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## Welcome!

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~By Erica Compton

October has raced by and the Read to Me team has more balls in the air than a juggler at the circus! What have we been up to? Here are some highlights in this issue of *The Scoop*:

- Learn about an exciting new opportunity called *Books to Go*! This program is designed to increase access to print for children in your community and requires minimal library staff time to implement. An online storytime site and TumbleBooks are also included in our Routes to Reading grant so read on!
- Great ideas for Family Reading Week in the Library to Library section.
- Awesome teen programming guide available in Young Adult Corner
- Need books for outreach with underserved children? Don't forget about the Year-Round Underserved program. The [application](#) takes about three minutes to fill out and we have a bunch of books we would love to get into children's hands.
- Summer Reading manuals are in the mail and headed your way....





## Dates and Deadlines

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- **Idaho Early Years Conference:** November 13 – 14, 2012. Registration closes November 7. [Click for details and registration link.](#)
- The Idaho Commission for Libraries **Kids Quest** is available at [www.lili.org/quest](http://www.lili.org/quest). The Kids Quest is an on-line adventure targeted to students in grades 6-9. If they complete it, they can enter into a drawing for an iPod touch®. **Contest ends October 31, 2012.**
- Idaho libraries are encouraged to **apply for the new Books to Go program now!** Apply at [www.surveymonkey.com/s/books-to-go-application](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/books-to-go-application).
- You can apply **anytime** the [Jump Start Kindergarten](#) program, the [Year-Round Underserved program](#), and [Idaho Child Care Reads! workshops](#).
- Save the Dates:
  - **Annual Read to Me Meeting**, February 21-22, Oxford Suites in Boise.
  - **Elementary School Library Staff Retreat**, July 16-18, in Boise.



## Library to Library

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### Apply for the **Books to Go Program**

Hooray! Several libraries have already signed up to participate in the [Books to Go Program](#). Children in Ririe, Gooding, Midvale, Grandview, Bruneau, Pinehurst, Jerome, Preston, St. Maries, McCall, and Menan will soon be getting Books to Go.

This program, funded by a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services, will be providing bins of books that families can take home to read. The bins will be placed in Head Start centers, daycares, developmental preschool programs, and preschools statewide. Apply at [www.surveymonkey.com/s/books-to-go-application](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/books-to-go-application) or contact Stephanie at ICfL for more information.



### **TumbleBooks™ On Its Way to All Publicly Funded Public Libraries!**

As part of the Routes to Reading grant, the Commission was able to purchase a three-year subscription to TumbleBooks for all public libraries in Idaho. We hope to have your accounts set up by the first week of November. We will be in touch with more details as soon as possible. Stay tuned!



## Storytimes Online through DayByDayID.org

Another component of the Routes to Reading grant is the creation of a website called DayByDayID which was modeled on the [DayByDayVA.org](http://DayByDayVA.org) and [DayByDaySC.org](http://DayByDaySC.org) sites. New content is delivered every day of the year including a book of the day, rhymes, songs, videos, and more. This is the perfect tool for families who are unable to make it to your regular storytime at the library. Look for the launch of DayByDayID in early November!



## My Many Colored Workshops



Clouds of color filled the air as librarians participated in Betsy Diamant-Cohen's storytime workshops in Coeur d'Alene, Boise, and Idaho Falls. She taught new songs and skills, and reinforced best practices in storytelling. There were over 130 attendees who came away inspired and with new tools to enrich their current storytime programs. Betsy is the creator of the *Mother Goose on the Loose* program, and gave some guidance for bilingual storytimes at the Boise and Idaho Falls workshops. She encouraged partnering with a Spanish-speaker, who is familiar with your community. She also recommended that all library staff learn some simple Spanish phrases to make patrons feel welcome and valued. ¿De qué color es tu bufanda? We will be sharing more ideas from the afternoon session on offering storytimes to Spanish speaking families in the next issue.

(Betsy's PPT presentations and her props list are now uploaded to the [ICfL website](http://ICfL website).)



