

# The Scoop

Fun, inspiring and innovative ideas  
for library youth services

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## DATES & DEADLINES

- Idaho public libraries can apply to host [Every Child Ready to Read](#) and [Fun with Math and Science workshops](#). We encourage you to sign up by June 30
- ICfL will be hosting day-long training for Idaho elementary school librarians in [Moscow on August 8](#), in [Boise on August 10](#), and in [Pocatello on August 16](#). Click on the link for your regional location above to see the agenda and registration Register soon before all the seats are taken.
- [Summer Reading Reports](#) due **September 15**.

## WELCOME

By Tammy Hawley-House

Have you heard the great news?

Kids are reading this summer- in large part thanks to you! Summer Reading is here and if you have found time to read beyond this sentence, thanks for joining us for this edition of the Scoop. I know how crazy the month of June is for public libraries and I want to thank you all for helping Idaho kids through your summer programs. We cannot raise a state of readers without you!



## TumbleBooks™

We are happy to announce that we have secured funding to extend the subscription to TumbleBooks™ for all publicly-funded public libraries. This three-year extension (beginning July 2016) allows Idaho library users—from anywhere they have Internet connection—access to hundreds of children's stories including fiction, non-fiction, and foreign language titles; Read-Alongs; and Tumble Puzzles & Games. This fun and valuable early learning resource can be accessed through the TumbleBooks™ link on Idaho public library websites. This extension will result in NO INTERRUPTION of service to those public libraries already offering TumbleBooks.

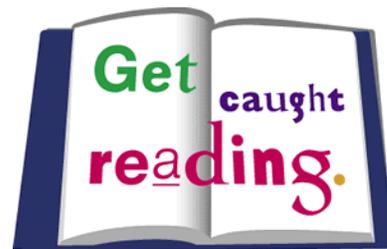


Last year 310,691 TumbleBooks were viewed via Idaho libraries. TumbleBooks is a great addition to supplement your heavily used collection during Summer Reading.

## LIBRARY TO LIBRARY

### And the winner is...

The grand prize winner of our **Get Caught Reading in May** promotion is **Beth Swenson, Outreach Librarian** at the **Idaho Falls Public Library!** Beth was caught reading *The Ashford Affair*, by Lauren Willig; *The Rosie Effect*, by Graeme Simsion and was listening to *Enchantment*, by Orson Scott Card. Beth will receive a fun summer reading package and some great books for Idaho Falls' collection. Thank you to everyone who shared what they were caught reading last month! Check out what your colleagues are reading for some great summer title suggestions:



**Bonnie Arriola**, Associate Librarian at the Ada Community Library Star Branch: *Wolf Hollow* by Lauren Wolk.

**Julie AutumnCook**, Lead Library Assistant at the BPL Library! at Hillcrest: *A Wonderful Year* by Nick Bruel.

**Katie Bauer**, Library Media Specialist at the Wallace Jr./Sr. High School: *Color of the Sea* by John Hamamura; *Dr. Bird's Advice for Sad Poets* by Evan Roskos; *Mosquitoland* by David Arnold (audiobook).

**T.J. Breeze**, Branch Manager at the Craigmont Community Library: *Raylan* by Elmore Leonard.

**Miranda Galbraith**, Assistant Director / YA Librarian at the Madison Library District: *Heartless* by Marissa Meyer; *Their Fractured Light* by Amie Kaufman and Megan Spooner

**Rubie Gallegos**, Librarian at Mary McPherson Elementary: *Ashley Bell* by Dean Koontz; *It's Not Easy Bein' Me* by Rodney Dangerfield; *Angel fall* by Susan Ee.

**Lisa Harral**, Director at the Blackfoot Public Library: *Most Wanted* by Lisa Scottoline; *Escape to Eden* by Rachel McClellan.

**Suzanne Hochstrasser**, Librarian at Rendezvous Elementary and Driggs Elementary Schools: *The Art of Hearing Heartbeats* by Jan-Philipp Sendker.

**Reagan Jones**, Librarian at the Leadore Community Library: *The Hound of the Baskervilles* by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle.

