

The Scoop

Fun, inspiring and innovative ideas
for library youth services

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DATES & DEADLINES

- **Submit** your Summer Reading Report by **August 31**. (Every branch, one report per library/branch.) [More info...](#)
- Fall youth services workshop dates are:
 - **October 18: Coeur d'Alene**
 - **October 22: Boise**
 - **October 25: Pocatello**
- **Register** for Idaho Family Reading Week. The 2013 theme is "Imagine the Fun at your library" and will be celebrated November 17-23.
- **Register** for Teen Read Week October 13-19, 2013

WELCOME

By Erica Compton

Happy (almost) autumn. I hope you are enjoying the cooler weather and changing colors.

Family Reading Week will be here before you know it, so register now if you want to be one of the libraries to receive our yearly packet of resources. This year Ben Bibikov has outdone himself on the artwork! *Imagination Journals* and hardcover books will be provided to each library that registers. See Dates and Deadlines and Upcoming Events for information on how you can register.



You may also be gearing up to celebrate Teen Read Week in October. The theme lends itself to innovation, mystery, and exploration. Remember that registration is open until the end of September but with a limited number of resources available, not everyone will receive them, so it is best to get registered soon. The wristband USB drives for teens were so popular we have brought them back again this year. See Dates and Deadlines for the link to register or find out more on this year's fun BINGO challenge in Young Adult Corner.

As always we hope you will consider sending us a brief write-up of your creative ideas and programs – along with pictures – so we can share them in a future issue of The Scoop. We love sending out "thank-you" books to all of you who contribute!



LIBRARY TO LIBRARY

“We Give Books” Visits Idaho to Promote Reading for At-risk Children

Idaho First Lady Lori Otter read *Otis*, by Loren Long, to more than 120 children at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Ada County during a We Give Books community program sponsored by Penguin Group and the Pearson Foundation. Each child received a free copy of the book after Otter’s reading. The Readmobile was also present, and children were able to tour the group’s signature bright orange van.

Read more: <http://idahobusinessreview.com/2013/08/22/good-works-13/#ixzz2dOF3wr3L>



And did you know that *Otis* is this year’s Read for the Record book? Each year, millions of adults and children gather on a single day to set a new reading record and to show their support for early literacy by joining Jumpstart’s Read for the Record. By reading on October 3rd, you’ll help to set a new world record for the greatest number of people reading the same book on the same day.

[More Info](#)



Meridian District Library

~Submitted by Natalie Nation, Meridian District Library

We don't have programs this month because we take a break in August, but a bunch of families just showed up for Silly Song and Dance. I took out our straws and connectors and read *Not a Box* and now they are all working together on building a rocket ship (or something - not a box).

Thanks for the straws!



Ideas from the Field



The kids at the Cascade Public Library *Dug into Geology* in July with employees at Midas Gold. "We sent this photo as an additional thank you to all of our summer reading sponsors this summer," said Valerie Stewart Rice.

Clearwater County Library in Weippe recently remodeled their children's area. "I got the idea of changing the children's area into a different wonderland every 2 or 3 months from last year's Read to Me training," says Children's Librarian Dyan Spence. "Kids of all ages love it!"



Pacific Northwest Library Association (PNLA) Conference Wrap-Up

Cultivating Libraries Rooted in the Community

by Julie Armstrong

Library folks from all over the Northwest met in Boise to network and learn at the PNLA Conference. Positive comments were heard from attendees about the quality presenters and class offerings at the conference. As libraries work to stay current and relevant in their communities, new ideas were shared that have enriched library programming all over the region. Golden nuggets from presentations were:

- Raised garden beds in community gardens have brought new patrons to libraries in the Calgary area of Canada. Patrons and community sponsors work together to plan the garden's purpose and design, maintain the garden, and bring in revenue. The gardens have provided a new venue for library programs -- storytimes, Tai Chi, group meetings, etc. The libraries have been able to find some very supportive community partners that make this project sustainable.