## Snuggling Up with Family Read Week

There are so many creative, fun ideas that libraries are doing for Family Read Week that we thought we would share some. The theme, "Snuggle Up and Read," lends itself to pajama parties, campouts, and service projects. If you haven't finalized your plans, these ideas may get your creative juices flowing.

- A family read-in with cookies and milk, pajamas and comfy reading spots -- "Cookie, bookie, and milk"
- Nampa's mayor will sing, and Councilwoman Pam White will read a story during their stuffed animal storytime
- A camp-in with stars hanging overhead, tents, sleeping bags, and s'mores for treats
- Making duct tape books
- Children will make a Build-a-Bear, and the parents and older children will fringe fleece blankets for the foster care program

- Inviting guest speakers and making two blankets to give to the local Food Bank
- Having a block building contest, building a house for *Three Little Pigs*, and making a quilt to kick off their STEM program
- Making simple books, having a puppet show, and having special guest speakers.
- Pajama-Rama! Families will be playing a board game that will include literacy activities to do in the library and at home
- Creating Family Trees to learn about their ancestry
- Corduroy the Bear will be visiting and there might be chili dogs to eat. Yum!
- Have the Mayor read a proclamation for Family Reading Week.



### Fun Fall Displays

ICfL staff members stopped by the Gooding Elementary School Library and Gooding Public Library on the way to ILA earlier this month. We loved Gooding Public's tree (at right) with a "Fall into a Good Book" theme.



Youth Services Director Cindy Bigler said they have some teen volunteers who change the leaves out depending on the season and help with other decorating projects. The tree trunk stays the same year-round and was easy to create. They also display quilts made by community members throughout the year. Great ideas!



## Young Adult Corner

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### The 365 Days of YA Task Force needs your ideas!

365 Days of YA is a YALSA Task Force charged with creating a calendar of easy to implement ideas for programs, services, and activities for teens. These are simple ideas that can be used by anyone working with youth in libraries. Ideas relating to YALSA resources, using technology, or encouraging teen participation in libraries are encouraged but we want to hear about any program, service, display, or activity that has been a hit with your patrons. Please send all ideas to [365daysofya@gmail.com](mailto:365daysofya@gmail.com) (April Pavis & the task force of awesomeness)



### National Gaming Day

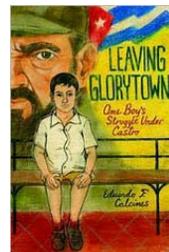
ALA has leveled up National Gaming Day to be an even bigger event this year. It has a new name - **International Games Day @ your library** - and a new date (the first Saturday of each

November). This year's celebration of communities coming together to play at the library will take place on Saturday, November 3rd, and will include the traditional board game donation and national video game tournaments, plus some additional activities to add to the fun. Learn more and register your library here: <http://ngd.ala.org/>



### **BOO-tiful Booklists**

- [Tales of Ghosts and Hauntings](#)
- [Scary Stories](#) – Allen County Public Library
- [Children's Scary Stories](#) – Highland City Library
- [Scary Stories for kids 12 and under](#) – Monster Librarian



### **Books for Latino Teens – [REFORMA's Teen Latino Titles](#)**

*Compiled and annotated in 2011 by Alma Ramos-McDermott and Lyn Miller-Lachmann  
Members of the CAYASC of REFORMA*



### **“It Came From a Book” Voting Now Open**

Posted by Karen Jensen, MLS, Teen Librarian Toolbox

“For the past several months we have been collecting art work created by teens and inspired by their favorite books. This week, we have put together an online art gallery and are asking you to vote for your favorite artwork! You can visit the online art gallery here [www.libraryasincubatorproject.org/?p=6542](http://www.libraryasincubatorproject.org/?p=6542). There is some seriously impressive art done by our teens, proving that teens do indeed rock!”

The group had 75 submissions based on books by authors including Suzanne Collins, Alex Flinn, R L Stine, Ransom Riggs, Jay Asher and more. One winner will receive a \$50 Amazon gift card donated by [Teen Librarian's Toolbox](#) and signed books from Ilsa Bick and Myra McEntire from [EgmontUSA](#), Gennifer Albin, Bethany Griffin, Beth Revis and Veronica Roth. They will also receive swag from [The Library as Incubator Project](#) and [The Real Fauxtographer](#). Encourage teens to check out the artwork and vote.