**Rashelle Mack**, Librarian at East Junior High: *The Game of Love and Death* by Martha Brockenbrough.

**Melissa Nielsen**, Teacher-Librarian at the Highland High School: *The Jewel* by Amy Ewing.

**Joanne O'Dwyer**, Librarian at the UpRiver School: *Penny from Heaven* by Jennifer L. Holm.

**Monika Pomper**, Librarian, Children's Lead at the Victory Branch, Ada Community Libraries: *Uprooted: a Canadian War Story* by Lynne Reid Banks.



**Teresa Seloske**, Librarian at the Sts. Peter & Paul School: *Peter Pan* by J.M. Barrie.

**Pat St. Tourangeau**, Teacher Librarian at Boise High School Library: *The Little Red Chairs* by Edna O'Brien.

**Marcia Stillman**, at the Nampa Public Library: *The Sixth Extinction* by Elizabeth Kolbert; *Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah (audiobook).

**Tracie Wood**, Youth Services Associate at the Nampa Public Library: *The Boys in the Boat: Nine Americans and Their Epic Quest for Gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics* by Daniel James Brown.

## Grand Opening of New Salmon Library

Congratulations to our friends at the [Salmon Library](#)! The new building is beautiful and looks like it has some great new spaces. ICfL Consultant Patrick Bodily took these photos during the Grand Opening on May 7, 2016.



Below: Upstairs

Above: Front View

Below: Children's area



## Fairmont Junior High School Library Receives James Patterson grant funds.

"With nearly half the population currently reading at or below the basic level, the United States is truly in the middle of a crisis," Patterson wrote in a statement. "How will children make it to high school without access to books?

This is a huge problem — and we have to take action."

Mr. Patterson offered grant opportunities to school

libraries across the nation in March and [Fairmont Junior High](#) has been honored as a recipient of \$4000.00.



Fairmont Librarian Debbie Jenson believes offering students' choice in reading (especially during the summer break) is a strong precursor to excitement about reading. The Patterson Grant funds were used to purchase a book for every student to own. Recently Fairmont students were able to choose from 135 titles and received their free book before summer break.

Go Reading!



## YOUNG ADULT CORNER

### Teens Succeed with Libraries

The Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA) has announced the winners of its Teens Succeed with Libraries video contest.

The contest was open to library staff and the teens they serve. Requirements of the contest called for creative video entries that compellingly demonstrated how teens make use of library services, programs and staff in order to succeed in school and prepare for college, careers and life.

Take a look at the three creative winning entries:

- [Bill Stea; Charles County Public Library; Waldorf, MD](#)
- [Rebecca Zamora Milby High School; Houston, TX](#)
- [Dominic Dafejimue; Hawks Nest \(Atlantic County Institute of Technology\); Mays Landing, NJ](#)

### June is GLBT Book Month

The American Library Association (ALA) is helping libraries celebrate authors and writings that reflect the lives and experiences of the gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender community. If you are considering a program or book display in your library. Here are links to a [poster](#) and [bookmarks](#) that you can order from ALA Graphics. ALA has also provided us with the following links:

- [Stonewall Book Awards](#) - The first and longest-enduring award for GLBT literature
- [Rainbow Books](#) - LGBTQ Books for Kids and Teens
- [Over the Rainbow Books](#) - LGBT Books for Adult Readers

### Position Paper on Summer Learning Approach Released

Check out YALSA's new position paper -- [Adopting a Summer Learning Approach for Increased Impact](#).



## SCHOOL ZONE

### Earn a Teacher Librarian Endorsement

Registration is now open for fall semester classes at the College of Southern Idaho. The Library & Information Science Department will offer five online courses. Classes include:

- LIIS 260, a short course
- LIIS 150 3 Cr Hrs Introduction to Library & Information Science
- LIIS 210 3 Cr Hrs Organization of Information & Resources
- LIIS 230 3 Cr Hrs Library Technology

- LIIS 260 1 Cr Hr Copyright & Intellectual Property
- LIIS 270 3 Cr Hrs Information Literacy