- [Alaska Reads](#) helps to connect a state that is geographically large as students read books from a selected author geared toward a specific audience. This audience may be reluctant readers or native students. After reading the book, they can attend an author event, participate in book talks, create a mural, or other literacy-related activities. A grant to fund this project has been awarded from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) over the past six years. Local support within the communities is also provided. Two librarians write and implement the program details as they send book sets to schools all over the state and schedule author events. This has been a highly successful program to engage students in quality literature.
- The Maker Space movement is sweeping the nation, and Idaho librarians are at the forefront of the action. Idaho Commission for Libraries is sponsoring Makerspaces at five libraries around the state. They have been provided with resources and training to do cutting-edge activities in their children's and teen programming. Examples of resources are soldering irons and Fischertechnik building kits. A mini Maker Faire held at Boise Public Library and the Discovery Center was highlighted and provided suggestions if other libraries choose to sponsor their own event. Attendees were able to see products and videos of activities and left excited about the possibilities. Visit the Make It Idaho [Facebook page](#) or [website](#) for more information.

For slides, powerpoints, and other resources from the session, please click here:

[More Info](#)

"New Adult" Genre Keeps Teens & 20s Reading

by Stephanie Bailey-White



Another PNLA session that Stephanie attended focused on a genre that's pretty new to most libraries – New Adults. The presenter, who is also an author of books that fit under this category, explained that as some people age out of Young Adult fiction, they are looking for books that showcase twenty-somethings. The genre is targeted toward 18-26 year-olds, and many of the titles are contemporary fiction. Two reasons to pay attention to the area are that it's one way to keep teens reading and that libraries that have collected and promoted this area find a high demand for these titles. One academic library conference participant said they place many of these titles near the front of their university library with a big sign that says "Great Fiction and Nonfiction Titles," and it gets the highest circulation in their library.

Classic "New Adult" titles might include *Pride and Prejudice*, *Christy*, *To Kill a Mockingbird*, *Little Men*, *The Bell Jar*, and *Strangers in Paradise*. Newer examples cited by participants might be *Neverwhere*, by Neil Gaiman, *Into the Wild*, by Jon Krakauer, and *Losing It*, by Cora Carmack.

Molly Wetta wrote a good article about the topic in the September issue of NoveList's RA Newsletter. She writes, "Whether the term New Adult is a passing fad or an enduring trend, there's no shortage of novels featuring twenty-something protagonists, and offering readers a variety of adult and young adult titles should satisfy New Adult readers looking for dramatic, angst-filled, and steamy novels." Check out the full article with great examples of titles to consider at www.ebscohost.com/novelist/novelist-special/what-is-new-adult-fiction-anyway.

YOUNG ADULT CORNER



Teen Read Week – October 13-19, 2013

YALSA dares teens to read for the fun of it! Teen Read Week is a time to celebrate reading for fun and to encourage teens to take advantage of reading in all its forms —books and magazines, e-books, audiobooks and more — and become regular library users. Use the event to showcase to your community all the great resources, services and activities that you have for teens and their families.

Register for “Library BINGO: Be Innovative: Nab Great Outcomes.” Based on the theme "Seek the Unknown," this event is designed to encourage library staff and teens to stretch and try things they have not done before.

Recipients will receive a Bingo card full of ideas they may not have tried before. Try just a few ideas and earn books and other library friendly resources!

[More Info](#)[Register](#)

Need ideas for Teen Read Week?

Listen to the recording of the YALSA webinar, *Seek the Unknown in the Blink of an Eye*. To listen to a recording of the presentation, please visit this link: <http://connectpro87048468.adobeconnect.com/p27stlay6vy/>.

More TRW Resources:

- Share your great program ideas with your colleagues via the [TRW page](#) on YALSA’s wiki
- Add your library to the [Teen Read Week Google Map](#)
- Join the 2013 Teen Read Week [Facebook Event Page](#)
- Tweeting about TRW? Use the hashtag #trw13!

Wanted: People Who Don’t Judge a Book by its Cover

Now through Oct. 1st YALSA is collecting volunteer forms for individuals who want to serve on book award and selection committees that work from 2/1/14 through 1/31/15. Check out the free [webinar](#) to learn more about what it’s like to serve on an award committee, and then access the [volunteer form](#) if you want to put your name forward for consideration. Please direct questions to YALSA’s President-Elect, Chris Shoemaker at cinf0master@gmail.com.

Teen Tech Week 2014 Theme Announced!

