

The Scoop

Fun, inspiring and innovative ideas for library youth services

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- **Info to Go** session on serving rural teens, February 9, 12:30 (MST).
- **Teen Tech Week**, apply by Feb. 20
- **Teen Video Challenge** entries are due **March 13**
- **Bright Futures Outreach Opportunities**: Apply by March 20.
- Register for **Dia** by **April 3**
- Participate in the **Jump Start Kindergarten** registration program!

WELCOME



By Staci Shaw

January was a busy month, and with the Idaho Legislature in full swing February will be just as exciting. Idaho State Librarian Ann Joslin will present ICfL's 2016 budget request to the Joint Finance and Appropriations Committee (JFAC),

where she'll have the opportunity to showcase some accomplishments and highlights from the Idaho library community. We'll also be accompanying her when she presents to the House and Senate Education Committees about ways in which libraries are contributing to third grade reading proficiency.

Throughout the year consider inviting your local legislators to library or outreach events so they know about all the diverse ways the library serves the community. If you're not sure who your legislators are, visit: <http://legislature.idaho.gov/who'smylegislator.htm>

Last minute Valentine's Day display ideas:

Sweet Reads

My Undead Valentine

Make a heart from a poem (left)

Over the Top!

Bulletin Boards

Library Lover's Outreach and More

"Blind Date" Teen Book Displays: [So Tomorrow Blog](#); [Wrapped Up in Books](#); [Oldham County High Library](#)

Anti-Valentine's Day: [Library of Michigan Share Site](#); [Tweens](#)



LIBRARY TO LIBRARY

Steal this Great Idea from Twin Falls Public

Twin Falls Public Library celebrated a “Cabin Fever Day” by hosting a Story Walk from 2-4 p.m. Families began at the library then took a walk through City Park -- jazzed up with a winter story and scavenger hunt along the way. When they finished, they turned in their scavenger hunt papers and warmed up with hot chocolate or cider at the Library. Great idea!



PNLA Young Reader’s Choice Voting

~ by Kathy Stalder, Boise Public Library

The Young Reader’s Choice Awards are still going strong. I’m happy to say that several librarians and teachers contacted me last year to say that they were participating for the first time – great news! As we are fully into YRCA season, here are some highlights to be thinking about:

- Voting on the YRCA 2015 nominees will run from March 15th through April 15th. Once you have your final tallies in, please send them to me at kstalder@cityofboise.org
 - o To help facilitate voting, here is a [ballot](#) if you would like to use it.
- Please send me your **nominations for 2016** as soon as possible! Children, teachers, parents and librarians are welcome to send me nominations. The criteria include:
 - o Fiction, non-fiction, graphic novels and manga are all welcome
 - o Potential titles are those published three years prior to the award year (so 2013 pub date for the coming 2016 voting period)
 - o Printed in the U.S. or Canada
 - o Already favorites with readers
 - o Please email me the following information to make a nomination:
 - Title
 - Author
 - Division where you feel the title is most appropriate
 - Junior Division: Grades 4-6
 - Middle Division: Grades 7-9
 - Senior Division: Grades 10-12

If any of you have fun ideas to promote the YRCAs and would like to share, please send them to me. I would be happy to compile suggestions and get them out to everyone to enhance the creative process.

Thank you all for participating in the YRCAs!!

– Kathy Stalder, Collection Development Librarian, Boise Public Library kstalder@cityofboise.org

YOUNG ADULT CORNER



Teen Tech Week

Celebrate with the “**Libraries are for Making...**” theme during YALSA’s Teen Tech Week **March 8-14, 2015**. Demonstrate the value your library gives to the community by offering teens a space to extend learning beyond the classroom where they can explore, create and share content.

The Commission encourages you and your teens to Make _____ at the Library. Fill in the blank and have some fun this Teen Tech Week. Any time during the month of March you and your teens can join the maker movement and get making! Then all you need to do is submit your favorite creation for final judging by Commission staff and the Idaho library community.

The top 5 most popular and innovative ideas will receive innovative “making” tools and materials.