The tuition and fees for Idaho residents will be \$130/credit. For more information about the process of signing up, see "Getting Started" at [www.csi.edu/prospectiveStudents/\\_studentServices/newStudentServices/gettingStarted/index.asp](http://www.csi.edu/prospectiveStudents/_studentServices/newStudentServices/gettingStarted/index.asp). If you have any other questions about these courses or about our Associate's Degree program, contact Steve Poppino; [spoppino@csi.edu](mailto:spoppino@csi.edu) or (208) 732-6504.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Applications for Every Child Ready to Read and Fun with Math and Science Now Open for Idaho Public Libraries

Libraries are encouraged to apply for these programs by June 30. [Stephanie](#) or [Tammy](#) at ICfL are happy to answer any questions you might have about either program.

Idaho public library staff are encouraged to host [Every Child Ready to Read Family Workshops](#) in 2016-2017. Every Child Ready to Read Family Workshops is a series of three 45-minute workshops that involve young children and their parents in learning about early literacy practices that help prepare children to be successful in school. Early literacy practices are highlighted and parents have a chance to practice them with their child during the workshop. They also get a book and other resources each week that go with the practices to take home to keep and use with their child. Fun interactive activities, practical tips, and resources are shared during each session. Materials for families and your library are available from the Read to Me program at no cost. Workshop scripts in English and Spanish are also available from the Read to Me program.



Apply

[Fun with Math and Science workshops](#) have been popular with Idaho public libraries that have offered them in past years. The one-time program involves young children and their parents in learning about early math and science skills. Parents and their children

attend a Fun with Math & Science Workshop and explore through fun activities, projects, and books. Parents receive a *First Encyclopedia of Science* book to take home and use with their child. Libraries receive hardcover nonfiction books, display materials, a variety of STEAM kits and materials, and



promotional information. These materials are available from the Read to Me program at no cost to your library. Workshop guides and training are also available from the Read to Me website.

Apply

## Summer Learning Day Is July 14

How will your library mark the day? Summer Learning Day is an annual national advocacy day led by the National Summer Learning Association (NSLA) to elevate the importance of keeping kids learning, safe and healthy every summer. It is an opportunity to spread awareness about the importance of summer learning for youth, which can help close the achievement gap and support healthy development in communities across the country.

Is your library hosting a Summer Learning Day event or program? If so, the National Summer Learning Association encourages you to put it on their event map so that families can find you:

<http://summerlearningdaymap.org/>

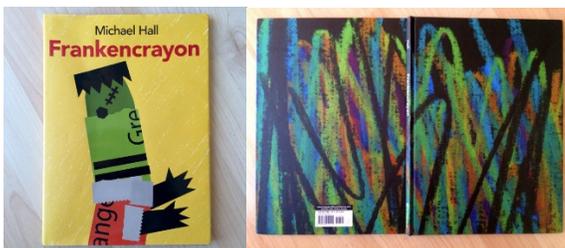
Learn More

## TIPS AND TOOLS

### The Undies are coming!

Do you ever bother to look under the covers of a book jacket? If not, you might want to give it a go. Some of our friends in kiddie-lit-land have come up with a new award and they want you to nominate some of the [best case covers of 2016](#). Find out more at

<http://100scopenotes.com/2016/05/24/announcing-the-biggest-and-best-new-award-in-childrens-literature-the-undies/>.



Book Jacket

Book Undie



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### Titles Sought for Bibliography

The ALA-Children's Book Council (CBC) Joint Committee is launching a new **pilot bibliography** to provide guidance to caregivers interested in finding titles for children who read at an advanced level. The list will

have three sections: Titles for Kindergartners/1st graders reading at a 3rd grade level; titles for 2nd/3rd graders reading at a 5th grade level; and titles for 4th/5th graders reading at a 7th grade level.

The committee is looking to library professionals, publishers, and anyone with a passion for child literacy to provide suggestions for this list, especially titles offering diverse characters and settings as well as by diverse authors and illustrators, and notable recent publications. [Submit title suggestions here.](#)

The submission period will be open from May 16 to September 5, 2016. The final list will be released in early 2017. Please contact the CBC Director of Programming [Shaina Birkhead](#) directly with any questions.