### **[Teen Programming Guide](#) created by the Ohio Library Council (OLC)**

OLC created a year of great teen programs and made it available on their website. There are short, easy programs; passive (or as I like to call them stealth) programs; and longer, more involved programs. A little something for everyone. Check it out!



Week of Nov. 5, voting opens for 2013 [Readers' Choice List](#)



## **School Zone**

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### **Everywhere You Want To Be: ILA Statewide Conference 2012**

*Submitted by Dennis Hahs, Rocky Mountain High School*

The three toughest parts I always experience when attending conferences are:

1. Picking between the different sessions because you can't attend them all.
2. Keeping a proper diet and exercise routine. It is hard enough on a regular basis but especially hard when sweets are at every table, sessions often run all day long and are often pretty sedentary.
3. Corraling all of the valuable information and maintaining the excitement and energy that networking with other professional often brings.

Just in case you were not able to attend this year's Idaho Library Association (ILA) conference or you had to make the tough choices on which sessions to miss, I wanted to share my experience from this year's conference. Wow, did it ever kick off with a powerful preconference all day event that included a dynamic hands-on presentation entitled, Transforming Your Library into a Brain Health Center. Dr. Paul Nussbaum shared some timely health related information about maintaining a healthy life and brain. (Archived video of the presentation can be found at <http://idahoptv.org/leglive/archive.cfm>.) Lunch with guest speaker and author Brandon Mull was a real treat.

The afternoon session morphed into a group project lead by Stephen Ristau discussing ways we can make our libraries more conducive to programs and services that support a healthy brain lifestyle in our schools and communities. I could have gone home satisfied with just the preconference but no, the eclectic collection of events, vendors, speakers, and sessions was just getting started.

As the outgoing Ed. Media Chair, I attended the ILA board meeting and business meeting the next day, and had lunch with keynote speaker Michael Dowling, the director of the International Relations Office for the American Library Association. I think he rekindled a bit of wanderlust for everyone in the room as he shared his personal experiences and detailed many international opportunities for librarians.

Next, I attended Leslie Twitchell's "M\*A\*S\*H Book Repair" session and she shared some of the most practical advice I've gotten in years, some of which had nothing to do with book repair. Her tips are helping us resurrect destroyed books and protect some of our most frequently encountered book repair issues. Later that afternoon I hit the "Navigating the ELA (English Language Arts) Common Core State Standards," lead by Susan Tabor-Boesch and Glynda Pflieger. This was an informative session because we all spoke, both public school and public librarians, in complete candor about the new statewide common core standards. Resources were shared and I think we were all a little overwhelmed with the rate and scope of change that our modern day society is throwing at us. I walked away from that session knowing that school librarians/teacher librarians/educational media specialists (whatever title given to that role within our schools) need to step up to help teachers and administrators transition into this new arena. This is indeed a golden moment for educational media specialists to demonstrate their value to the educational community.

Was it over, not by a long shot; next up was a session on whether to e-book or not to e-book. A panel discussion ensued with folks who have battle scars and success stories from the digital arena. I've shared my take away points from that session in the attached **PDF** of a PPT. Wrapping up the day's formal sessions I attended a roundtable discussion on: Idaho School Libraries: An Action Plan for the Future. Glynda Pflieger, the School Library Consultant with the ICfL shared how the ICfL is supporting public school programs and building for the future in our state. That evening we had the awards ceremony with folks from all over the state sharing how libraries and librarians have positively impacted their lives.

By Friday I was spent with just enough energy left to chair the Ed. Media Division meeting and attend the ILA Legislative Panel. I had to burn two personal days to attend but I don't regret it a bit. I have returned to my nest and I'm knee deep in the grant writing process hoping to transform our media center into a Brain Health Center.

Each year the ILA develops regional and statewide conferences that are really well done. Join – attend – network if you can, you won't regret it. My only regret is that I could not attend all of the offered sessions.