Deadline to register February 20, 2015

[Register](#)

[Learn More](#)

2015 Teen Read Week™ Theme Announced

Thanks to everyone who voted! The official theme for Teen Read Week 2015 is...“Get Away @ your library” and will take place October 18-24. Don't forget to sign up for free as an online community member on the official [Teen Read Week website](#) to receive announcements about updated artwork, resources, and more that will be coming this spring!

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SCHOOL ZONE

Best Practice of the Month: Develop the Graphic Novel Collection

Hurray! The 2015 Youth Media Awards were announced earlier this week at the ALA Mid-Winter meeting! Another hurray! There were a couple of graphic novels that made honors lists! *El Deafo* by Cece Bell earned a Newbery Honor and *This One Summer* by Julian and Mariko Tamaki brought home both a Caldecott and a Printz Honor (that's not something that happens every day). For years graphic novels have been racking up quite a few prestigious awards, and not just from ALA. In 1992, *Maus* by Art Spiegelman won a Pulitzer Prize, and more recently, *Can't We Talk About Something More Pleasant* by Roz Chast was a finalist in 2014 for non-fiction, to name a few. The perception of graphic novels and comics has moved from cheesy superhero and Loony Toons with questionable value, to real literature for children and adults.



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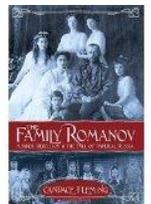
Low-Hanging Fruit Newsletter: Freshmen and Research at the University of Idaho

"Low-Hanging Fruit" is a newsletter that school librarians can print and give to teachers, administrators, parents, counselors, etc. Page Two is blank so that you can customize with your own school library news and resources. The February issue shares how to help high school students be ready for the kinds of research needed in college courses.

Access this month's issue and back issues at <http://libraries.idaho.gov/low-hanging-fruit>.

Nonfiction Book of the Month:

Fleming, Candace. *The Family Romanov: Murder, Rebellion, and the Fall of Imperial Russia*. New York: Schwartz & Wade Books, an imprint of Random House, 2014.



It is a skilled writer that can keep readers in suspense, even when they know the outcome of the story. Candice Fleming tells this compelling story of the last ruling Romanovs, and helps us make sense of the situation by taking a few pages at the beginning to explain some aspects of Russian protocol and custom to do with the characters and the timeline.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

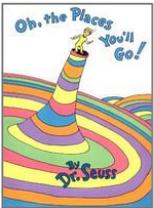
SLJ's Battle of the Books

The annual School Library Journal Battle of the Books is underway! Sixteen juvenile and YA books are chosen each year, and in the spirit of the college basketball playoffs they are separated in brackets and judged. The winners of each bracket advance to the next round, and the final "battle" occurs March 31. Judges include favorite authors and illustrators of children's and YA literature. The 2015 Contender's List has been announced, and the judges will be announced one per day beginning February 4. Visit the SLJ website to see how your public or school library can participate in this fun alternative to March Madness!



[More Info](#)

Read Across America Day: March 2, 2015



Oh, the Places You'll Go when you read!. March 2, 2015 is NEA's Read Across America Day and this year the book is the Seuss classic, *Oh, The Places You'll Go*. To make your event *Seussational*, go to [Plan a Reading Event](#) for Read Across America for tips and ideas to plan your own event. Be sure to follow Read Across America on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) with #readacrossamerica.

TIPS AND TOOLS

ICF Regional Competitive Grant Cycles

Northern Region: closed

Eastern Region: Opens Feb. 1, closes April 1. Distribution is scheduled to begin in September. Open to applicants from Bannock, Bear Lake, Bingham, Bonneville, Butte, Caribou, Clark, Custer, Franklin, Fremont, Jefferson, Lemhi, Madison, Oneida, Power and Teton counties.

Southwestern Region: Opens May 1, closes July 1. Distribution is scheduled to begin in December. Open to applicants from Ada, Adams, Blaine, Boise, Camas, Canyon, Cassia, Elmore, Gem, Gooding, Jerome, Lincoln, Minidoka, Owyhee, Payette, Twin Falls, Valley and Washington counties.