## SUMMER READING NEWS

### Summer Reading Booklists

Here are some Summer Reading booklists created by librarians across the U.S.:

- <http://mrspotter.edublogs.org/recommended-reading-lists/>.
- <https://mayorofbookopolis.wordpress.com/2016/05/21/bookopolis-summer-reading-picks-2016/>

**2016 Summer Reading Lists are here!** (May 2016)

ALSC's Quicklists Consulting Committee has updated our Summer Reading Lists with new and exciting titles! The lists are full of book titles to keep children engaged in reading throughout the summer. Four Summer Reading book lists are available for Birth-Preschool, K-2nd, 3rd- 5th and 6th-8th grade students.

More recommending books from ALSC can be found at [www.ala.org/alsc/booklists](http://www.ala.org/alsc/booklists).

### Summer Reading Program Report

What better way to kick off your summer programs than to think about collecting participation statistics?! We ask that every Idaho public library submit the number of children and teens that participate in your summer reading program each year. If you are not hosting a program this year, you only need to answer one question on the report telling us such. We try to keep the required questions on the report limited to the information we need for our own reporting purposes; we also ask optional questions that help us improve our service to you.

We are also asking you to report your final numbers for all Bright Futures programs in which your library participated. If you did not participate in any Bright Futures programs you can skip over these sections.

Reports are due **September 15** and the link can be found at <http://libraries.idaho.gov/landing/summer-reading>. See a [preview of the report here](#). Scroll to the bottom of the page under Evaluation.

**Bonus:** Submit your report on time (or get an approved extension from Staci) and be entered to win a 2016 summer reading t-shirt (provided compliments of CSLP)!

## News from CSLP (Collaborative Summer Library Program)

**Read Aloud: 15 Minutes** and the Collaborative Summer Library Program announce a new partnership to support summer reading, encourage participation in summer learning activities at libraries, and share the benefits of reading aloud. The partners have co-branded a parent handout and summer reading list. Please use the new parent handout to encourage all parents to visit their local library and participate in summer learning activities. Download the handout and reading list for free:

Read Aloud - CSLP Parent Handout- English: [www.readaloud.org/handouts/CSLP\\_parenthandout\\_EN.pdf](http://www.readaloud.org/handouts/CSLP_parenthandout_EN.pdf)

Read Aloud - CSLP Parent Handout- Spanish: [www.readaloud.org/handouts/CSLP\\_parenthandout\\_SP.pdf](http://www.readaloud.org/handouts/CSLP_parenthandout_SP.pdf)

Read Aloud - CSLP book list for ages 6-8: [www.readaloud.org/handouts/CSLP\\_booklist.pdf](http://www.readaloud.org/handouts/CSLP_booklist.pdf)

Learn more about Read Aloud: 15 Minutes by watching this [7-minute video](#) on the "why" and "how" of its national campaign:

## Summer Learning Send-Off Tip Sheet

The National Summer Learning Association (NSLA) has partnered with Scholastic to offer some ideas on how teachers, principals and school leaders can keep their students learning this summer. The [Summer Learning Send-off tip sheet](#) offers practical ideas from the new book, *Summers Matter* by NSLA Board Chair Matthew Boulay, PhD.

**THE SUMMER LEARNING SEND-OFF**  
GREAT IDEAS FOR PRINCIPALS, SCHOOL LEADERS & TEACHERS

Pre-order a copy of *Summers Matter*



## Summer Reading ads at a theatre near you

The ICfL Read to Me team is excited to unveil the ads that will appear in select movie theatres in June and July. Check out the spots at the ICfL [website](#) or [youtube](#) channel. A Spanish-version is also available. We encourage all libraries and schools to share these on any social media outlets and websites you have access to.