*Dennis Hahs is the Educational Media Specialist at Rocky Mountain High School in Meridian, and is the outgoing Chair of the Ed. Media Division for ILA. Dennis is a former IT Coordinator, Educational Technology Specialist, and classroom teacher.*



### **Resources from Glynda Pflieger – your friendly Library School Consultant**

If you attended the Idaho Library Association Conference Session on Navigating the English Language Arts (ELA) Common Core State Standards or just want to know more see the following resources:

Link to the Prezi: Navigating the ELA Common Core State Standards  
<http://prezi.com/15okez6cwqfs/navigating-the-ela-common-core-state-standards/>

Link to Diigo Common Core List: <http://www.diigo.com/list/gpflieger/common-core>

If you are interested in creating your own Common Core List using Diigo or just want to organize and share online resources, see this Adobe Connect tutorial with Audio: Diigo for Librarians <http://icfl.adobeconnect.com/t5h8e4q.7rrzxr/>. Then join our Idaho Librarians Group: <http://groups.diigo.com/group/idaho-school-libraries>

The survey is still open to provide feedback on the ILA Conference Session:  
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform?formkey=dDVUcnJPNXIzYWNPRGFUODNQYTZyakE6MA>



## Upcoming Events

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### Early Years Conference: Register Now

The biennial Early Years conference, sponsored by the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, will take place in Boise on **November 13 – 14, 2012**. Keynote speakers include

- Dr. Megan McClelland, Oregon State University: Early School Success: Self-regulation, Risk and Academic Achievement
- Ron Fairchild, Campaign for Grade Level Reading: Importance of Learning to Read by the End of Third Grade
- Laura Porter, Washington State Family Policy Council: Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) Study
- Jim Gill, musician and author: On music, Play and Literacy

**Tuesday, November 13, 6:30 p.m.** Jim Gill will perform a free public concert at BSU.



[Click for details and registration link.](#)



### November is Picture Book Month

Check out <http://picturebookmonth.com/> for more details.



November 1 – **National Family Literacy Day** - Approximately eight thousand literacy programs will hold readings, workshops, and family activities at libraries and community centers across the country. Read more at [www.infoplease.com/spot/literacyday1.html](http://www.infoplease.com/spot/literacyday1.html)



November 8 – **National Parents as Teachers Day** – On this day in 2001, the first annual Parents as Teachers Day was observed. This day was established to create awareness of early childhood programs in local communities, and to bring the early childhood education issue to the forefront of community legislative agendas. Read more at [www.parentsasteachers.org/site/pp.asp?c=ekIRLcMZJxE&b=272091](http://www.parentsasteachers.org/site/pp.asp?c=ekIRLcMZJxE&b=272091)



November 17 – **National Community Education Day** - Public education is a community project, and the lifelong mission of education involves everyone in the community. On November 5, 1987 President Ronald Reagan... read more at [www.reagan.utexas.edu/archives/speeches/1987/110587j.htm](http://www.reagan.utexas.edu/archives/speeches/1987/110587j.htm)



## Tips & Tools

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### Grants For Afterschool Programs Now Available

The State Department of Education will award \$1.8 million in grants to fund afterschool programs across the state for the upcoming 2013-2014 school year. Now is the time for school districts and other organizations to apply. Click [here](#) for more information and to register for the informational workshops.



### November is Month of the Military Family

Washington State Library developed a list of resources that can be used in acknowledging and thanking military children and their families. You can find links to website, blogs, toolkits and downloadable fliers for both schools and libraries at [www.sos.wa.gov/quicklinks/MilitaryFamily/](http://www.sos.wa.gov/quicklinks/MilitaryFamily/).



### 2012 Healthy School Makeover Contest

One K-12 school will be awarded up to \$45,000 for a comprehensive healthy-school makeover. To enter, schools must produce a short video explaining why they deserve the makeover, which will then go through a public voting period and judging process. The makeover is sponsored by SPARK, and will include equipment and training from a number of the nation's leading health and physical education organizations, including The First Tee and GenMove. Deadline: October 31, 2012.



