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Welcome!

~By Staci Shaw

The Read to Me team is delighted to share some fantastic news with our readers:

The Idaho Commission for Libraries is the recipient of a 2012 National Leadership Grant in the amount of \$250,000 for the project: “Routes to Reading: Idaho Paves the Way with Access to Print.” The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) received 125 applications for the National Leadership Grants requesting nearly \$35 million. They selected 45 projects, totaling \$9.5 million. Many of the grant applications, including ours, requested funds to advance the goals of the Campaign for Grade Level Reading, which include supporting school readiness and combating summer learning loss.

“We are excited about the chance to significantly increase the amount of reading done in Idaho homes and child care settings,” says Stephanie Bailey-White. [Read press release here.](#)

The RTM team will present the Routes to Reading project at the Idaho Library Association



Annual Conference in Pocatello next week. The information session will take place during Breakout Session 1: Thursday, October 4, at 11 a.m. We will also have a table in the vendor area with some samples of the Books to Go portion of the project. If you're attending the conference this year, please stop by and check out our display.

We will also outline the project during the October workshops, “Strengthen Your Storytimes,” in Boise, Idaho Falls, and Coeur d’Alene.

We look forward to working with you in the coming years to build on past partnerships and reach more children statewide with access to quality books!

(Left to right: Erica Compton, Julie Armstrong, Stephanie Bailey-White, Staci Shaw)



Dates and Deadlines

- **Idaho Library Association Annual Conference:** October 3-5, 2012 in Pocatello. [Click here for more...](#)
- **Youth Services Fall Training Workshop Dates: Information**
 - [October 15, 2012: Coeur d’Alene](#)
 - [October 17, 2012: Boise](#)
 - [October 19, 2012: Idaho Falls](#)
- **Teen Read Week – *Creature Creation Challenge* registration:** Monday, August 20 - Friday, September 28: www.surveymonkey.com/s/TRW2012
- **Family Reading Week Registration:** Open August 17 – November 2, 2012 at www.surveymonkey.com/s/FRW2012Registration. Complete information can be found on our website [HERE](#).
- **Idaho Early Years Conference:** November 13 – 14, 2012. Registration closes November 7. [Click for details and registration link.](#)

(As of this date 117 of the 130 FRW slots have been filled – so register soon or you will miss out on receiving a fantastic package of literacy resources for your event!)

- You can apply **anytime** for [Idaho Child Care Reads](#), the [Jump Start Kindergarten](#) program, and the [Year-Round Underserved program](#).

- Save the Dates: **Annual Read to Me Meeting**, February 21-22, Oxford Suites in Boise.



Library to Library



Garden Valley and Play Literacy

Karen Benedict, Youth Services Librarian, is being featured in our Meet... section. She had so much fun with their Summer Reading activities that she sent us some pictures and descriptions of what they did. "The whole idea came from last spring's Read to Me conference," Karen told us. For the pizza restaurant center she contacted the Eagle Pizza Hut, who outfitted them with boxes, signs, tableware, stickers, menus, and other great stuff to include in the center, and



made batches of homemade play dough. Children took orders, made pizzas, and delivered them to their parents and other children.

Karen also created a doctor's office, dentist office, and post office. "It was my most favorite part of Summer Reading sessions!" she said. What fun!!





Mother Goose Flies into Ada Community Library

~By Julie Armstrong

What does Mother Goose have to do with Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM)? She is the mascot for the *What's the Big Idea?* math and science program. Ada Community Library Director Mary DeWalt recently received a Library Services and Technology Act grant to host a workshop on the Big Idea curriculum and provide training manuals and activity kits to libraries in the LYNX consortium.

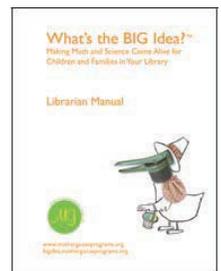


Mother Goose program trainers, Gwendolyn Haley and Mary Ellen Braks, from Spokane's public library system, presented ideas to library staff from the Treasure Valley area in August. The program has been enthusiastically used by library staff in Spokane for three years. They have also incorporated the *Big Idea* activities into their Storytime and Play program.