The ads will appear in the following movie theatres this summer. We targeted as many discount theatres as our budget would allow. We hope to purchase ad space in other theatres next summer, depending on the response this summer. The ads will appear in these theatres:

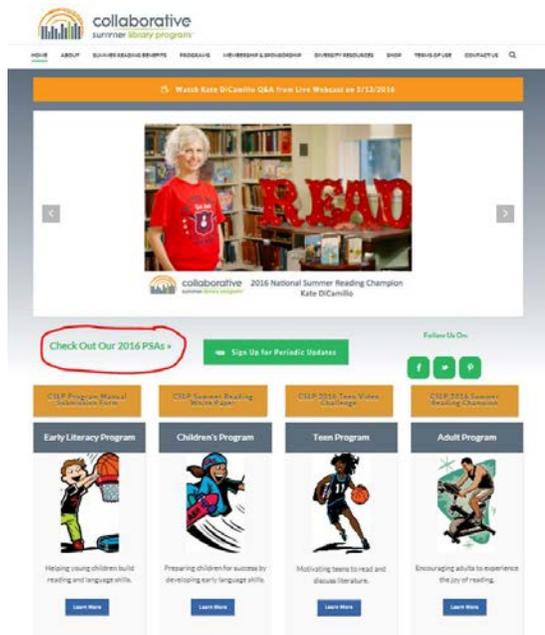
- Paramount 5, Rexburg
- Hayden Discount Cinema
- Roxy Theater, Cascade
- Boise Reel Country Club
- Nampa Reel Theatre
- Grand Teton Stadium 14, Ammon
- Magic Valley Theatre, Twin Falls

- Burley Theater / Century Stadium 5

We hope you share any feedback you might get if you are located in a community that shows the ad! Please email any member of the Read to Me team (Stephanie, Staci or Tammy). We'd also love to hear how you are using the video clips on social media.

## Summer Reading Public Service Announcements

Who doesn't love Kate DiCamillo?! Get the word out about your summer reading program now! (Click on Kate to watch). You can access this PSA and many other versions using the information below. You can also download directly from the CSLP website.



**To view or share on social media** (linked to YouTube): If you are just interested in viewing the PSA pieces or sharing on social media, link or share the videos from CSLP's YouTube page. This is a very quick and easy option for those who do not wish to customize or download pieces.

- Children's PSA :30 sec English
- Children's PSA :30 sec Spanish
- Kate DiCamillo :30 sec Summer Reading Message
- Kate DiCamillo Summer Message
- Kate DiCamillo Work Together Message
- Kate DiCamillo Sports Message
- PSA + Kate DiCamillo:60 sec
- Teen PSAs can be viewed at [www.cslpreads.org](http://www.cslpreads.org) under Teen Video Challenge

**To Download or customize:** Go to the [CSLP website](http://www.cslpreads.org). Click on "Check out our PSAs" right on the front page. There is a section with links suitable for use by librarians on library websites/social media and a section with links suitable for use by broadcast stations.

There are a few important points to keep in mind when accessing the PSA files online:

*Continue reading...*

**To order a DVD with all children's and Kate DiCamillo PSAs:** Public libraries can order a free copy by emailing [staci.shaw@libraries.idaho.gov](mailto:staci.shaw@libraries.idaho.gov) while supplies last.

## Summer Reading for Daycare Centers

Our friends at the American Falls Public Library are trying something new this summer. They are allowing children who are enrolled in summer child care sites and unable to attend library programs with a special way to participate in their Summer Reading program. They provide a letter for parents of daycare kids

telling them that they can participate even though they can't come to the programs. They can register, get a reading log, keep track of their reading, and then drop it off after work.

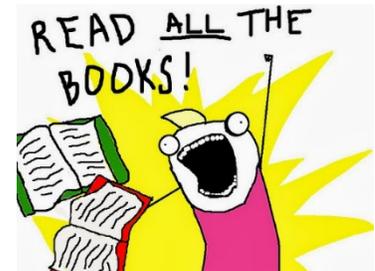
If this is something that your library is able to do, it can be a great way to help kids maintain their reading levels over the summer. Let us know if you need suggestions!

## FEATURED:

### Reader's Advisory: How to recommend a great book.

By Tammy Hawley-House

How many minutes have gone by since you heard "I want a book like (fill-in-the-blank)"? Since it is June, I am guessing that you are hearing this in your sleep or something similar like "I have read all the Wimpy Kid books" or "When is the Percy Jackson guy gonna write a new series?" Recommending good books can be really hard especially since most of us haven't read ALL THE BOOKS!!!!