### Calling all Digital Divas, Web Chix & Coder Girls!

The National Center for Women & Information Technology's (NCWIT) Award for Aspirations in Computing honors young women at the high-school level for their computing-related achievements and interests. The program offers both national and local affiliate competitions. National winners receive \$500, a laptop, and a trip to the March 9, 2013 awards gala. APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN NOW THROUGH OCTOBER 31: **APPLY NOW!** Since 2007, NCWIT has inducted more than 1300 young women into the [Aspirations in Computing Talent Pipeline](#) program and honored more than 50 teachers with the [NCWIT Educator Award](#). Learn more at [www.aspirationsaward.org](http://www.aspirationsaward.org).



## Summer Reading News

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### Summer Reading Manuals Headed Your Way!

Summer Reading Program manuals have been shipped out to every publicly-funded public library in Idaho that submitted their 2012 Summer Reading Report. Manuals are addressed to the library in general 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. Each paper copy of the manual also contains three identical DVD copies.

If your computers are unable to load the DVDs, please contact Staci at the info below for a CD copy.

As your state representative, all questions regarding the summer reading program manuals should be directed to me (or Stephanie or Erica) and **not** to the CSLP office. If you do not receive your package by November 9, please contact me.

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

- Cover Letter from Staci, Stephanie, and Erica
- Bright Futures Outreach information
- CSLP Rules of Use “Frequently Asked Questions”
- Summer Reading Program Planning Timeline
- Handout on Summer Learning Loss
- Upstart catalog for 2013 CSLP theme (please note phone number correction on front cover)

Additional summer reading program resources and information can be accessed at <http://libraries.idaho.gov/landing/summer-reading>. This site is updated regularly so check back often.

Volunteer libraries with questions about summer reading or program manuals should contact Staci at the info below.

Get ready to *Dig Into Reading!*  
[Staci.shaw@libraries.idaho.gov](mailto:Staci.shaw@libraries.idaho.gov)  
334-2150 / 800-458-3271 in Idaho



**Photos of crafts in 2013 CSLP program manual:**

Merri Monks, Youth Services Consultant at the Iowa State Library, posted photos of some of the crafts found in the early literacy, children’s and teen sections of the 2013 program manual:

1. [Iowa Library Services/State Library of Iowa website](#)
2. [Pinterest](#)

The crafts were constructed by Margaret Noon, one of the staff members at Iowa Library Services/State Library of Iowa.

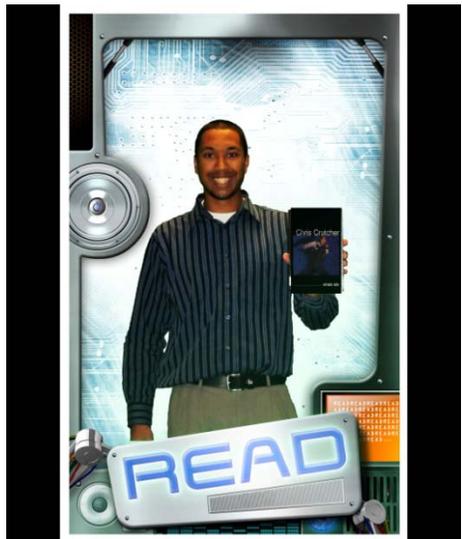


Gnome Kisses are in the CSLP Children’s Manual, Chapter 3, Page 84.

# Meet Nick Grove



## Innovation is the Word of the Day



Nick Grove likes to be on the cutting edge of new technologies. He is a Teen Specialist at the Meridian District Library, and a member of the Special Projects Library Action Team (SPLAT.) He feels that these roles have given him an opportunity to learn more and share his knowledge. He has been in the library field for eight years, starting as a Page while in high school. After graduating college, Nick has been at the Meridian Library for eight months and has found that he has an affinity for working with teens.

The teen programs there include a Manga/Anime Club, Book Club, Teen Independent Filmmakers, and gaming days. The library has an inviting area set up for teens to hang out in, or participate in activities. Nick feels that one of his biggest successes was increasing programming from once a week to daily activities. This has provided a safe and fun environment

for local teens, especially the middle school students who are across the street from the library. During the Summer Reading Program, they had about 30 teens come in on a daily basis. He's also working with two other libraries doing an outreach program at the Juvenile Detention Center. When he's not busy working with teens, he teaches classes to adults on how to use Overdrive with the digital readers.

