Welcome
By Staci Shaw

We know it’s been a busy summer, and we hope your Hero-themed summer reading programs have been successful and well-attended! We’ve been on the road and out-and-about quite a bit, learning about great literacy and STEM programs, doing committee work, sharing resources, and bragging about the innovative things Idaho librarians are doing to promote reading proficiency and summer learning. In June Staci and Julie attended the Indian Education Summit; Jeannie and Erica attended ALA; Erica attended the Capitol Hill Maker Faire, National Maker Faire, and the White House kick-off to the Week of Making in Washington, DC and the 3D Printing in Education and Accessibility Forum in San Jose; Jeannie attended Facilitation Training in Boston; and Stephanie helped wrap up the recommendations from the Governor’s Reading Task Force. In July we’re doing some site visits, and Jeannie will be hosting the School Librarian Summit in Hailey/Ketchum the week of July 20. Best of luck to you as you finish up your summer adventures!

July is National Ice Cream Month

Take a break from the heat and summer reading programs, scoop up your favorite flavor, and check out all the great content in this month’s issue of The Scoop!

The Scoop Team: (L to R) School Library Consultant Jeannie Standal, and Read to Me Project Coordinators Staci Shaw, Erica Compton, Stephanie Bailey-White, and Julie Armstrong

What flavor ice cream best represents you?
Take this quiz to find out!
LIBRARY TO LIBRARY

Summer Reading Programs off to a great start!
Here are some photos from around the state. Idaho librarians are remarkable heroes!

Clearwater County District - Weippe
(submitted by Dyan Spence): The Weippe Library started their summer reading program off with a bang! We promoted the Every Hero Has a Story at a school assembly with the spectacular help of Timberline High School Principal, Mr. Ball, our school librarian, Billi Cooper, and Cecil the Magician. This year should prove to be a great one for our little readers! We are striving to encourage how important reading is to our children. With the backing of our partner, Timberline High School, we are excited to begin our program on July 1st.

Our guest heroes this summer are: Life Flight, Smoke Jumpers with Smokey Bear, Spalding National Park is representing the coyote as their hero, Back Country Horsemen, and Dog Search and Rescue. Each reader who reads 10 books will get a free Wild Weippe Rodeo ticket, and every student who reaches their Accelerated Reading Score Goal will hop on a bus with their friendly librarians and enjoy a bowling and pizza party!

Lewiston Little Libraries at McGhee Elementary (submitted by Debbie Allen)
Fernan Elementary, Coeur d’Alene (Summer Slide Pilot Site): (Right) Making thaumatrope with school librarian Sarah Murray. The school is open two days per week for four hours each day. Students drop in to check out books, read, and do science and art activities. The school also serves free lunch every day.

Mountain Home Public Library (Submitted by Shasta Bolduc, Program & Service Coordinator). (Below) “The kids have especially liked the decorations and have fun playing in the telephone booth. Not to mention it's been fun seeing how many actually know what a telephone booth is. They've also loved challenging themselves with the laser maze we set up and walking under the Hulks big arms. And they've all measured themselves to see which super hero they measure up to.” (Posted to Facebook on June 17)

We also had a booth at the St. Luke’s Elmore County Children’s Health Fair and our mascot Ted made an appearance there meeting another bear at the Bear Repair booth they had. We let kids fish for prizes and talked about the Summer Reading Program. (Posted to Facebook on June 22)

Check out their Facebook page for more fun pictures at https://www.facebook.com/mountainhomelibrary
Ada Community Library- Hidden Springs Branch (submitted by Mary Allington): (Below) On Thursday June 18th the Hidden Springs Library held a special night just for dads, grandpas, and big brothers: “Superhero Dad Read-In” to celebrate Father’s Day. The night included a story time, book give-away, mask-making, making dirt and worms, drawing a portrait of the dads, special Shaving Dad activity, and for the finale, the kids presented their dad the portrait, a trophy, and shared one special thing they like to do with their dad. We had a super-hero night.

Several Idaho librarians took to the airwaves in June to promote summer reading programs:
Suzanne Davis, East Bonner County Library-Sandpoint Branch, on the KRFY Morning Radio Show, June 16 (interview begins at 35:08)
Natalie Nation, Meridian Library District, on KBOI’s “Idaho Living” segment, June 26
YOUNG ADULT CORNER

Start Planning for Teen Read Week Soon!

Look at all you have access to once you have signed up!