Celebrate the 2014 Teen Tech Week March 9 - 15 with the theme DIY @ your library. Check back in November 2013 for a wealth of resources to help you plan your 2014 celebration.

[More Info](#)

Youth Service America Seeks Applications for Youth Ambassador Program

Deadline: June 16, 2013

Youth Service America, in partnership with the Festival of Children Foundation, is accepting applications for the National Child Awareness Month Youth Ambassador program, an initiative to help young people between the ages of 16 and 22 address critical issues facing youth in the United States. Choose one of the links above for more information.

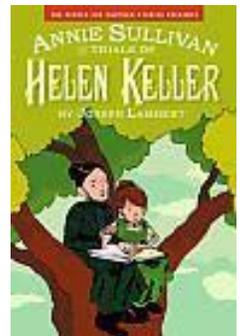
SCHOOL ZONE

by Jeannie Standal, School Library Consultant

Tour the Newly Remodeled, Redesigned, and Refurbished ICfL School Library Website!

Welcome to the new school year! Along with new students, new school supplies, and new standards, you now have a new [School Libraries section](#) of the Idaho Commission for Libraries website! Follow along on the right side of the School Libraries page under More Resources, and you will learn about the information and resources we have especially for the School Library including:

- **Nonfiction Book of the Month:** It can be tough to find high-quality nonfiction that is appealing to your students and age-appropriate. Pre-K to 2 science, anyone? As you know, nonfiction is also much more expensive than fiction, so mistakes in selection are more expensive too. In an effort to help avoid those selection missteps, each month you will find at least one new review for a nonfiction book, links for the title to Common Core, and vital statistics on the book (like interest level and the Dewey number) so you can quickly determine whether the title will strengthen a weak area of your collection. We will cover all types of nonfiction and all grade levels, so check back regularly so see if there is a new title for your library. There is a review waiting for you now!



This is meant to be helpful, so your input and suggestions are most welcome. If there is a new or not-so-new nonfiction title that you'd like to share with other school librarians throughout the state, email me at jeannie.standal@libraries.idaho.gov, and I'll post a review. In addition, if there is a particular subject(s) you would like me to cover, let me know.

- **What's Out There, or Fun & Informative School Library Blogs:** It's important, albeit time consuming, to keep up with everything that is going on out there in the school library world. Let these talented bloggers help you stay plugged in to what is happening outside your library doors. From Mrs. Yingling's readers advisory blog (this woman must read instead of sleep) to the high-energy Daring Librarian, these folks cover a lot of ground. A few of them are the rock stars of the school library world and well worth following.
- **Fundraising and Grants:** Raise your hand if you need more money! This section has a list of the organizations that give money and the websites that can connect you to the people who will fund you. There are grant opportunities of all types and sizes and a few fundraising sites that are quick and easy. Take a look and see if one is a good fit for you. Check back often because this list changes. Please contact me if you have questions about grant writing.

- **Common Core in the Library:** You've probably noticed lately that no list of anything about school is complete without referring to CCSS. Our Common Core section is school library-centric. The websites here will help you find *free* resources for your teachers as well as for your students. There are scaffolded reading lists to help students improve their reading skills, sources for primary source documents, and advice from experts. We add to this section frequently but keep it tailored to the needs of the library. Well, there is one teaching resource, to help you with your own lesson plans.
- **Letters About Literature:** If you haven't heard of this program sponsored by the Center for the Book at the Library of Congress, take a look at this section. State and national winners in three age categories are selected from personal letters students write to authors. Idaho's 2013 winners were selected from Moscow, Boise, Hailey, Meridian, McCammon, Middleton, and Viola.
- **All Things Digital:** Here we've included resources to help you manage your library's digital resources, rather than listing all the resources themselves. Every school has different needs, so these are materials that will help you choose the tools that are right for you.

Coming Soon!

- **Subject Guides:** This part of the website is currently under construction. Please send your suggestions on hot topics in your school to jeannie.standal@libraries.idaho.gov.

We hope you've enjoyed your tour of the ICfL School Library Website. Please exit to the right and don't forget your belongings. Return to the website often to see what's new.

See you next month!



