, will be soliciting amateur videos produced by teenagers, to serve as the official CSLP sanctioned summer reading teen videos. The purpose of this contest is to give teens the opportunity to make videos that encourage use of their public libraries and promote reading all summer long. There will be one winning video chosen by each participating CSLP member state. These will not be narrowed down to create one national winner. Each state's winning video will become one of the official Teen PSAs for the 2012 CSLP Summer Reading Program ("Own the Night"). All CSLP member states will have access to the official winning videos from the CSLP website. Each winner will receive a \$275 award from CSLP, and the affiliated library will receive \$150 in prizes from CSLP and Upstart. Read more at cslpreads.org.



Idaho's contest: Erica Compton, Sue Walker, and Staci Shaw will coordinate the contest for Idaho. Details are still being worked out, but the general timeline follows:

November 29th and December 1st: Online information sessions for library staff interested in promoting the contest.

December – February: Production of videos

February 29: Deadline for submission of videos to ICfL

March 4 – 10: Teen Tech Week- Teens vote on favorite videos

Week of March 12: Panel of judges chooses one winner from the videos receiving the most teen votes.

March 31: CSLP announces winners from each state.

Entry forms and other promotional materials can be accessed on our summer reading website: <http://libraries.idaho.gov/summer-reading> under News and Updates on the right hand side of the screen.

Meet Susan Tabor Boesch



Susan Tabor Boesch is the Teacher Librarian at Wood River Middle School in the Blaine County area of the state. The school serves about 700 students, 20 percent of whom speak Spanish, and 150 are enrolled in a dual immersion language program. The school recently became an International Baccalaureate School, and that was an exciting shift in emphasis for Susan and the library.

Many of you may have met Susan through her work with the Idaho Library Association. She is a past president and active member of the association. We've been lucky enough at the ICfL to have Susan sit on several advisory committees. She is a strong advocate for school libraries in our state.

Susan was teaching sixth grade literature, English and Social Studies and was searching for ways to widen the scope of influence beyond the classroom. "I looked to library work to do that it did it in spades. I have the BEST job now!" she said. She had been teaching at Wood River Middle School for 12 years before moving into the library seven years ago.

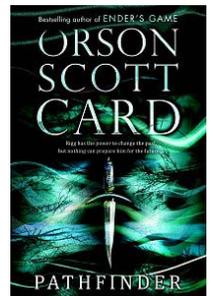


Susan is in the middle of several big projects including a book fair, Young Reader's Choice Award program, sixth-grade library orientation, and advanced literature groups. When she's not focused on special projects, she plans information literacy instruction for all, does a lot of readers advisory, technology integration, and reading promotion.

Her biggest success has been building the library program in their school and the influence that's had on the entire school. "It's great to see the library be so welcoming and "cool" to the students," she said.

The biggest challenge is "weaseling information literacy into units of study that have already been implemented by teachers." Susan said the favorite thing about her job is the students and her relationship with them.

As a child, Susan liked reading *Rebecca of Sunny Brook Farm*, by Kate Douglas Wiggin. She's a fan now of Orson Scott Card. "I loved both the Ender series and the Seventh Son series. Why? Adventure, twists of plot, and the interweaving of history in the 'son' series," she said. Recently she finished Card's *The Pathfinder*, *Beyonders: World Without Heroes*, by Brandon Mull, *North of Beautiful*, by Justina Chen Headly, and *Trickster: Native American Tales*, a graphic collection edited by Matt Dembicki.



She enjoys any ice-cream that has a mixture of chocolate and nuts and when she's not working in the library or reading, Susan enjoys traveling, hiking, bird watching, cooking, and yoga.



CE News You Can Use



Idaho Commission for Libraries – First Time Conference Attendee Grant

You can apply for a grant to help pay conference costs if it is the first time you've attended a conference sponsored by a specific professional organization.

How do I qualify?

You must work for a publicly funded library and/or a public school district. This is a reimbursement grant and the grantee is the agency for which you work. You must obtain permission from your supervisor to attend and work with your accounting office on how the agency will reimburse you.

How do I access the money?

With the blessing of your library director/principal/superintendent, apply for the grant using the form found under Continuing Education Grants at <http://libraries.idaho.gov/page/lsta-library-services-technology>

What is the first step?

The first step is to contact the Continuing Education Consultant at the Idaho Commission for Libraries (Shirley Biladeau – Shirley.biladeau@libraries.idaho.gov or 208-639-4149) to discuss the conference you wish to attend and to get tips on how to complete and submit the form as well as what documentation should accompany the request.

When does the form need to be submitted?

The form must be submitted 45 days prior to the event.

For what can I receive reimbursement?

Up to \$900 for registration, travel and lodging. Keep receipts for all items.

What conferences qualify?

A list of conferences that have been vetted by ICfL can be found at http://libraries.idaho.gov/files/Library_Conferences.pdf -- however, any conference that provides continuing education in relation to enhanced library services may qualify. Call Shirley Biladeau at 208-639-4149 if you have any questions.

News Beyond Idaho



Young readers get boost with home libraries

A few years ago, Paul Thiebaut came up with a simple mantra: Success starts at home. His two-year-old literacy nonprofit 10 Books a Home (10BH) recently hosted its first event, A Bookcase in Every Home, at a private residence in Redwood City, CA. Approximately 40 East Palo Alto preschoolers and kindergarteners attended, along with their families and 22 volunteers. Children were able to paint their own bookcases with the help of their families and then take them home to keep.

Thiebaut, whose organization gives 10 free children's books and free, in-home reading tutoring to any interested East Palo Alto families, believes that bookshelves are more than just storage space.

