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Idaho Families Invited to Curl Up with a Classic for Family Reading Week

BOISE, ID – Public and school libraries across the state are celebrating Idaho Family Reading Week with programs November 15-21, 2015. Celebrations are planned to encourage parents and caregivers to connect with their children by reading aloud and sharing favorite books to inspire them to become lifelong learners.

Idaho Family Reading Week is an annual event sponsored by the Idaho Commission for Libraries' Read to Me Program and school and public libraries throughout the state.

"We know from research that parents play an important role as their child's first teacher, and Idaho libraries are uniquely prepared to help parents and their children discover the joy of reading," State Librarian Ann Joslin said. "As children progress from developing a foundation of early literacy skills through learning to read in the primary grades and reading to learn in the upper elementary grades, what happens in the home matters. Families who read together create lasting memories and also provide an opportunity to reinforce parents' values and expectations."

For more information visit your local library or check out their website.

Idaho Family Reading Week is funded in part with a federal grant from the Institute for Museum and Library Services. See more about Idaho Family Reading Week at <http://libraries.idaho.gov/frw>.

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