UPCOMING EVENTS

Youth Services Fall Training

Fizz, Boom, Summer Reading: The Big Bang of Programming

This year's fall training will focus on **Best Practices in Summer Reading Programming**. Public and school librarians are encouraged to attend this day-long free workshop. Each region will have the opportunity to customize a portion of the afternoon session. If you are interested in joining the planning committee for your region, please contact [Staci Shaw](#).

Registration begins at 8:30 am, and the workshops are held from **9:00 am to 4:00 pm**. To see an agenda with list of topics [click here](#). To register for a workshop in your area, click on the links below.

October 18: [Coeur d'Alene](#), Best Western CDA Inn – Deadline to register is October 11

October 22: [Boise](#), Boise Hotel and Conference Center -- Deadline to register is October 15

October 25: [Pocatello](#), Clarion Inn -- Deadline to register is October 18

Family Reading Week 2013



Get ready to celebrate Idaho Family Reading Week and spark imagination, curiosity, and fun at the library.

Look for a postcard containing a link to great marketing and programming resources around the end of September. We decided to save money by not purchasing CDs this year and placing the resources on the website instead. Let us know what you think and how it works for you. That website will be live once postcards are sent out.

This year we will be providing beautiful *Imagination Journals* to every library that registers for FRW. These little booklets may be handed out to families to help spark their child's imagination. Families can draw pictures, record fun ideas, or share dreams -- whatever they can imagine can go into the journal.

We will also be providing hardcover books tied to this year's theme to the first 140 libraries that register. So don't delay!

Register

Plan to Go to ILA at the Nampa Civic Center

The Idaho Library Association (ILA) Annual Conference will be held October 2-4 at the Nampa Civic Center. Grants for first-time conference attendance need to be in by the end of this week. Contact Shirley Biladeau at 1-800-458-3271 for more information.

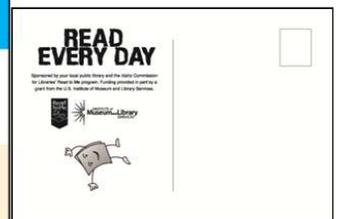
Check out the new ILA website at www.idaholibraries.org.

TIPS AND TOOLS

Second Wave of Promotional Postcards Available!

TumbleBooks and DayByDayID.org promotional postcards are still available. If you want to promote these great services to your community, please fill out [this short survey](#), and we will do all the work for you! Customized postcards will be drop-shipped to your door – including postage!

On the survey you will be asked to provide the URL you want to direct families to in order to access these great sites, so make sure you have them both up and running before you start promoting! Need help? Check out the resource page for TumbleBooks and DayByDayID.org [HERE](#).



Global Cardboard Challenge

Sign-ups in Idaho are skyrocketing! We have received [national attention](#) for our efforts to get libraries, schools, and other community organizations signed up to host events this September and October.

It's super easy, fun AND helps encourage imagination and creativity. They have created an [Organizer Playbook](#) to provide you with all the help you need.

Here are some updates from the Imagination Foundation regarding the challenge:

- **Fun News!** - As of last week, we have a total of [40 countries](#) participating in the Global Cardboard Challenge (including Thailand, Finland, Kenya, Ecuador and Belarus) and our little BOSS, Caine, was recently offered a [trip to yes, space](#).
- **Frequently Asked Questions** - If you've been wondering about how to promote your Cardboard Challenge, fundraising, or hosting your event before/after Oct 5th, check out our [updated FAQ](#) and wonder no more.
- **Get Free Cardboard** - Our national 'Challenge America' sponsor, Mattress Firm, is collecting recycled boxes and craft supplies at their [1100+ locations](#) and generously delivering free cardboard and materials to local schools and organizations hosting a Cardboard Challenge. If you're in the U.S., contact: www.mattressfirm.com/play to coordinate. (Do it soon!)
- **Kid-friendly Tools**
Get some awesome, reusable Cardboard Challenge tools from our friends at Makedo: <https://mymakedo.com/cardboard-challenge>. (15% of proceeds will go to the Imagination Foundation and parts can be saved for next year).

Register

Pledge to Play Nice



Bullying is a nationwide issue on playgrounds, in classrooms, at home, and online. The topic is both sensitive and timely, and now more than ever it needs to be addressed.