[Click here](#) to see a sample Regional Competitive Grant application.

[Click here](#) to see how to apply.

Libri Grants Available

The Libri Foundation is currently accepting applications for its 2015 BOOKS FOR CHILDREN grants. Application deadlines for 2015 are: (postmarked by) January 23 and May 1. Grants will be awarded January 31 and May 15. The names of grant recipients will be posted on the Grant Recipients page within a few days after grants are awarded. Acceptance packets are usually mailed 14-18 days after grants are awarded.

[More Info](#)

Idaho Librarian Survival Guide



Are you new to the Idaho Library Community? Check out this quick guide that contains basic information to help you be successful in your first couple of years as a public or school librarian, library director, trustee, or staff member. Published by the Idaho Commission for Libraries, this helpful Libguide can be accessed at http://guides.lili.org/survival_guide

This guide is not meant to answer all your questions, however, it will get you started and provide reliable contacts to go to for answers. We know that first year or two can be overwhelming, so we have tried to provide information in small snippets, ready to be used.

Newbery and Caldecott Trifold Brochures

The Youth Media Awards (YMA) were announced Feb. 2, including this year's Newbery and Caldecott winners. [These trifold brochures](#) were developed by Jessalyn Gale at the Milwaukie Library in Oregon, and are shared with permission. Feel free to customize.

See our [Book Look](#) section for YMA award winner highlights!

SUMMER READING NEWS

Bright Futures Programs Applications open!

Applications for School Visits, Reaching Underserved Children, and School Partnerships are now open. Before you apply please watch this [webinar](#) about program requirements and components.

[More Info](#)

Free Summer Reading Webinars from Upstart

Unmask! (Teen)

Date: February 25, 2015

Time: 3:00 pm EST / 2:00 pm CST

Presenter: Patti Sinclair, CSLP Manual Editor

With illustrator/cartoonist Hope Larson's graphics and ideas from the teen manual, Patti will help you discover ways to engage teens in learning more about every day and historical heroes and superheroes (and some villains as well), and ways teens can find the hero in themselves.

Register

If you missed the January 29 **Children's and Early Literacy webinar**, you can access it here:
<http://shopcslp.com/cslp/pages/webinars>

Idaho Teens Encouraged to Enter Summer Reading Video Challenge



Teens who create a 30- to 90-second video promoting summer reading at the public library, including their interpretation of the 2015 CSLP teen slogan "Unmask!" can win \$150, and their library will receive prizes worth at least \$50 from CSLP and Demco/Upstart. See the full article below in [Summer Reading News](#) or visit <http://libraries.idaho.gov/Teen-Video-Challenge>. **Entries are due March 13, 2015.**

Bright Futures School Partnerships Applications: Tips

School Partnerships is a great opportunity to work with your local elementary school(s) to increase participation in summer reading programs. February is the best month to schedule your meeting with the school principal and school librarian. As you're working through the planning sheet, **be sure to use the [Library Toolkit](#)**, which contains detailed information about each component of the program. Only staff from public libraries may apply for this program.

Apply

FEATURED:

Idaho's New "Afterschool Network"

We are excited to announce the establishment of the Idaho Afterschool Network (IAN), a statewide network of out-of-school and summer program providers. After eight years, thanks to the vision and perseverance from a key group of dedicated Idahoans, the IAN, with leadership from the Mountain States Group, received a grant from the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation and officially launched a few months ago. The Idaho Commission for Libraries is excited to support the IAN, and we have been invited to serve on the Network's Steering Committee.



Public libraries have a proud tradition of providing out-of-school (OOS) programs and services for youth, and being able to participate in a formal, organized, sustainable effort to add the public library OOS activities to the IAN's efforts will benefit youth and parents alike, especially those challenged by poverty. This partnership is a means of letting more Idahoans know about the rich public library programming offered in their communities.