- TRW Presentation (PPT)
- Marketing Tips & Ideas (PPT)
- Sample Press Release (Word)
- Letters to the Editor (Word)
- Sample PSA Scripts (Word)
- Proclamation (Word)
- TRW Flier Template (Word)
- TRW Flier Template 2 (Word)
- TRW General Logo (JPG)
- Publicity Kit (.Zip)
- Nikki Grimes talks about Teen Read Week (video)

Meet Your Maker | Maker Movement

By Matt Enis as written in Library Journal

On June 11, the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), in collaboration with the Congressional Maker Caucus, Maker Media, and Nation of Makers, hosted its first Capitol Hill Maker Faire, featuring a series of panel discussions and an expo open to the public, including members of Congress. Held in conjunction with this year’s National Maker Faire at the University of District of Columbia and the White House National Week of Making, June 12–18, these events indicate the growing interest in our nation’s capital in the Maker movement and its potential implications for education, workforce development, and community building.

Continue Reading…
A Beginner’s Guide to Makerspaces
Tips and tricks from a 1st year maker!

Learn More

SCHOOL ZONE

School’s Out for Summer… See you in September!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Save the Date: Read to Me Rendezvous is November 5-6 in Boise

The Commission for Libraries’ Read to Me team will host a Read to Me Rendezvous this fall aimed at building the capacity of public and school libraries to ensure more Idaho children are reading on grade level. “We’ve hosted 15+ Read to Me meetings in past years, but this will be the first to bring in public and elementary school library staff together to learn and discuss these important issues,” Project Coordinator Stephanie Bailey-White said.

Desired Outcomes for the two-day training include:

- Participants will increase their ability to implement Read to Me/Summer Reading programs in their communities.
- Participants will begin or strengthen partnerships that advance literacy in their communities.
- Participants will increase their knowledge of how to increase access to print in their communities.
- Participants will increase their knowledge of how to share literacy information with parents and stakeholders in their communities.

Watch for more details on how to register and a full agenda in early September and mark your calendars now. You won’t want to miss this!

2015 Idaho AEYC Fall Conference: It Takes a Village: Early Learning Partnerships

Save the Date: The conference will take place September 11 and 12 at The Riverside Hotel in Boise.

Idaho Library Association Annual Conference

October 1 and 2 at the Boise State Student Union in Boise. Preconference September 30.
Idaho Family Reading Week, November 15 – 21

This year’s theme is “Curl up with a Classic,” and will feature those timeless tales families can read together. Postcards with information and links to resources will be sent out the third week of September. Registration to host an event and receive free resources will open once postcards are sent out.

TIPS AND TOOLS

ALA Session Information

Erica had a great time at ALA Annual this June and wanted to share some resources with Idaho libraries from some of the sessions!

Early Literacy Outreach for Teen Parents: Engage & Inspire with ECRR 2.0
Speaker: Corinne Sanchez, Community Services Supervisor, San Antonio Public Library
Speaker: Xelena Gonzalez, Early Literacy Specialist, San Antonio Public Library

The Every Child Ready to Read 2.0 initiative has provided a powerful toolkit for introducing parents to early literacy practices. When those parents also happen to be teenagers, it is essential to take a fun-yet-thoughtful approach to programming. In this session, you will receive reliable, time-tested methods for reaching your teen parent population and introducing the five ECRR practices in a way that is simple, straightforward, and highly interactive. The San Antonio Public Library has impacted a majority of their city’s teen parent population enrolled in school. Learn how you can too.

- Powerpoint Presentation
- Handout 1
- Handout 2

Training Teens for Real-World Work
How library internships and volunteer opportunities provide lifelong skills. Check out the site for more information and ideas.

NASA Explores Pluto This Summer!

On July 14, NASA’s New Horizons spacecraft will become the first mission to get up close and personal with distant Pluto and its moons. The New Horizons mission will help us understand the small, icy worlds at the edge of our solar system. New Horizons launched on January 19, 2006 and will capture the first up-close images of Pluto and its moons on July 14, 2015. As part of an extended mission, the spacecraft is expected to head farther into the Kuiper Belt to examine more icy, mini-worlds.

Download the Libraries’ Guide to Solar System Exploration: The New Horizons Mission at the Pluto System for programming resources. Find online resources for hosting a night sky viewing in partnership with a local amateur astronomy club, as well as information about exploring the solar system and the New Horizons mission to the Pluto system. Connect with social media and STEM events around the nation using NASA’s Pluto Toolkit. Make
your own “planets” out of modeling clay, Styrofoam™ balls, and other common materials, and invite children to plan a mission to explore these “new worlds” using paper towel tube “telescopes.” Find a complete materials list, supporting resources, and facilitation strategies with the Explore! activity planning guide, Strange New Planet.

Are you planning to host a Pluto/New Horizons event? Have you hosted a NASA mission milestone event in the past? We’d love to hear which resources you used and what other types of resources you would like to see! Join the conversation at www.lpi.usra.edu/education/explore/community_corner/?story_id=127!