Take the Pledge to Play Nice with Llama Llama!

More Info

The Google Art Project

Virtually visit museums from all over the world. Also links to two other very cool Google cultural art projects. Tons of uses in the academic world AND just plain fun! www.google.com/culturalinstitute

Keep the Lights On Afterschool

Each October, thousands of communities nationwide celebrate Lights On Afterschool to shine a light on the afterschool programs that keep kids safe, inspire them to learn and help working families. Celebrate Lights On Afterschool, a project of the Afterschool Alliance, at your library on October 17! Learn more about the event, get the [Event Planning Kit](#), register your programs, and more at the [website](#).

Live Webcast with Kevin Henkes!



SPONSORED BY: Greenwillow Books, an imprint of HarperCollins Publishers, and *School Library Journal*

EVENT TIME: Tuesday, September 17, 2013, 2:00 - 3:00 PM EST/11:00-12:00 PM PST

Kevin Henkes is the creator of nearly 50 books for children. He has written both picture books and novels; his picture books include *Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse*; *Chrysanthemum*; and *Kitten's First Full Moon*, a winner of the Caldecott Medal. Among his novels are the Newbery Honor Book *Olive's Ocean* and the upcoming middle grade novel *The Year of Billy Miller*.

Come hear Kevin talk about his work, his inspirations, and *The Year of Billy Miller*--an acclaimed and irresistible story about friendship, siblings, and the perils of elementary school. And take this chance to ask him your questions live!

Register

Family Volunteer Day this November 23rd



Family Volunteer Day, a Points of Light signature day of service, demonstrates and celebrates the power of families who volunteer together, supporting their neighborhoods, communities and the world. For 22 years, Family Volunteer Day has been held on the Saturday before Thanksgiving to "kick-off" the holiday season with giving and service. This year Family Volunteer Day takes place on November 23rd.

Given the timing of the event, you could tie into this year's Family Reading Week as well! Visit their site to get a family toolkit, a resource guide, and so much more!

More Info

Foundation for Rural Service Grant

As part of its ongoing commitment to rural communities across the country, the Foundation for Rural Service provides annual grants for communities served by NTCA members. The goal of this program is to support local efforts to build and sustain a high quality of life in rural America. Grants will be concentrated in four major areas, Business Development; Community Development; Education; and Telecommunications.

Grants can range from \$250 to \$5,000 that go back in to rural communities every year. The Foundation will give priority to proposals that foster collaboration among different community agencies, and local government, reflect a comprehensive approach to community development, promote community participation and engagement, and make rural communities a better place to live and work. The 2013 FRS Grant Program is now open.

Apply

More Info

Back-to-School Booklist to Combat First Day Jitters

As kids across the nation head back to school, Reach Out and Read is helping children enter the classroom with the foundational skills and nurturing parent-child relationships critical to academic - and life - success. Share the doctor-recommended "Back-to-School" book list with a loved one today! These stories help ease a child's back-to-school jitters and create excitement for school and learning.



where great stories begin™

ALSC and LEGO® DUPLO® invite you to thank your public library for making summer reading fun

CHICAGO - The Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC) and LEGO® DUPLO® continue to support constructive play in libraries through the 2013 LEGO DUPLO Read! Build! Play! giveaway.

With school doors opening across the country it's hard to believe summer has come to an end. Your public library's hard work this summer has not gone unnoticed. LEGO DUPLO would like to thank public libraries for the creative ways they have made summer reading fun for children with \$5,000 to be used for future children's programs.

Until Oct. 15, 2013 ALSC and LEGO DUPLO invite the public to visit <http://apps.facebook.com/duplo-prod/>, enter their name, state and zip code to vote for their public library. In recognition of all of the meaningful programs, reading lists and activities that are carried out across the country, LEGO DUPLO will grant \$5,000 to the public libraries in the neighborhood with the most entries.

ALSC and LEGO DUPLO have worked together through Read! Build! Play! to bring tools and resources to libraries to help them incorporate constructive play into their programming. To learn more about the partnership please visit <http://readbuildplay.com>.

SUMMER READING NEWS

Call for Ideas for 2015 Heroes Theme

The Collaborative Summer Library Programs (CSLP) is looking forward to having a heroic summer in 2015 but they need your help.