Project Coordinator Erica Compton will represent ICfL and the Idaho Library Community on the IAN Steering Committee, with support from Project Coordinators Staci Shaw and Stephanie Bailey-White. Staci recently accompanied Marie Hattaway and other steering committee members to the 2015 National Network of Statewide Afterschool Networks Meeting in Dallas. "Many sessions focused on STEM/Makerspaces and Summer Learning programs," said Staci. "It was affirming to see how far the Idaho library community is along those continuums already, and folks were impressed to hear about what is happening here in Idaho. I was honored to be a library ambassador and part of the IAN Team."

To learn more about the Idaho Afterschool Alliance, see idahoafterschoolnetwork.org, or "Like" them on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/idahoafterschoolnetwork>

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CE NEWS YOU CAN USE

Library Services Technology Act – Institute of Museum and Library Services Opportunities:

PCI Webinars

To request access complete the form at <http://libraries.idaho.gov/page/pci-webinars>:

- Feb 5th: *Storytime Tools*, 2:00pm EST
- Feb 10th: *10 Ways of Successfully Dealing with Toxic People*, 10:30am EST
- Feb 12th: *How to Talk to Teens About Books*, 2:00pm EST

Infopeople

Course – 4 week online -- To request access complete the form at <http://libraries.idaho.gov/page/infopeople>

- *Reel in Readers: Connecting Youth to Books through Video* Mar 17 - Apr 13, 2015

The following webinars are free – No registration required – Just click on link day of event:

- *Sensory-Enhanced Storytimes* -- Wednesday, February 11, 2015 at 12 noon to 1 p.m.
- *Introduction to Intellectual Freedom in Libraries – 2015 Update* -- Tuesday, February 17, 2015 at 12 noon to 1 p.m.
- *Teen Learning Labs* -- Tuesday, February 24, 2015 at 12 noon to 1 p.m.

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2015 Libraries Building Community Summit

If your public library is thinking of planning a community-based project for Summer Reading, Summer Slide, Make It or other library programming, consider participating in the [2015 Libraries Building Community Summit](#) to be held April 29 and 30 in Boise.

The Idaho Commission for Libraries is accepting applications for the 2015 Libraries Building Community Summit. Up to 10 Idaho libraries will be selected to participate in this year's event.

[Learn More](#)

MULTICULTURAL CONNECTIONS

Get ready for Día 2015!

2015 Registration Opens

El día de los niños/El día de los libros (Children's Day/Book Day), known as Día, is a celebration EVERY DAY of children, families, and reading that culminates every year on April 30. The celebration emphasizes the importance of advocating literacy for children of all linguistic and cultural backgrounds.

The 2015 opportunity is **open to the first 15 publicly funded libraries** that submit an application and agree to complete the following requirements:

- Host at least one culturally relevant event specifically celebrating Día during the month of April 2015.
- Partner with at least one other business or group in your community to host your event. (Eligible partners could include schools, businesses, organizations, or local government agencies.)
- Submit final report to ICFL including:
 - Short summary of events/program hosted, including information on partner(s)
 - Pictures of events/programs (Remember to get photo releases if necessary for your library)
 - Data on number of people participating in Día event (adults and children)
 - Data on the number of new library cards issued (if applicable)

Eligible libraries will receive:

- Hardcover children's books
- Paperback (English, Spanish and bilingual) books to hand out during events
- One 2'x5' vinyl Día banner (if you **have not** received in the past)
- Día posters to share with partners

[Register](#)

by April 3.



KNOW THE NUMBERS

Idaho College and Career-Ready Tools

Two new resources were recently made available to help provide facts and information about Idaho's college and career-readiness:

The Idaho Education Field Guide, produced by Idaho Business for Education and the J.A. and Kathryn Albertson Foundation, is a wealth of information. The online version can be found at

http://issuu.com/jkaf/docs/idaho_ed_field_guide_v2. Some facts from the Field Guide:

- More than 7 in 10 students (77%) in Idaho attend schools receiving Title 1 funds.
- The proportion of white non-Hispanic students declined from 90 percent in 1992-93 to 77 percent in 2014.
- In reading and math, more than 6 in 10 of Idaho 4th and 8th graders have not reached the level of "Proficient," as defined by NAEP.