Librarians were able to explore the materials and activities in the kits throughout the workshop. Stations were set up at tables to create or investigate math and science concepts. Children's books that supported each concept were displayed on the tables as well. Among the activities that librarians got to do was make a Number Creature by rolling a dice, and then choosing the number of materials that they rolled. If it was a two, they chose two eyes, two arms, two noses, etc. They had fun making some very creative creatures. One of the favorite stations was the Straws and Connectors. They provided open-ended play as straws were attached to connectors, and bent to form fun shapes. Each station had a flyer that had some guiding concepts for playing and learning.



STEM learning has been in the forefront of early childhood learning for the past few years. One of the outcomes of the workshop was for librarians to be able to “plan activities that connect real math and science concepts into storytimes and other library/literacy activities.” This was a great tool to provide staff with knowledge and resources to reinforce science and math learning in their library programs. Librarians are encouraged to explore the program's website. It has a lot of good information and free activities that can be downloaded at <http://bigidea.mothergooseprograms.org/>.





Poking Around the Pumpkin Patch

Speaking of STEM, this is from a great free newsletter from [Science for Preschoolers](#):



SCIENCE
for Preschoolers

Things have definitely cooled down around here, and it is really feeling like fall. I don't know about you, but I am seeing pumpkins everywhere: at the store, at the farmer's markets and at people's door steps.

So, let's have some fun with the children! Here are some activities involving pumpkins. There's a little bit of everything: history, math, science, and language arts.

- [The Decomposing Pumpkin](#) - Don't throw that pumpkin away. Turn it into a science project.
- [Pumpkin Math](#) - Practice estimation skills with the pumpkin math activity.
- [Pumpkin Painting](#) - Do a little math and art together while doing a little pumpkin painting.
- [Pumpkin Poetry](#) - How many descriptive words can your child think of to describe a pumpkin?



Young Adult Corner



Teen Read Week Update

This year's *Creature Challenge* has been a huge hit! We filled the first 35 challenge spaces in record time, but even more wanted to join in the fun. We got creative and scrounged up enough teen resources to send out packages to eleven more libraries for a total of 46 *Creature Creation Challenge* participants!



We are still registering libraries for Teen Read Week, so if you plan on hosting an event, please register so that we are able to collect accurate data on teen services and programs offered in the state. For registering we will send you Teen Read Week posters and bookmarks to promote the event. A short one-page form can be filled out here:

www.surveymonkey.com/s/TRW2012



Teen Read Week Ideas and Resources

Want to host a *Scream-In*? It can include contests, costumes, games, food, thrills, and chills just for teens! Top things off with a *Haunted Library* for the ultimate spooky activity. For program details please see this link: <http://lunanshee.blogspot.com/2012/09/teen-program-scream-in.html>

Halloween with Matthew Mead is a FABULOUS source for YA Program Ideas of the spooky/fun variety. Review can be found here: <http://lunanshee.blogspot.com/>

Simon and Shuster Website – lots of fun for TRW.
<http://pages.simonandschuster.com/teenreadweek>



School Zone



Cyberbullying: Let's put an end to it

Bullies are everywhere — even online. And bullying in any form should be taken seriously.

Cyberbullying can occur in many forms: through instant messaging, social networks, texting, email, websites, blogs, and other methods of digital communication. “Students, parents, and educators are encouraged to learn more about bullying — to recognize it, prevent it, and take action to stop it,” says State Librarian Ann Joslin. The prevention of cyberbullying requires good “digital citizenship,” which is the appropriate use of online tools to “interact with others, acquire goods and services online, seek information from online sources, and generally function in a society reliant on technology tools and resources.”



In conjunction with October's designation as national Cyberbullying Prevention/Cyber Safety Month, agencies in Idaho have formed an alliance to help prevent or at least curtail the use of online tools and devices to intimidate or harass another person. The alliance offers resources to provide awareness and education about the risks and prevention and includes Idaho Commission for Libraries, Idaho Public Television (IdahoPTV), the Idaho Education Network, the Office of Attorney General Lawrence Wasden, the Idaho State Department of Education, the Idaho School Boards Association, and the Idaho Association of School Administrators.