Children's Slogan: "Every Hero Has a Story"

Please send all ideas to Children's Manual Editor [Amanda Struckmeyer](#). They should be intended for Grades K-4 and families. Any tips on making them inclusive are welcome also. To see the working chapter headings and some suggestions from the CSLP annual meeting click "continue reading." Deadline for ideas is **September 30, 2013**.

[Continue reading...](#)

Early Literacy Slogan: "Every Hero Has a Story"

The Collaborative Summer Libraries Program (CSLP) would like your ideas for activities, crafts, programs, exploration stations, books, and music for babies, toddlers, and preschoolers for the slogan, "Every Hero Has a

Story." Please send all ideas to Children's Manual Editor [Amanda Struckmeyer](#). To see chapter headings click below. **Deadline is September 30, 2013.**

Continue reading...

Teen Slogan: "Unmask!"

Participants at the CSLP annual meeting in April brainstormed a list of possible program and event ideas. [See list](#). Please add your own ideas, or expand on the ideas that are listed, and send to **Patti Sinclair** (trishsinclair@sbcglobal.net). Deadline is **November 15, 2013**.

Adult Slogan: "Escape the Ordinary"

If you have ideas for programs or **decorating/display** ideas, send them in **with details** along with any special space or personnel needs. Portable program ideas and ideas for reaching underserved populations are needed, as are crossword puzzles, quizzes or other reproducibles. Send all ideas to Adult Manual Editor **Patti Sinclair** by **November 15, 2013**. To see the chapter headings and some suggestions from the CSLP annual meeting click below.

Continue reading...

FEATURE ARTICLE

Idaho Elementary Schools Receive Funds to Help Serve Youngest Students

Elementary school libraries play a vital role in ensuring Idaho children develop strong literacy skills, starting in the earliest grades. Unfortunately many Idaho elementary schools have not been able to allow children in developmental preschool programs, kindergarten, and even first graders to check out books to take home. Last year the Idaho Commission for Libraries was able to offer mini-grants to schools to help increase access to books, and this year 23 Idaho elementary schools are receiving grant funds to improve collections for these young students and change check-out practices.

The 2012 Idaho Comprehensive Literacy Plan states "school libraries should have a minimum of 20 books per child to enable children to take multiple books home at each visit. This figure also takes into consideration the needs of teachers to have access to quality trade books to support the Common Core. In addition, it is recommended that ... two new books per child should be added to the school library collection each year to allow for the addition of important new titles. Books and other literary materials must be updated annually. . . . Research suggests that at least five to eight books per child [are] necessary to support choice and motivation to read. "



Taft Elementary was a 2012-13 mini-grant site. Students there enjoyed the new books.

Data from the Commission's September 2012 Public Elementary School Library Study by Dr. Roger Stewart shows that most school districts spend very little if anything on reading materials for their elementary school libraries. The 2013 average price for a new hardback children's book is \$19.03 (School Library Journal, 6/2013). Dr. Stewart's

study found that 62 percent of Idaho elementary school libraries reported annual book budgets from their districts of under \$1,000 – which would purchase a maximum of 52 books. Twenty-eight percent had budgets of under \$100 – which would purchase a maximum of five books. These numbers fall extremely short of the Literacy Plan’s recommendations.

Most Idaho elementary school libraries have insufficient budgets to provide quality, age-appropriate books for their students to either read at school or to take home. With 50 percent of Idaho school children living in poverty, many of them are not likely to have age-appropriate reading material at home. The result is that many Idaho children do not have access to enough reading materials to become proficient readers, the basis required for all other learning.

ICfL received 59 applications this year, requesting a total of \$242,000. Schools that had developmental preschool programs on school grounds and high levels of student poverty were ranked highest. Grants ranging from \$1,000 to \$5,000 were awarded to the following elementary schools.