What's a good librarian to do, when we really really want kids to keep reading over the summer? Turn to Novelist, a librarian's best friend. Novelist K-8 Plus is available to your Idaho library free of charge, because ICfL has purchased a statewide contract. Many of you already have it linked from your library's website, but sometimes making time to learn to use it effectively can be difficult. Novelist is a database that contains lists of recommended reading for children 0-8, 9-12, and teens. It can be searched by genre, title, author, series, with link to Goodreads reviews. But the part that can help you this summer is the *Read-alikes* feature.

Getting a list of read-alikes is easy as 1, 2, 3:

1. Access Novelist K-8 Plus. You can do this from your library's website (have library card number ready) or from our website at <http://lili.org/dbs/category/26>.
2. Type in the title of a book the child you are trying to help has already read and wants a similar title, then press the enter key. For example: *The Hidden Oracle* ←
3. View the list of read-alikes in the right hand column. Results from example in step 2: *Zeus and the Thunderbolt of Doom*, *It's all Greek to me*, *The fire chronicle* and more.



If the read-alikes list is too short, you can find hundreds more by opening the "more about this book" tab and clicking on one of the many hyperlinks.

Don't forget that Novelist has links to professional reviews and to reviews listed in Goodreads. This tool can help parents looking to monitor the content of their child's reading. Become an expert in searching for read-alikes

in Novelist? Take a look at this short (1 minute) [video](#). And....consider signing up for one of Novelist's [three newsletters](#) geared towards kid books.

Just remember that you don't have to read all the books to be good at reader's advisory.

## CE NEWS YOU CAN USE

### Tips for Story Time Success

Join Katie Fitzgerald as she shares tips and tricks for performing engaging story times from her new book, *Story Time Success: A Practical Guide for Librarians* (Rowman & Littlefield, 2016). This free webinar provided by Booklist takes place on June 14, at noon MST and 11AM PST.

[Register](#)

### PNLA Conference

There is still time to register for the Pacific Northwest Library Association Conference in Calgary Canada; August 3-5. **Just don't forget your passport!** Find out more at [www.pnla.org/conference-2016](http://www.pnla.org/conference-2016).

### Idaho Afterschool Network's Afterschool Summit

The Idaho Afterschool Network (IAN) is officially requesting proposals for breakout sessions to be considered for inclusion at the 2016 statewide AfterSchool *Power Up Summit* to be held at Boise State University on August 26, 2016. They are also taking early bird registration for the event. It is a great way to identify some community partners working with kids and have a chance to develop some programs for next year.

[Learn More / Register](#)

### Before Bilingual Storytime: The Outreach Bridge to Engaging Latino and Spanish-speaking Families

This webinar on July 7 presents strategies for library outreach to and engagement with Latino and Spanish-speaking communities, laying the groundwork for successful programming.

[Learn More / Register](#)

### Infopeople Webinars (free webinars for library staff)

- June 14: [STEAM Programming in a Diverse Setting](#)
- June 15: [Emerging Tech Trends in Libraries - Part 4](#)

## Call For Proposals - Power Up: A Conference for Youth Services Managers and Staff

Madison, WI, March 30-31, 2017

The University of Wisconsin-Madison, School of Library and Information Studies is pleased to offer Power Up, a brand new conference to share your exciting ideas! **Gretchen Caserotti**, Library Director at Meridian Library District, is kicking off the conference as the keynote speaker.

**Session proposals will be accepted until July 31, 2016.** Topics may include, but are not limited to: strategic planning, collaborations, ethics, leadership pathways, advocacy, mentorship, managing change, work/life balance, staff motivation, and innovation. Youth services librarians and staff from all over the country are invited to attend.

Sessions at the conference will be one hour (45 minutes of presentation, 15 minutes of discussion). Panel presentations are accepted, as well as sessions by individual speakers. All selected sessions will receive one complimentary conference registration and a discount for staff members they wish to join them at the conference.

Please submit a 200-250 word description of your proposed session to Meredith Lowe, [mclowe@wisc.edu](mailto:mclowe@wisc.edu), by July 31, 2016.