Check out these resources and find out how you can prevent online bullying:

- **ICfL Website:** The Commission has developed a “cyberbullying information and prevention” website, with video, articles, and specific tips for students, parents, and educators and librarians that can be found at <http://guides.lili.org/cyberbullying>.
- **Teaching Channel:** Find links to anti-bullying videos at <https://www.teachingchannel.org/search?utf8=%E2%9C%93&q=bullying>
- **Television Shows:** IdahoPTV will air several programs during October to help with the anti-cyberbullying efforts. Watch for notices on LibIdaho.

The following programs are also available online:

- **Not in Our Town: Class Actions** (30 min.)
(<http://video.idahoptv.org/video/2196486631>)
The stories of people working together to stop hate and intolerance, and activating their communities to create safer, more accepting environments for everyone.
- **Dissed Respect: The Impact of Bullying** (30 min.)
(<http://video.idahoptv.org/video/1149368127>)
Encourages dialogue about the need to reduce the high-risk behavior of bullying.

- **Frontline: Digital Nation** (90 minutes) (<http://video.idahoptv.org/video/1402987791>) Mapping the critical ways that technology is transforming us, and what we may be learning about ourselves in the process.



2012 Healthy School Makeover Contest

One K-12 school will be awarded up to \$45,000 for a comprehensive healthy-school makeover. To enter, schools must produce a short video explaining why they deserve the makeover, which will then go through a public voting period and judging process. The makeover is sponsored by SPARK, and will include equipment and training from a number of the nation's leading health and physical education organizations, including The First Tee and GenMove. Deadline: October 31, 2012.



Teen Programming Guide created by the Ohio Library Council

OLC created a year of great teen programs and has made it available on their website. There are short, easy programs; passive (or as I like to call them stealth) programs; and longer, more involved programs. A little something for everyone. Check it out!



Upcoming Events



National Gaming Day

ALA has leveled up National Gaming Day to be an even bigger event this year. It has a new name - **International Games Day @ your library** - and a new date (the first Saturday of each November). This year's celebration of communities coming together to play at the library will take place on Saturday, November 3rd, and will include the traditional board game donation and national video game tournaments, plus some additional activities to add to the fun. Learn more and register your library here: <http://ngd.ala.org/>



October is national Cyberbullying Prevention/Cyber Safety Month

See article in [The School Zone](#) section above.



Family Reading Week Ideas

Need ideas for your Family Reading Week events? Take a look at what some the libraries wrote regarding their events on the SurveyMonkey registration form. It will inspire you to Snuggle Up and Read this November.

- As most libraries, we will be hosting a fun pajama party with special guest reader (cross your fingers), yummy "snuggly" snacks like pigs in a blanket, and door prizes/giveaways.
- It has become a tradition to have a before school family event with a continental breakfast showcasing the library and children's artwork based on literature. Parent information on how they can help their readers at home, along with little incentives for the kids (pencils, bookmarks, etc.)

- We'll have a giant slumber party, with everyone welcome to come in their PJ's and bring blankets and stuffed animals. We'll provide snacks and they can pick a ceramic item to paint with help from "Fire and Ice" staff of Nampa. We'll read, eat and paint families together!
- We will have a special hot chocolate and cookie event where we will read nighttime stories and tell about our favorite camping trip or watch a night time movie for our after school elementary group. We are hoping to incorporate all our age groups to have an evening program with teddy bears and pjs. We will host a book sale during this week to bring people into the library that do not normally use our library and offer tours of our library. We are going to make tied fleece mini-pillows for our make and take craft.
- We call the event "Dessert and A Book." We serve cookies and milk or ice cream. The milk or ice cream is made possible by community donations, and the cookies are made by the school lunch staff. We work with the county elementary schools for this special family event. We give free books to all those attending. We have storytime and other activities that bring them into the library before they go into the community room for the books and dessert.
- Building mini-bears to snuggle with. Fabric and stuffing will be donated and the bears will be cut out and partially sewn. The children will be able to stuff and finish sewing shut their own small bear. We just have to decide if we want to do this at school or at the library! Also, we will have fleece pieces there for mothers to help edge (fringe) for blankets to donate to the foster care program.
- We will hold a special evening storytime based on a nighttime theme. We will encourage children to dress in pj's and bring their stuffed animals to the library for the storytime and an optional sleepover (for the toys not the kids). We will take pictures of the kids and their stuffed animals with a favorite book for pick up the next day. We will provide a good selection of books. The craft will be coloring in the stuffed animal's pillow and comforter which will be drawn on an 8 1/2 by 11 paper and then having the child write their name and their animal's name. The child can put their animal to sleep in the program area and enjoy milk and cookies. We also plan on doing a book giveaway during the week. Families can enter by reading together during November.
- Our library will be holding 2 special events during Family Reading Week. The first event will be a family "Read-In" where we will invite everyone in the community to come to the library. Families are encouraged to bring pillows, blankets, PJ's, their favorite books and snuggle up and read as a family. We will also serve snacks and have several book selections available for all ages. Our second event will be a Pajama Story Time. Children will come in their PJ's and listen to stories from around the world. There will also be songs, games, and a take-a-way craft that they can do either here at the library or at home with the family.