Fox Hollow Elementary, Idaho Falls	Desert Sage Elementary, Meridian School District
Horseshoe Bend Elementary	Orofino Elementary
Valley View Elementary, Bonners Ferry	Shadow Hills Elementary, Boise
Burton Elementary, Rexburg	Lewis & Clark Elementary, Caldwell
Inkom Elementary	Kootenai Elementary
Henry's Fork Elementary, St. Anthony	New Plymouth Elementary
Malad Elementary	Fruitland Elementary
Purple Sage Elementary, Middleton School District	Troy Elementary
Ririe Elementary Pre K-1	Murtaugh Elementary
Maxine Johnson Elementary, Parma	Culdesac Elementary
Hillcrest Elementary, Boise	Highland Elementary, Craigmont
Woodrow Wilson Elementary, Caldwell	

The Idaho Commission for Libraries is requesting an additional \$100,000 during the upcoming legislative session to ensure more schools can improve their collections and help meet the needs of emerging readers. Research shows that the best way to improve a child’s reading skills to assure that s/he has convenient access to reading materials.

“When children have access to books, they read them, and when they read a lot or have parents reading to them on a regular basis, all aspects of literacy improve,” Project Coordinator Stephanie Bailey-White said. “Idaho’s school and public libraries need to offer strong collections of quality, age-appropriate books for young children as part of the effort to have Idaho’s young children reading proficiently and at grade level.”

The evaluation of last year’s Read to Me Mini-grants completed by Boise State University Literacy Professor Dr. Roger Stewart showed strong positive results. “Young children had dramatically increased access to books resulting in them, their teachers, and their parents/caregivers becoming excited about books and reading. The access and

excitement led to substantial shifts in self-reported parent/caregiver behaviors in the home. These included increased amounts of reading to their children, and more discussion of the books read. . . . [this is] another example of a highly-effective, relatively low-cost program expertly developed and administered by ICfL staff," Stewart wrote.

For more information about the mini-grant program, please contact Stephanie at the Idaho Commission for Libraries.

CE NEWS YOU CAN USE

Free Webinars



Join national early childhood experts Cate Heroman and Carol Aghayan for an engaging, lively session about story retelling. During **this webinar**, you will learn what story retelling is and why it is an important. You will also find out how story retelling skills develop over time and the key role teacher-child interactions play in scaffolding and guiding literacy learning. You'll be inspired by the many creative, innovative ideas that you can use to pass on to teachers to enhance story retelling throughout your program.

[More Info](#)

Sept. 17

[What's New in Youth Nonfiction: Fall 2013 \(Booklist\)](#)

Don't miss the latest titles from three top youth nonfiction publishers in this free, hour-long webinar! Join representatives from Boyds Mills Press, DK, and Simon & Schuster to learn about new nonfiction titles, plus ways to incorporate these titles in the library and classroom.

Sept. 24: Book It: Fall Titles for Youth

[Book It: Fall Titles for Youth \(Booklist\)](#)

Get the inside scoop on new youth titles for fall and beyond. Representatives from Annick Press, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, Running Press, and Teacher Created Library Materials will spotlight their favorite upcoming fiction and nonfiction titles.

Sept. 26: Fall Teen Book Buzz

[Fall Teen Book Buzz \(School Library Journal\)](#)

Summer vacations and summer reading programs are just distant memories now. School is back in session, and now it's time to restock the library shelves! Join us for our fall Teen Book Buzz webcast to be sure you have the latest releases ready for your teen readers.

MULTICULTURAL CONNECTIONS

Looking for Great Bilingual Books?

Here are a few resources to help you find some great books for your collection!

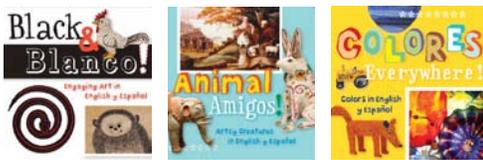
Chicago Public Library has several booklists of Spanish-language materials for birth to 5 years:

- [Libros Hacen el Mejor Empiezo](#) (Books Make the Best Beginning)
- [Lean Juntos, Lean en Voz Alta](#) (Read Together, Read Aloud)
- [Preparete, kindergarten! Alla voy!](#)
- [Leer de Verdad](#) (Read for Real - Informational Books)