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**SUMMER READING NEWS**

**Fred Meyer Books – Update**

We recently heard from the Fred Meyer Corporation that they will award our grant request this year. We have an order ready to place just as soon as we receive a check from them. Once the books are in we are prepared with a team to get them processed and shipped to you ASAP. We know the books will come after some of your programs have finished for the summer, but perhaps you can use them for next year. We apologize for any inconvenience—we applied for the grant very early but the Corporation had many requests to consider this year. We are grateful they have decided to help us invest in Idaho children again this summer!

**Summer Reading Program Report due September 16**

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.

This year 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. Click here to see which programs your library will need to supply data for.

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.

**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)!

**Idaho State Parks Passes for Summer Reading still available**

To order passes, simply submit this form.

We have an exorbitant number of passes, so feel free to order as many as you like! We encourage you to order them today!

*Read more about Parks Passes…*
FEATURED:

All About TumbleBooks™
By Erica Compton

Subscription Update
As most of you know ICfL provided a TumbleBooks e-book subscription to every public library in Idaho through Read to Me’s National Leadership Grant “Routes to Reading.” This subscription is provided at no cost to the libraries and the original subscription was set to end October 31, 2015. We are excited to share the great news that we have been able to extend the subscription until June 30, 2016 to provide you with this valuable resource for children and families, especially those with limited access to library services.

At its August 2014 meeting, the Idaho Commission for Libraries’ Board of Commissioners will consider enhancements for its FY2017 budget request, including funds for the annual TumbleBooks subscription on an ongoing basis. If approved by the Board, a request for ongoing funding will be submitted to the Governor’s Office and to the Legislature on September 1. The Governor will release his FY2017 budget recommendations in early January. The Legislature is expected to start setting FY2017 agency budgets in late February 2016, and any new funding would be available July 1, 2016.

Promoting TumbleBooks to Your Community
This month’s Know the Numbers section shares information on how to check your statistics so that you are aware of how your community is using this valuable resource. Follow the simple steps in that section to take a look today, and if the numbers aren’t as high as you would like, then be sure to spread the word about this great reading resource.

Get out of the library and share the information through other community organizations, doctor’s offices, local government and businesses. Usually they will be happy to post flyers for their resources.

Be sure to check out the Marketing Materials link on the TumbleBooks Admin page for buttons, banners, bookmarks, desktops, and more you can use for free. You also have access to the materials that we have developed which can be found at http://libraries.idaho.gov/page/route-2-information-and-resources.

New Authentication Process
This Spring TumbleBooks sent out an email regarding a new authentication process for libraries. You can read the information about that process here: http://libraries.idaho.gov/files/TB-AuthenticationLtr.pdf. Any questions regarding switching over should be directed to our representative Rachela Naccarato at rachela@tumblebooks.com or toll free 1-888-622-9609.
CE NEWS YOU CAN USE

Leadership Development

Accelerator Leadership Workshop – September 30 – ILA Preconference, Boise State University – Registration limited to 50 – Registration will be available at http://idaholibraries.org/conferences/ila-annual-conference/

Must be registered by August 15, 2015. For more information go to http://libraries.idaho.gov/leadership.

Lead the Change – Leadership – November 10 - Boise Public Library – presented by Library Journal – registration for Idaho library staff supported by a grant from the LSTA – Institute of Museum and Library Services.


MULTICULTURAL CONNECTIONS

Leveraging Local Partnerships to Support Immigrant Integration

In Rhode Island, Learning Lounges in public libraries provide space and technology to help adult learners, especially immigrants who study English as a Second Language.

Read full post online at http://blog.imls.gov/?p=5873

Bilingual Storytime Resource

Looking for ideas for your storytimes? Check out Katie Scherrer’s blog ¡Es divertido hablar dos idiomas! -- a place to share books, music, techniques, and all things related to bilingual storytime!

Another ALA Session of Interest

New Immigrants, New Approaches: Serving Your Community's Deep Diversity with Programming and Acquisition

Speaker: Anne Sibley O'Brien, Author/Illustrator
Speaker: Kirsten Cappy, Children's Book Consultant, Curious City

This workshop presented research demonstrating the power of diverse books to reduce prejudice, guidelines and programming models for sharing diverse immigrant stories with communities, book lists, and other resources. The workshop handout can be found here.
KNOW THE NUMBERS

TumbleBooks Usage Statistics
ICFL staff review TumbleBooks stats each month to analyze every library’s usage rates, paying particular attention to libraries with large increases and libraries with little usage.