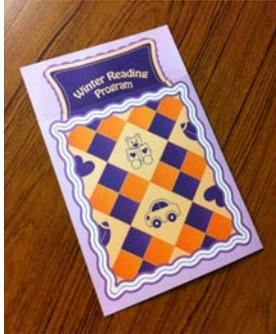


Winter Reading Program Resources Available!

Are you sad that Summer Reading is over? Just wondering what in the world you are going to do all winter long without a project? Well, the Commission has created a Winter Reading log and program resources (found on the FRW CD or [HERE](#)) to help you start your very own Winter Reading Program!



Our talented graphic designer, Ben Bibikov “winterized” the preschool summer reading gameboard which you can download from your CD or on our website and customize. You will need to print these in-house.



Ben also adapted the reading log that Blackfoot Public Library created for their summer reading program and we printed a gazillion copies of those for your use. Everyone that registers for Family Reading Week will receive 100 of these reading logs to get started. Need more? Didn't register for Family Reading Week? That's OK! The Winter Reading log is a new Support Material and can be ordered just like any other resource via the web or by calling one of your friendly Read to Me project coordinators. Happy Winter Reading!



Tips & Tools



Free is a Good Price

On Craigslist there is a *Free* section that can be a treasure trove of great finds. People list items daily that they want to give away, and they can vary from hornet's nests to gardening supplies. If you are looking for resources to use for a STEM workshop, or to ramp up the interactive displays in your Youth Services area, it may be worth checking out. It is important to use safety rules when using Craigslist, but people are generally excited to donate items to a worthy cause.



Stealth or Passive Programming Ideas

For younger children:

www.wrlsweb.org/member-services/youth-services/

Tiny Tips for Library Fun-blogspot full of great ideas

<http://tinytipsforlibraryfun.blogspot.com/>



Summer Reading News



School Partnerships Drawing Winners:

The Bright Futures School Partnerships program helps strengthen partnerships between the library and school by working together to promote summer reading and increase student participation. Principals, teachers, school librarians, and other school staff can show their students that they support summer reading by attending some of the library's summer programs and celebrating those students who are participating. As part of the School

Partnerships program, libraries submitted the number of visits made by staff at their partner schools, and those were entered in a drawing for additional hardcover books. Congratulations to the following **elementary schools**, who will each receive a set of seven titles:

Lava (So. Bannock- Lava branch); Aberdeen; Thirkill (Soda Springs); Oakley; Pocatello Charter (Marshall); Popplewell (Buhl); Inkom (So. Bannock- Bookmobile); Hamer; Winton (Coeur d'Alene); Terreton (Heart of the Valley); DD Stalker (Blackfoot); Castleford (Buhl); Priest Lake; Barbara Morgan (McCall); Tyhee (Portneuf); Downey (So. Bannock- Downey branch); Nezperce (Prairie Dist.- Nezperce branch); Sunnyside (Kellogg); Summit (Jerome); Chubbuck (Portneuf); Ellis (Portneuf); Kooskia (Prairie Dist.- Kooskia branch).