The Independent Filmmakers program is a fairly new feature at the library. The teens learn how to develop a short film from start to finish, including a storyboard, filming, and editing. The library purchased a green screen with lights, a camcorder and a Mac Mini, for editing. Who knows, it might be the start for the next George Lucas or Steven Spielberg?



Nick's favorite children's book is *The Cay*, by Theodore Taylor. He likes it because it challenged him in many ways by touching on unfamiliar subjects. His experience reading this book has stuck with him over the years. He remembers reading *The Hardy Boys* series as a child, and recently read *The Adoration of Jenna Fox*, by Mary Pearson, *Ship Breaker*, by Paolo Bacigalupi, and *Scorch Trials*, by James Dashner.



When Nick isn't reading or trying out new technologies, he enjoys golfing. His favorite ice cream is mint chocolate chip. Nick loves that there's never a dull moment at his job, and that there's always something to do. "The biggest challenge for me has been creating the necessary relationships in the community and schools, but it is something that grows with time and I look forward to meeting and working with a number of new people," he said. Nick

Grove is busy moving library programming onto the next level.



## CE News You Can Use

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### **Serving Spanish-Speaking Populations: An Introduction Webinar**

This two-part workshop offered through ALA Editions for \$75 will cover everything from using basic Spanish phrases to communicate with library users to offering programming and materials for Spanish-speakers. In this workshop, Milly Lugo, joined by Radames Suarez, will demonstrate how you can confidently provide Spanish-language programming, materials and library outreach regardless of your ability to speak Spanish.



### **Teen Services Fundamentals**

An Infopeople online course, November 13 to December 17, 2012

Libraries can be a tremendous resource for teens, helping them learn about themselves and the world they live in. Do you want to increase your confidence and competence in providing fundamental teen services?

In this course you will learn about resources, experiences, and ideas for working with this energetic and enthusiastic age group. As a result, you'll be able to:

- Create a welcoming environment for teens in your library
- Find out what teens read, listen to, and watch
- Help teens meet their homework or other information needs
- Navigate issues connected with privacy, challenges to materials, and Internet use

The course fee is \$150. For a complete course description and to register go to <http://infopeople.org/training/teen-services-fundamentals>.

Note: This course is approved as covering the Youth Services competencies for the LSSC program in combination with Children's Services Fundamentals.



### **Apply for Funds to Attend the Teens & Libraries Summit**

As part of its year-long National Forum on Libraries and Teens project, YALSA will host a Teens & Libraries Summit Jan. 23-24, 2013, in Seattle. The Summit will explore how library services can evolve to meet the needs of 21<sup>st</sup> century teens. Funds provided by IMLS will cover the cost of travel for 15 applicants who wish to participate in the Summit. Key stakeholders from the areas of libraries, education, technology, adolescent development and the for-profit and nonprofit sectors are encouraged to apply by Nov. 1, 2012. At the conclusion of the year-long Forum, YALSA will produce a white paper providing direction on how library services for and with teens should adapt to better meet the needs of 21<sup>st</sup> century teens. Learn more and access the application at: <http://bit.ly/RZ4xvk>



## Alliance for Excellent Education Webinars

Below is a short description of upcoming Alliance webinars, followed by additional information and RSVP details for each. Please note that you will need to register for each webinar in which you intend to participate.