Other Booklists

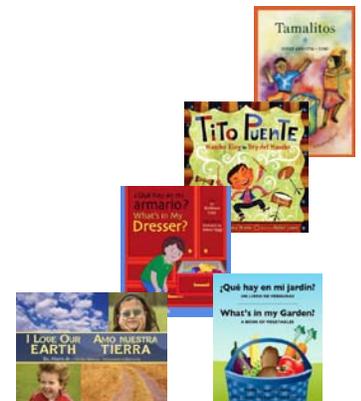
- [Children's Hispanic Booklist](#) - Compiled by ICfL
- [Latino Young Adult Fiction Booklist](#)
- Hennepin County Library - Birth to Six Booklist (Spanish and English)
- [Cada Niño Listo para Leer](#) - Washington County Cooperative Library Services, several booklists for children ages birth to five years.
- [Bilingual Books for Kids, Inc.](#)
- [Barefoot Books for Kids](#)

Arte Kids Book Series



Bilingual books with publication dates in 2013:

- *Tamalitos: Un Poema Para Cocinar = A Cooking Poem*, by Jorge Argueta
- *Tito Puente, Mambo King = Tito Puente, Rey del Mambo*, by Monica Brown
- *Que Hay En Mi Jardin? (What's in My Garden?) (Lift-The-Flap Book) (Board Book)*, by Cheryl Christian
- *Que Hay En Mi Comoda? (What's in My Dresser?) (Board Book)*, by Kathleen Rizzi
- *I Love Our Earth = Amo Nuestra Tierra*, by Bill Martin Jr. & Michael Sampson



KNOW THE NUMBERS

Poverty in Idaho

Just the facts ma'am- As we've been discussing some of the attributes of poverty in Idaho, there was an informative article by Audrey Dutton in the *Idaho Statesman* on 8/2/2012.

- 227,000 people received food stamps in June -- 63 percent were children, elderly, or people with disabilities
- 245,000 people were on Medicaid in June – 9 percent were working-age adults without disabilities
- 101,937 people received emergency food support in the last fiscal year
- About 65 percent were working-age adults
- 18 percent of them had jobs.

Tom Shanahan, from the Department of Health and Welfare said, "We must include integrated and supported services that help families get into and stay in the workforce to take advantage of new opportunities unfolding as the economy improves, so people can pave their own path out of poverty and into the mainstream of Idaho's economy."

STEM IS EVERYWHERE

Fun with Math & Science Workshops Continue to Engage Families

~Submitted by Megan Egbert

Meridian Library at Cherry Lane held their second Fun with Math and Science Program in September. The families really enjoyed the program, especially the hands on stations. Some of the favorites were "Milk Explosion," "Pattern Bead Bracelets," and the building area which featured Straws and Connectors and blocks. The next morning one of the participants ran in and told us how much he loved the new games. His mom said after they left he spent 1.5 hours playing the [online STEM gameboard](#). Thanks for all the resources ICfL. We love doing this program!



BOOK LOOK

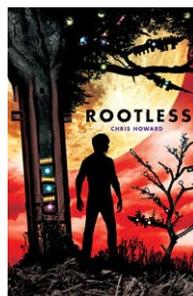
Teens' Top Ten News

Voting for the 2013 Teens' Top Ten started on Thursday, August 15 and will be open through October 19. Encourage your teens to vote for their favorite titles from the 28 nominees at www.ala.org/yalsa/reads4teens/

Best Recent Dystopian Reads for Teens

Compiled from yalsa-bk listserv

1. *Unwind*, by Neal Shusterman
2. *Partials*, (series) by Dan Wells
3. *Ash Fall*, (series) by Mike Mullen
4. *Divergent*, by Veronica Roth
5. *The Hunger Games*, by Suzanne Collins
6. *Rootless*, by Chris Howard
7. *Ship Breaker*, (series) by Paolo Bacigalupi (x4)
8. *Chaos Walking*, (series) by Patrick Ness (x4)
9. *Pure*, by Julianna Baggott (x3)
10. *Orleans*, by Sherri L. Smith
11. *The Summer Prince*, by Alaya Dawn Johnson
12. *The 5th Wave*, by Rick Yancey
13. *Legend*, by Marie Lu
14. *The Program*, by Suzanne Young
15. *Ready Player One*, by Ernest Cline (x2)
16. *Maggot Moon*, by Sally Gardner
17. *Parable of the Sower*, by Octavia Butler



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