Here are some statistics from the period from October 2012 through June 2015:

Libraries with over 50,000 views:

- Lewiston City Library
- North Bingham County District Library
- Boise Public Library
- Idaho Falls Public / Bonneville District Library
- Nampa Public Library

37 Libraries have fewer than 100 total views in the same period of time.


When you want to check your stats there is an extremely simple way to find out, and anyone can access the information:

- Click on your TumbleBooks link on your library’s website.
- Click on TumbleBooks Admin at the bottom of the page.
- Usage statistics are listed month by month, back to 2012 when the subscription was purchased.

STEAM IS EVERYWHERE

Integrate Arts to Transform STEM to STEAM

Check out this blog on Edutopia for comprehensive resources on incorporating the Arts into STEM programming. See nine videos on innovative STEAM programs and get resources to do your own.

Continue Reading…
National STEM Video Game Challenge Winner from Idaho!

The National STEM Video Game Challenge announced the winners of its fourth annual competition and one of the winners in the high school division is from Idaho! The winners were recognized at a gaming celebration on June 27 in Pittsburgh at WQED. The top original video games and game design concepts were selected in 14 categories from nearly 4,000 entries. The STEM Challenge, presented by the Smithsonian in partnership with E-Line Media and the Joan Ganz Cooney Center at Sesame Workshop, aims to motivate interest in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) among students in grades 5-12 by tapping into their enthusiasm for playing and making video games.

The STEM Challenge is held in partnership with founding sponsor the Entertainment Software Association, corporate sponsor Bayer, and the support of the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), The Grable Foundation, AARP and Mentor Up.

Summer Learning Ideas

Pinterest site from Design Squad filled with outdoor engineering activities for kids!
https://www.pinterest.com/designsquad/its-summer/

Become An Imagination Chapter!

Remember the Global Cardboard Challenge and Caine’s Arcade?? Then you may know all about the Imagination Chapters. The deadline to apply is July 15 so get started soon if you are interested.

As a Chapter Leader, you will receive numerous resources and support from Imagination HQ. Even more, you’ll participate in a highly sociable network of fellow Chapter Leaders from all over the world, sharing ideas and inspiration.

Some of the resources you will receive:

- Imagination Chapter Toolkit (with logistical help, project ideas and training in Creative Play)
- Materials from Chapter partners (last year’s included Makedo, SparkFun and LittleBits)
- Group video hangouts & workshops
- One-on-one coaching
- Promotion through newsletter, website, The Storybook and social media

Are you ready to apply??
1. Download and read the Chapter Leader Brochure.
2. Read the Chapters Frequently Asked Questions.
3. Fill out the application.

Apply

* Regular deadline is July 15. All Chapters will be selected and notified by the end of July. If you have additional questions, please write chapters@imagination.is and we’ll get right back to you.

Get Moving Game

Invent an indoor game that gets everyone up and moving. Try your hand at invention and design in this activity from Design Squad Nation.

BOOK LOOK

Looking for Great Nonfiction Titles for K-2 Grades?

Read to Me staff recently updated the nonfiction booklist used by many elementary schools in the state as a core collection of good nonfiction titles for students in K-2 grades. There’s also some in there that are appropriate for preschoolers. It’s a good list for public libraries to look at too. Check it out at http://libraries.idaho.gov/files/2015nonfiction-booklist-for-lower-grades.pdf.

100 Books to Read this Summer

http://www.everyday-reading.com/2015/05/100-picture-books-to-read-this-summer.html

Some fun summer releases

Teen readers:
Finding Audrey, by Sophie Kinsella (June 9)
Lair of Dreams: A Diviners Novel, by Libba Bray (August 1)

Middle readers:
Just My Rotten Luck (Middle School #7), by James Patterson (June 13)
Winter Turning (Wings of Fire #07), by Tui T Sutherland (June 30)
The Curious World of Calpurnia Tate (Calpurnia Tate #2), by Jacqueline Kelly (July 7)
The Land of Stories: Beyond the Kingdoms (Land of Stories #4), by Chris Colfer (July 7)
The Dragonfly Effect (the Hypnotists #3), by Gordon Korman (July 28)
Goodbye Stranger, by Rebecca Stead (Aug. 4)
Young readers:
The Pirate Pig, by Cornelia Funke (June 23)
Magic Tree House #53: Shadow of the Shark, by Mary Pope Osborne (June 30)
Ricky Ricotta’s Mighty Robot vs. the Uranium Unicorns from Uranus (Ricky Ricotta #7), by Dav Pilkey (June 30)

Picture books:
Boom Snot Twitty This Way That Way, by Doreen Cronin (June 30)

Talk Back: We welcome your feedback on anything in The Scoop. Just email Stephanie, Staci, or Erica and we’ll print your comments in The Scoop.

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