- **Thursday, October 25, 2012: Digital Strategies for Increasing Access and Opportunity in Rural Schools:** Evidence indicates that rural youth continue to be disadvantaged in terms of school resources to prepare them for college and a career. However, some of the most promising efforts around improving rural education are taking place in schools where digital media and technology resources are connecting students to the world outside their community and building their skills to make them better citizens within it. This webinar will demonstrate how rural schools are overcoming the challenges of funding to provide students with the best education the twenty-first century has to offer.
- **Monday, October 29, 2012: Perspectives on the Federal Student Aid System: Promise and Problems:** The federal student aid system is both complicated and costly, but is it effective? What measures should be used to determine the effectiveness of these programs? As numerous organizations across the country take on the task of reimagining the design and delivery of federal student aid, the system warrants a critical examination. This webinar will offer the perspectives of three organizations committed to student success on the problems and potential of the federal student aid system to help increase access and opportunity for postsecondary students.
- **Tuesday, October 30, 2012: Building on the Common Core State Standards to Improve Learning for English Language Learners:** The transition to Common Core State Standards and Next-Generation Science Standards presents both opportunities and challenges for the growing number of English language learners. A number of initiatives are underway to help English learners access grade-level content while building their language proficiency. This webinar will highlight two such initiatives: 1) Stanford University's "Understanding Language," which looks at the language demands contained in the new standards; and 2) The Council of Chief State School Officers' Framework for English Language Proficiency Development Standards, which helps states understand the sophisticated language competencies English language learners will need to perform in an academic area.

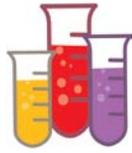
## News Beyond Idaho

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### Fighting Poverty One Book at a Time

The Children's Literacy Foundation, or CLiF ([clifonline.org](http://clifonline.org)), has a mission to inspire young people in poor, rural communities of Vermont and New Hampshire to read and write. Read about the strategies they are using in this article from the Burlington Free Press. [Read the whole article here.](#)



## STEM is Everywhere

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### More from Science for Preschoolers

Don't you love fall? The crisp air and the changing colors, give parents and educators just the right opportunity to teach our kids about the science of air and color.



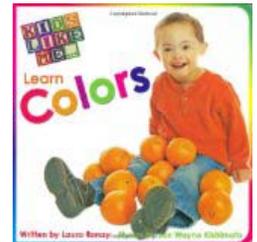
## SCIENCE for Preschoolers

Check out [Learning About Air](#) to view the lesson online: it teaches your preschoolers about the existence of air and different things air can do.

If you would like the printable version go to "[Free Printable Lesson Plans](#)" and you can download this lesson plan in pdf format. The printable version includes all the activities and supplies list.

If you'd like to talk to your little one about colors, here are a few ideas:

- [Learning About Primary & Secondary Colors](#)
- [Disappearing Color Science Experiment](#)
- [Learning With Finger Paint](#)



### Join The TEC Center at Erikson Institute for a FREE webinar

*Apps and Software in Early Childhood Classrooms: A Continuum of Teaching Tools*  
November 14, 2012 2 p.m. Eastern Time



Increasingly, young children have access to a broad range of engaging technologies including educational software, web based resources, interactive multimedia and Apps. While many of these resources have the opportunity to enhance learning and play, teachers also need to consider the pedagogic approaches afforded by these tools. Further, we need to reflect on the design of technology tools and on how this changes children's engagement and learning.

This session will:

- Explore some of the amazing technology resources available for teaching and learning with young children.
- Discuss how the design of interactive multimedia, educational software and Apps alter, enhance or enable teaching and learning with young children
- Investigate some of the pedagogical and philosophical decisions that educators make about the use of technology in learning and play.

## Book Look

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### **Divergent** Named Top Teen Book

The results of the annual Teens' Top Ten vote, sponsored by [YALSA](#) (Young Adult Library Services Association), a division of the American Library Association, have been announced. Teens voting across the US selected Veronica Roth's *Divergent*, a dystopian novel for ages 14 and up, as their favorite book. For an annotated list, see the [2012 Teens' Top Ten Winners](#).

## Free E-book Sites

These sites do not require a library card to download books

- [Ask Sam](#)
- [Aunt Lee's Obsessive Meta Search Engine For Free E-books](#)
- [Baen](#) - Science fiction and fantasy titles available from Baen Publishing
- [Bartleby](#)
- [BookRags](#)
- [FreeEbooks](#)
- [Google Books](#) - through Google's Library Project. Books in the public domain - and therefore out of copyright - can be read online or downloaded to read offline.
- [Great Books](#)
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## Author Birthdays

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### ***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](http://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/](http://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](http://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](http://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](#) 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](http://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/halfame/scott.html](http://www.knowledgecenter.unr.edu/friends/halfame/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](http://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/](http://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/](http://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](#).



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