Book sets will be sent to the library partner to take to their winning school(s).



News from the CSLP:

1) Survey regarding Upstart incentives, reading logs, customization

From Karen Yother, Chair, CSLP Vendor Committee:

In an effort to better serve our members the CSLP Board is asking for your help. We want to know what is working and what your needs are for incentives, books and customization.

Please take a few minutes to complete our incentives survey

www.surveymonkey.com/s/CSLP_Incentive and let us know how we can help you. We want to hear from everyone! The deadline to respond is **Friday, October 19.**

2) 2012 ARTWORK EXPIRATION DATE:

By Monday, October 1, 2012 all CSLP artwork must be removed from your websites ("Dream Big," "Own the Night," and "Between the Covers"). Please remind schools with whom you partnered and who included 2012 graphics on their websites to take the artwork down as well. As CSLP members, we agree to use artwork only in the specified timeframe of October 1 – September 30 each year. Please see www.cslpreads.org "Rules of Use" for more information.

E-Branch users: If you are currently using the 2012 Summer Reading skins they will be disabled first thing Monday morning. If you have not chosen an alternative skin your page will reset to the default setting.

On or after October 1, 2012 the 2013 Summer Reading Program artwork will be on display on the [CSLP website](http://www.cslp.org). In addition, you will receive your 2013 Summer Program Manual and DVD with new artwork soon. I will notify you through LibIdaho when manuals are shipped.

We have developed an Idaho Family Reading Week e-Branch skin, which will be available The first week of October. For non-e-Branch users there is a Family Reading Week web banner on the resource CD, sent to every public library last week. Give us a shout if you have questions!

3) Call for ideas for 2014 Program Manuals: General theme is Science

Send your great ideas for the following programs to Patti Sinclair at trishsinclair@sbcglobal.net by each of the following deadlines:

Children's Program Manual 2014: Fizz, Boom, Read!

Please send ideas no later than **October 15, 2012.**

[See details...](#)

Early Literacy Program Manual 2014: Fizz, Boom, Read!

Please send ideas no later than **November 1, 2012.**

[See details...](#)

Teen Program Manual 2014: Spark a Reaction

Please send ideas on no later than **November 15, 2012.**

[See details...](#)

Adult Program Manual 2014: Literary Elements

Please send ideas on no later than **November 15, 2012.**

[See details...](#)

Meet Karen Benedict



Planting Seeds of Literacy in Garden Valley

Garden Valley's library may not be the largest in the state, but Karen Benedict's vision for the Youth Services department has no limits. Karen has moved from one mountain location to another, as she previously worked at the Boise Basin Library in Idaho City. Her favorite part of being a librarian is greeting the patrons and helping them find what they need. Those patrons include about 300 children that live within the district's boundaries.



Karen is a busy lady as she works full-time at Project Patch, which is a program for at-risk youth, as well as her library job. She is also studying to be a midwife. Her library duties include doing storytimes, maintaining the children's corner and being a liaison between the school and the library. Karen is especially proud of how colorful and bright she has made the children's corner for the kids to enjoy. She is currently working on transitioning the library over from summer reading programs to fall and winter activities. It was a bit of a challenge for her to implement all of the Summer Reading plans, but she's willing to take on whatever she is given.



Karen has good memories of going to the library with her mom when she was a child and has continued that tradition as she has taken her eight children to library activities wherever they have lived. Karen has a diverse group of books that she enjoyed reading as a child. She

remembers reading *Amelia Bedelia*, *Curious George*, *Little House on the Prairie* and *Love Comes Softly*. But her favorite children's author is Leo Buscalia. She really enjoyed his book, *The Fall of Freddy the Leaf*. As an adult Karen has recently read *The Mark of the Lions* series by Francine Rivers. She was reading several Amish series at the same time. She has multi-tasking down to a science.

If you're serving ice cream, Karen has three favorites- Rocky Road, Mango, and Coconut Bliss. Karen's taste in ice cream is as diverse as the activities that she undertakes on a daily basis. The children of Garden Valley are lucky to have such a dedicated Youth Services Librarian. She is planting the seeds of literacy in their fertile minds.