The Idaho Public Television's recent broadcast, 'Journey to College,' provided valuable information to many students and parents around the state. Following is a link to the online video of the broadcast. Please feel free to share this broadcast or link with anyone who might be interested in viewing. A link is also available on the website of the Idaho State Board of Education. <http://video.idahoptv.org/video/2365412316/>

STEAM IS EVERYWHERE

Make It at the Library Year Three Underway

Make It at the Library- the Commission's project to implement makerspaces in public libraries across Idaho had another successful and exciting year in 2014. Each of the six new libraries and returning five libraries embraced "making" and pushed the boundaries of programming with tweens and teens. Each library met and exceeded every expectation and demonstrated innovation, creativity, and drive in the implementation of the project. These successes made us even more excited to open up the opportunity to additional libraries for our third year.



We received ten excellent applications representing libraries from rural communities, small towns, and from many regions across the state. After careful review, we are pleased to announce that the following libraries have been invited to participate in the third year of the project:

- Bear Lake County District Library
- Burley Public Library
- Caldwell Public Library
- DeMary Memorial Library
- Marshall Public Library
- North Bingham County District Library
- Payette Public Library

- Shoshone Public Library

In addition, the Commission asked two school libraries to pilot the project this year. We are pleased to announce that Centennial High School and Heritage Middle School, both in the West Ada County District have agreed to pilot the project. The school library staff will each work with two teachers to design and implement activities to support common core requirements using emerging technologies. It will be exciting to learn how making can support Common Core Standards.

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LEGO® Kit Donations Appreciated!

The ALSC/LEGO Junior Maker Space Project provided bins of LEGOs to libraries across the US. If you received one of the 15 kits distributed in Idaho, please share your story with us. How are you using the kits? What has been the reaction? Send us a brief write-up and pictures like Tammy at BPL did below!

“Just wanted to thank you again for the generous Lego donation. We held our first programs yesterday and stuffed 64 kids and parents in the Sycamore Room. It was so soooo great!”

~Tammy at Boise Public Library, Collister



And don't forget to check out the ALSC/LEGO Junior Maker Librarian Toolkit! It's now available for download on the ALSC website: www.ala.org/alsc/junior-maker-space

This toolkit is part of the ALSC/LEGO Junior Maker Space project which works to bring Junior Maker Spaces to libraries across the country. This project focuses on giving children ages 4 to 6 areas to make and create in their local libraries. This toolkit was created by LEGO with input from members of ALSC's Early Childhood Programs and Services Committee.

Free App on the Human Body

Lawrence Hall of Science has released the DIY Human Body app (for iPhones and iPads) which allows families and educators to investigate and learn about the human body at home, at school, or anywhere you go! The app provides 13 free, easy to use, hands-on activities, plus videos, and much more! Each activity includes material lists, step-by-step



instructions, and detailed explanations. The activity materials are widely available and inexpensive, and you probably have many of them in your own home. The free app is available for iOS 7 and above.

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STEAM-Y Ideas

The alsc-I listserv had a robust discussion about STEAM Activities and Samantha Nicholson, a Children's Librarian in Eastlake, OH, was kind enough to compile and share some of the great ideas:

100+ Preschool Science Activities:

<http://preschoolpowolpackets.blogspot.com/2014/11/100-preschool-science-activities.html>

Library STEAM Pinterest:

<https://www.pinterest.com/dklibrarian/library-related-steam/>

Library Makers – Hands-on learning for all ages:

<http://librarymakers.blogspot.com/search/label/WonderWorks>

Read Sing Play – Includes many STEAM activities:

<https://klmpeace.wordpress.com/category/steam/>

The Show Me Librarian – All Things STEAM

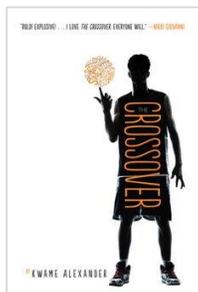
<http://showmelibrarian.blogspot.com/p/all-things-steam.html>

ALA YOUTH MEDIA AWARDS 2015 ANNOUNCED!