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## MULTICULTURAL CONNECTIONS

### Diversity in Children's Books Goes Deeper than Race



Minnesota Public Radio interviews this year's Caldecott winners Matt de la Pena and Christian Robinson about the lack of diversity in children's books and how the struggle continues since 50 years ago Keat's *Snowy Day* made its game changing entrance into the world of children's literature. Organizations like [We Need Diverse Books](#), which de la Pena sits on the board of, work to raise awareness and encourage diversity both in books and in the publishing world. Pena cites a [recent study of major publishers](#) which showed that the publishing industry as a whole — including sales, publicity, and executive departments — is 79 percent white, 78 percent women, 88 percent heterosexual, 92 percent non-disabled. Listen to the

audio recording of this interview at [www.mprnews.org/story/2016/05/17/books-last-stop-on-market-street](http://www.mprnews.org/story/2016/05/17/books-last-stop-on-market-street).



## KNOW THE NUMBERS

### Why Kids Learn Through Movement

Experiential learning, in which children acquire knowledge by doing and via reflection on their experiences, is full of movement, imagination, and self-directed play. Yet such learning is increasingly rare in early-childhood classrooms in the U.S, where many young children spend their days sitting at tables and completing worksheets. Kindergarten and preschool in the U.S. have become more and more academic, rigorously structuring kids' time, emphasizing assessment, drawing a firm line between "work" and "play"—and restricting kids' physical movement. A study from the University of Virginia released earlier this year found that, compared to 1998, children today are spending far less time on self-directed learning—moving freely and doing activities that they themselves chose—and measurably more time in a passive learning environment. Read more at [www.theatlantic.com/education/archive/2016/05/why-young-kids-learn-through-movement/483408/](http://www.theatlantic.com/education/archive/2016/05/why-young-kids-learn-through-movement/483408/)



## STEAM

### Integrated STEM Ed.

The University of Arkansas has shared a collection of STEM Design Challenges. Each Challenge is designed around a well-known picture book or tale. Some of the titles include *Dogzilla*, *The Big Orange Splot*, and *Yertle the Turtle*. Each challenge uses the design loop as a problem solving guide for kids in creating a STEM related challenge. One challenge asks kids to help the three billy goats reach the opposite side of the creek without using the troll's bridge. There are lot of practical and fun applications for school and public libraries. Find out more at [http://stem.uark.edu/\\_resources/includes/2013.student.narrative.curriculum.pdf](http://stem.uark.edu/_resources/includes/2013.student.narrative.curriculum.pdf).

### Maker Camp

There is still time to participate in Maker Camp, a 6-week virtual summer camp for young makers (ages 12-18) interested in DIY, making, creating, crafting, hacking, tinkering, and discovery.

Several Idaho libraries have already signed up and are listed on their map. Find out more at <http://makercamp.com/>.



**Maker Camp**

## Idaho Libraries Help Students Develop Math and Coding Skills

Idaho students completed more than six million math problems and spent nearly 90,000 hours on the Khan Academy's LearnStorm Idaho program. Launched in January, more than 35,000 Idaho students from 400 schools participated in the challenge.

Many libraries throughout the state encouraged students to log on and complete problems during out-of-school hours. A final celebration on May 14 included students from across the state who demonstrated ability in math and rewarded those who stuck with the program.

Currently [25 Idaho libraries](#) have signed on as official coaching sites for the [2016 Summer of Code](#) program. Summer of Code is suitable for students (and coaches!) who have never tried programming as well as students with some previous experience. Students learn how to use the JavaScript language and the Processing.js library to create fun drawings and animations. They can share their work in online showcases and win prizes. Many Idaho students are looking for programs like this that they can participate in at no charge.

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## BOOK LOOK

### Braille Books for Kids

DK Publishing has created a new series of braille books for visually impaired children and their families.