As "a permanent place to keep books," a bookcase both "establishes the importance of books in the household" and "highlights the importance of literacy," Thiebaut said.

According to the Peninsula Partnership Leadership Council, nearly 75 percent of third graders in the Ravenswood School District read at a basic or below-basic reading level. Thiebaut and his 10 Books a Home "book friends" (what the organization calls its reading tutors) hope to change this by leading young readers to love reading and learning early in life.

Since beginning in-home reading tutoring, 10 Books a Home has received much positive feedback from parents amazed by their children's progress, Thiebaut said. One parent said her child began begging for books rather than toys, while another family began to read together every night.

Bookshelf-painting supplies were contributed by Kelly-Moore Paints and Books & Bookshelves, an independent furniture store in San Francisco.

More information is available at 10 Books a Home, www.10booksahome.org.

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Book Look

“Scary Reads” from Boise High School

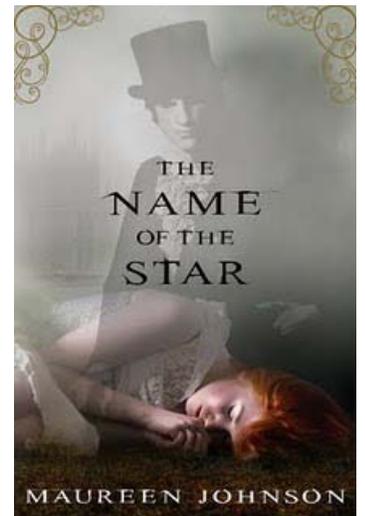
Here’s a great YA booklist in the form of an Animoto video, created by a Boise High School student and sent in by teacher librarian Pat St. Tourangeau. Watch if you dare!

If your students are using Animoto or other software to make book trailers, send them in and we’ll include them in our Book Look section.



Need a good book for Halloween?

A fun and friendly blog called www.annareads.com has some recommendations including *Name of the Star*, by Maureen Johnson. Anna is a huge library friend and was recently interviewed for the *Love Libraries* publication. Here’s what she had to say when asked to describe her blog: “It’s a funny (I hope), quirky and honest place for me to discuss my love of reading. I’m a 27-year-old, married professional, but I somehow always find myself reading young adult books. Though most of the posts on www.annareads.com are reviews, it’s not a blog that is going to take itself very seriously and tear books apart on a literary level. I see it as a place for other adults and teens to share book recommendations and a few laughs.” Be sure to check it out if you enjoy young adult books.



Author Birthdays

Some different birthdays to observe:

November 2 – **Cookie Monster** and **Daniel Boone** (born in 1734)

November 5 – **Roy Rogers** (born in 1912, was known as the “King of Cowboys”)

November 6 – **James Naismith** (born in 1861, was the inventor of the game of basketball)

November 18 – **Mickey Mouse** (made his debut in 1928) and **Alan Shepard** (born in 1923, was the first man in space in 1961)

November 20 – **Chester Gould** (born in 1900, created comic strip character Dick Tracy).

November 1 – **Hilary Knight** (born in 1926). This writer-artist illustrated more than 50 books and wrote nine books. He is best known as the illustrator of Kay Thompson's *Eloise* and others in the *Eloise* series. www.eloisewebsite.com/hilary_knight.htm

November 8 – **Abraham "Bram" Stoker** (1847-1912). Bram was an Irish novelist and short story writer, best known today for his 1897 horror novel *Dracula*. Check out www.online-literature.com/stoker/ for more about Bram.

November 10 – **Sandra Lee Markle** (born in 1946). She once worked as a science teacher and now devotes much of her time creating science books for children. Some of her works include: *Icky Squishy Science*, *Creepy*, *Spooky Science* and many more. For a complete listing go to www.answers.com/topic/sandra-l-ee-markle .

November 14 – **Astrid Anna Emilia Lindgren** (1907-2002). A famous Swedish writer of children's books, she is best remembered for writing the Pippi Longstocking and Karlsson-on-the-Roof book series. Read more about Lindgren at www.kirjasto.sci.fi/alindgr.htm

November 14 – **Nancy Tafuri** (born in 1946). Tafuri is probably best known as the creator of *Have You Seen My Duckling?* Trained as a graphic designer, Tafuri has authored more than 45 books for the very young. Check out the [Tafuri](http://www.tafuri.com) website.

November 15 – **Daniel Pinkwater** (born in 1941). Is the author and sometimes illustrator of over 80 (and counting) popular books. Visit Daniel's website for more at www.pinkwater.com/pzone/about.php

November 19 – **Ann Herbert Scott** (born in 1926). She is best known for her children's books including *On Mother's Lap* and *Hi!*. For more go to www.knowledgecenter.unr.edu/friends/hallfame/scott.html

November 23 – **Gloria Whelan** (born in 1923). She is best known for her novel *Homeless Bird*. Read more about Whelan at www.gloriawhelan.com/about.htm

November 25 – **Marc Tolon Brown** (born in 1946). He writes as well as illustrates the *Arthur* books. Read more at www.marcbrownstudios.com/

November 29 – **Louisa May Alcott** (1832-1888). She is best known for the novel *Little Women*, written and set in the Alcott family home in Concord, MA. Read more at www.online-literature.com/alcott/

November 30 – **Mark Twain** was the pen name of **Samuel Langhorne Clemens** (1835-1910). Twain is most noted for his novels *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, which has since been called the Greatest American Novel, and *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*. Check out the official website of [Mark Twain](http://www.marktwain.com).



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