On Monday, Feb. 2 the American Library Association (ALA) announced the top books, video and audio books for children and young adults that were published in 2014. A link to the complete list of winners and honors is [HERE](#).

Here are some highlights:

John Newbery Medal for the most outstanding contribution to children's literature:

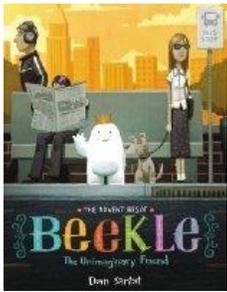


The Crossover, by Kwame Alexander

Honors: *El Deafo*, by Cece Bell; *Brown Girl Dreaming*, by Jacqueline Woodson



Randolph Caldecott Medal for the most distinguished American picture book for children:



The Adventures of Beekle: The Unimaginary Friend, written and illustrated by Dan Santat

Honors: *Nana in the City*, written and illustrated by Lauren Castillo; *The Noisy Paint Box: The Colors and Sounds of Kandinsky's Abstract Art*, illustrated by Mary GrandPré written by Barb Rosenstock; *Sam and Dave Dig a Hole*, illustrated by Jon Klassen, written by Mac Barnett; *Viva Frida*, written and illustrated by Yuyi Morales; *The Right Word: Roget and His Thesaurus*, illustrated by Melissa Sweet, written by Jen Bryant; *This One Summer*, illustrated by Jillian Tamaki, written by Mariko Tamaki

Michael L. Printz Award for excellence in literature written for young adults:

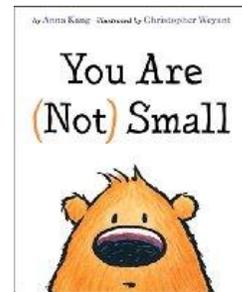
I'll Give You the Sun, by Jandy Nelson



Honors: *And We Stay*, by Jenny Hubbard; *The Carnival at Bray*, by Jessie Ann Foley; *Grasshopper Jungle*, by Andrew Smith; *This One Summer*, by Mariko Tamaki

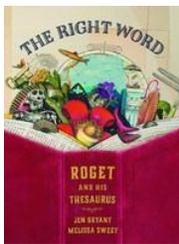
Theodor Seuss Geisel Award for the most distinguished beginning reader book:

You Are (Not) Small, by Anna Kang



Robert F. Sibert Informational Book Award for most distinguished informational book for children:

The Right Word: Roget and His Thesaurus, by Jen Bryant



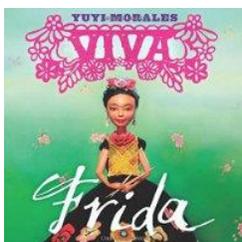
YALSA Award for Excellence in Nonfiction for Young Adults:

Popular: Vintage Wisdom for a Modern Geek, by Maya Van Wagenen

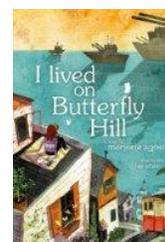


Pura Belpré Awards honoring Latino writers and illustrators whose books best portray, affirm, and celebrate the Latino cultural experience:

Illustrator: *Viva Frida*, written and illustrated by Yuyi Morales

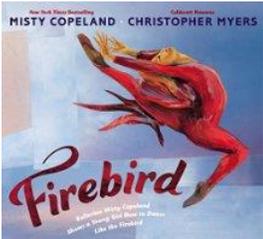


Author: *I Lived on Butterfly Hill*, by Marjorie Agosín



Coretta Scott King Awards recognizing an African American author and illustrator of outstanding books for children and young adults:

Illustrator: *Firebird*, illustrated by Christopher Myers, written by Misty Copeland

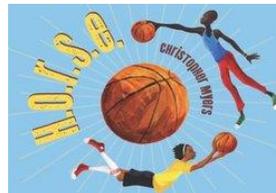


Author: *Brown Girl Dreaming*, by Jacqueline Woodson



Odyssey Award for best audiobook produced for children and/or young adults:

H.O.R.S.E. A Game of Basketball and Imagination, by Christopher Myers, narrated by Dion Graham



SEE ALL Winners and Honors

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