The series includes board and nonfiction books, pairing braille and textured images with printed text to make stories accessible for both sighted and visually impaired readers. Read more at [www.readbrightly.com/braille-books-help-kids-connect/](http://www.readbrightly.com/braille-books-help-kids-connect/)

### 2016 Comstock-Gág Read Aloud Books Awards Announced

Winners of the Wanda Gág Read Aloud Book Awards are:

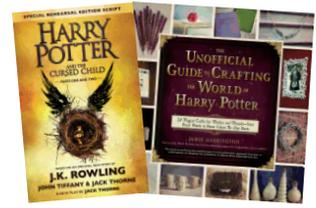
- Preschool to eight year old category is *Please, Open This Book!* written by Adam Lehrhaupt, illustrated by Matthew Forsythe, and published by Simon & Schuster.
- Nine to twelve year old category is *Finding Winnie: The True Story of the World's Most Famous Bear* written by Lindsay Mattick, illustrated by Sophie Blackall, and published by Little, Brown & Company. This tells the remarkable true story of the bear who inspired Winnie the Pooh.

## Some June/July Releases of Interest

### Harry Potter:

*Harry Potter and the Cursed Child: The Official Script Book of the Original West End Production*, by JK Rowling, Jack Thorne, and John Tiffany (July 31).

This new play is the eighth story in the Harry Potter series and the first official Harry Potter story to be presented on stage (premiere July 30, London). It was always difficult being Harry Potter and it isn't much easier now that he is an overworked employee of the Ministry of Magic, a husband and father of three school-age children. While Harry grapples with a past that refuses to stay where it belongs, his youngest son Albus must struggle with the weight of a family legacy he never wanted. As past and present fuse ominously, both father and son learn the uncomfortable truth: sometimes, darkness comes from unexpected places.



*The Unofficial Guide to Crafting the World of Harry Potter: 30 Magical Crafts for Witches and Wizards from Pencil Wands to House Colors Tie-Dye Shirts*, by Jamie Harrington (July 1). Charming crafts even Muggles can make!

### Presidents:

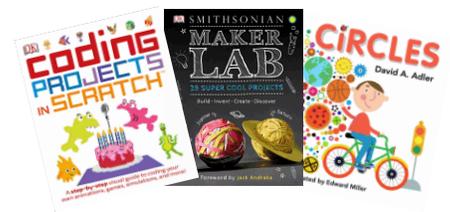
*Grover Cleveland, Again!: A Treasury of American Presidents*, by Ken Burns (July 12). A gorgeous collection of American presidents filled with fun facts and sparkling with personality, from nonfiction master Ken Burns.



*Your Presidential Fantasy Dream Team*, by Daniel O'Brien (June 28). *Fans of How They Croaked: The Awful Ends of the Awfully Famous* and *Kid Presidents* can draft their own presidential fantasy team, based on these hilarious-but-true profiles of our past leaders.

### STEM:

*Coding Projects in Scratch*, by DK Publishing (July 5). Using fun graphics and easy-to-follow instructions, this straightforward, visual guide shows young learners how to build their own computer projects using Scratch, a popular free programming language.



*Circles*, by David Adler (July 30). The characteristics of circles as well as how to find the radius, diameter, circumference, and area of a circle are explained and illustrated in this geometry picture book.

*Maker Lab: 28 Super Cool Projects: Build \* Invent \* Create \* Discover*, by Jack Challoner and DK Publishing (July 5). Created in association with the Smithsonian Institution and supporting STEM education initiatives, "Maker Lab" includes 28 kid-safe projects and crafts that will get young inventors' wheels turning and make science pure fun.

### Juvenile Series:

*Land of Stories #5: An Author's Odyssey*, by Chris Colfer (July 12); *Serafina and the Twisted Staff* (a Serafina Novel), by Robert Beatty (July 12); *Night of the Ninth Dragon* (Magic Tree House), by Mary Pope

Osborne (July 26); *A New Class* (Star Wars: Jedi Academy #4), by Jarrett Krosoczka (July 26); *The Famous Fjord Race* (Geronimo Stilton Micekings #2), by Geronimo Stilton (July 26).

### YA Series:

*Paper and Fire* (Great Library #2), by Rachel Caine (July 5); *This Savage Song* (Monsters of Verity #1), by Victoria Schwab (July 5).

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