CE News You Can Use



Webinars from Booklist: Fall 2012

Can't make these dates? Register anyway so a link to the video archive of this webinar can be e-mailed to you after the event.

What's New in Series Nonfiction

Learn what's going on in the world of series nonfiction with presentations from four of the top publishers in this booming field: Crabtree Publishing Company, The Creative Company, Rosen Publishing, and Scholastic Library Publishing.

[REGISTER NOW](#)

Tuesday, October 2

2:00 p.m. EDT / 1:00 p.m. CDT

12:00 p.m. MDT / 11:00 a.m. PDT

Getting Kids Hooked on Books

The weather may be getting cooler, but books are always hot. Representatives from ABDO Publishing, DK Publishing, James Lorimer & Co., and Listening Library will share books and media designed to spark reluctant readers' interest in reading—be it turning pages or pushing play.

[REGISTER NOW](#)

Thursday, October 11

2:00 p.m. EDT / 1:00 p.m. CDT

12:00 p.m. MDT / 11:00 a.m. PDT

Surprising Reasons to Go Graphic

Join the expert panel from The Graphic Classroom blog, Capstone, and Booklist Publications for a lively discussion about how you can build on kids' fascination with graphic novels to meet learning objectives and enhance critical thinking skills, such as prediction and inference.

[REGISTER NOW](#)

Tuesday, October 16

4:30 p.m. EDT / 3:30 p.m. CDT

2:30 p.m. MDT / 1:30 p.m. PDT

News Beyond Idaho

ALSC National Institute

~By Staci Shaw

Last week I had the opportunity to attend the Association of Library Service to Children (ALSC) National Institute in Indianapolis. What a wonderful experience! The Institute included top-notch breakout sessions and a kick-off celebration of Caldecott's 75th birthday, which included talks by award-winning authors Peter Brown, Denise Fleming, Eric Rohmann, Kevin Henkes, and Gary Paulson. In addition to this great lineup, the Institute featured a panel discussion on using non-fiction with children, consisting of notable authors Doreen Rappaport, Brian Collier, and April Pulley-Sayre.



Gary Paulson



Ben Sapp ([Mazza Museum](#)), Denise Fleming, Kevin Henkes, Eric Rohmann, and moderator Floyd Dickman.

Also in attendance from Idaho were: Amanda Bowden from the Portneuf Library, and Cathy Hardy and Janice Campbell from the Eagle Public Library. We had some great conversations about the session topics and how to bring these concepts back to Idaho.

A couple of breakout session summaries:

Ready to Read Corps: Columbus Metropolitan Library Taking Every Child Ready to Read to the Streets. Presented by Sarah Mackey, Columbus Metropolitan Library

Armed with a suitcase of books, literacy kit, and passion, The Ready to Read Corps works outside the library walls delivering early literacy information to at-risk families wherever they are: in waiting rooms, food pantries, social service offices and homes. Columbus Metropolitan Library adopted developmentally appropriate practices and ECRR information to implement this innovative program to strengthen kindergarten readiness in the neediest areas of their community. Sarah shared so many great stories, and everyone was inspired to take early literacy information to the streets in their communities!

Raising the Bar: Storytime Competencies, Training, and Evaluation. Presented by Lori Romero, Arapahoe Library District (ALD)

ALD's most experience staff determined key elements of an effective storytime and developed a set of storytime competencies that aligns with their strategic direction. They then built training modules for storytime providers and created observation tools developed from the competencies to guide training and evaluation and ensure consistency. They shared these tools with the participants—I was really impressed!

Book Look



Books Into Movies

List compiled from yalsa-bk listserv

Take a look at the list of YA books that are slated to become movies. Only the ones that have a release date are listed here.

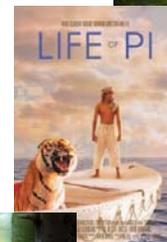
2012

Perks of Being a Wallflower (September 21st, 2012)

Life of Pi (November 12th, 2012)

The Hobbit; An Unexpected Journey (December 14th, 2012)

World War Z (December 2012)



2013

Warm Bodies (February 1st, 2013)

Beautiful Creatures (February 13th, 2013)

The Host (March, 29th, 2013)

Ender's Game (November 1st, 2013)

Percy Jackson: The Sea of Monsters (August 16th, 2013)

The Mortal Instruments: City of Bones (August 23rd, 2013)

The Seventh Son (October 18th, 2013)

13 Reasons Why (2013)

Delirium (2013)

Firelight (2013)

How I Live Now (2013)

How I Survived (2013)

Mazerunner (2013)

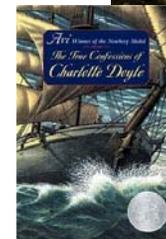
Paralnormacy (2013)

Pride and Prejudice and Zombies (2013)

The Forest of Hands and Teeth (2013)

Untitled (Vampire academy project) (2013)

Untitled (House of Night Project) (2013)



2014

Deathnote (2014)

Down a Dark Hall (2014)

Gone (2014)

The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle (2014)

Wings (2014)

2015

Scorpio Races (2015)



Author Birthdays

October 4 – **Susan Meddaugh** (born in 1944). Author of *Martha Speaks* and others. Read more at <http://pbskids.org/martha/parentsteachers/program/author.html>

October 6 – **Jeanette Winter** (born in 1933). Author and illustrator Jeanette Winter has written or illustrated many titles including *Niño's Mask*, *Day of the Dead*, and *My Name Is Georgia*. Go to <http://biography.jrank.org/pages/661/Winter-Jeanette-1939-Sidelights.html> for more.

October 8 – **Faith Ringgold** (born in 1930). Ringgold's first book, *Tar Beach*, was a Caldecott Honor Book and winner of the Coretta Scott King Award for Illustration. For more see www.faithringgold.com/ringgold/bio.htm .

October 8 – **Robert Lawrence Stine** aka **R. L. Stine** (born in 1943). Stine is the author of *Goosebumps*, *Rotten School*, *Mostly Ghostly*, *The Nightmare Room* and *Fear Street* series. Read more at www.rlstine.com .

October 10 – **James Marshall** (1942-1992). Marshall's work includes *George & Martha*, *Mary Alice*, *Operator Number 9*, *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow* and many more. Check out www.yourlibrary.ws/childrens_webpage/e-author102001.htm for more.

October 14 – **Lois Lenski** (1893-1974). Author and illustrator of *Indian Captive: The Story of Mary Jemison*, *Strawberry Girl*, and many more. Read more at www.mlb.ilstu.edu/ressubj/speccol/lenski/Welcome.html .

October 16 – **Joseph Bruchac** (born in 1942). For over 30 years Joseph Bruchac has been creating poetry, short stories, novels, anthologies and music that reflect his Abenaki Indian heritage and Native American traditions. He is the author of more than 70 books for children and adults. See www.josephbruchac.com/ for more.

October 19 – **Nikki Grimes** (born in 1950). A bestselling author and a prolific artist, she has written many award-winning books for children and young adults. Some of her works include: *Bronx Masquerade*, *Jazmin's Notebook*, and many more. www.nikkigrimes.com/bio.html

October 20 – **Ursula Kroeber LeGuin** (born in 1929). She has written novels, poetry, children's books, essays, and short stories, most notably in the genres of fantasy and science fiction. Read more at www.ursulaklequin.com .

October 26 – **Steven Kellogg** (born in 1941). Kellogg is an author and illustrator who has contributed some 90 books for children. www.stevenkellogg.com

October 30 - **Eric A. Kimmel** (born in 1946). "I had wanted to be an author since I first discovered back in kindergarten that people called authors made books," Kimmel said. Go to www.childrenslit.com/childrenslit/mai_kimmel_eric.html for more.

October 31 - **Katherine Paterson** (born in 1932). Is an American author of children's books. *Bridge to Terabithia*, her most widely recognized book, was published in 1977. Read more at www.terabithia.com/about.html .

October 31 - **Doreen Rappaport** (born in 1939). She has written numerous award-winning books for children, including: *Freedom Ship*, *The School Is Not White*, *Martin's Big Words: The Life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.* and more. You can read more at www.doreenrappaport.com.



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