

# SHOWCASING SUCCESS!

Library: **Ada Community Library – Main Library, Boise**

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The Ada Community Library offers a wide variety of services to youth of all ages, including storytimes for babies, toddlers, preschool and families; preschool Art, Music and craft classes; after-school science for school-aged children; a teen “Pizza & Books” book club; summer reading programs; and a winter reading program through local sports teams partnership. They host family games nights, puppet shows, and a knitting club. They also provide teens an after school hangout program at a “wired” teen café.



Ada Community staff – photo from their flickr site.

Through school partnerships they sponsor school “Read Nights,” class visits, and summer reading promotion. They partner with the Idaho Food Bank to provide weekly storytelling at local parks during the summer. They also provide teens ages 12-18 with community service opportunities at the library.

Library: **Ada Community Library - Star Branch**

Grant Focus: ECRTR workshops

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Families attend an ECRTR workshop at the Star Library.

Joy Lear and Denise Burnett have finished hosting a six-week series of Every Child Ready to Read workshops for families at the Star branch. Supplemental materials such as give-aways, puppets, books and music were provided for workshop participants. The workshop series will be offered again in the spring, at both the Star branch and the Hidden Springs branch.

**Library: American Falls District Library**

Grant Focus: ECRTR workshops

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**Director Harriet Reese, Debbie Walmsley, and Francine Rudeen make an all star team.**

Building on the success of a bond election that paid for a big expansion of their building, the American Falls District Library also tackled a First Book project and Every Child Ready to Read workshops this year. In order to target the Hispanic community, working parents, and daycare providers, they will offer the workshop during the evenings during the winter. A translator will be added to the team of workshop facilitators for the winter session. The library is using grant funds to pay for literacy centers in the children's area so library staff can model the teaching of the six early literacy skills for parents, caregivers and children. Posters and signs guide parents as they engage their children in literacy play. A Parents'

Bookshelf houses books, videos and free materials in order to provide additional resources. American Falls staff members are teaching the six early

literacy skills in a condensed format, consisting of 20-minute monthly story times for daycare children. With each monthly visit daycare providers will receive free books, as well as a rotating deposit collection.

**Library: Armoral Tuttle Public Library (New Plymouth)**

Grant Focus: Outreach to daycares and kindergarteners

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The Armoral Tuttle Public Library is using their grant award for outreach to daycare providers and kindergarteners. Once per month their reading specialist visits daycare providers and kindergarten classrooms for a story time and a craft project. Children participating in the program receive one First Book each month, as well as their own small bookshelf to take home.

The library is reaching over 200 children each month with the First Book outreach program. The specialist also rotates collections throughout the sites, each consisting of twenty books that are available for checkout. Promotion bookmarks and flyers are sent home to share with parents. The photo shows a Child Care Reads workshop the library sponsored prior to their grant program.

**Library: Bear Lake County Library (Montpelier)**

Grant Focus: Outreach

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The Bear Lake County Library is providing story time twice per month at each of three daycare facilities in Bear Lake County. Focusing on the six early literacy skills, these story times include rhymes, finger plays, stories, music and simple crafts. Library staff also leave a rotating collection of books, videos, puppets, etc. at each day care until the next visit. A training workshop will be provided for parents and daycare personnel to explain and encourage the use of the six early literacy skills. Parents are encouraged by daycare providers to go to the library with their children.



**Library: Bellevue Public Library**

First Book Site

Contact person: Patty Gilman  
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The library is partnering with Bellevue Elementary school to reach 67 children with First Books. The number of low income families in the area is increasing, and one-third of the students qualify for free or reduced lunches. The elementary school has been a great partner and has helped promote the library summer reading program and honors the students who participate in the program each fall.



**Bellevue Public Library shares a building with City Hall.**

**Library: Boise Basin District Library (Idaho City)**

Grant Focus: Early literacy training for parents and/or childcare providers

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The Boise Basin Library is compiling early literacy activities and information packets for distribution through their bookmobile and day care visits, as well as providing deposit collections for daycares in the area. Early literacy kits are being created, containing clear, easy, step-by-step instructions for activities covering the six early literacy skills, movements and phonetic instruction to go along with stories. These kits will be handed out to parents at workshops scheduled for September and February, and to caregivers at a Child Care Reads workshop. Kits will also be handed out during family outreach events such as Family Read Night,

Chinese New Year Family Night, the Dr. Seuss Birthday Celebration and El Dia de los Ninos. WIC clinics, held every other month at the library, provide one more area of opportunity in which to distribute the literacy kits. The library is also working with the school district and providing First Books for Kindergarten students and first graders and doing monthly storytimes at the school.

**Library: Boise Public Library**

Grant Focus: ECRTR, other early literacy training

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The Boise Public Library's first area of focus is Every Child Ready to Read workshops. BPL staff have held six-week family workshops in the fall and they are getting big crowds for their evening ECRTR workshop series. The photo shows Tammy leading 111 participants through some of the activities during a session held in February.



The second area of focus is on literacy training for child care providers. Partnering with the Idaho Stars child care program, Children's Librarian Tamra Hawley-House is providing workshops that focus on the six early literacy skills. She did one in the fall for 50 child care providers and preschool teachers and is planning another one for the spring for another 50 people. Idaho Stars advertises the workshops, registers attendees, and offers continuing education credit. Attendees receive bags filled with books and other literacy materials for their sites.

**Library: Boundary County District Library (Bonners Ferry)**

Long-time Read to Me Library

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Boundary was one of five libraries to participate in a Read to Me grant project that started in 1998 and they've continued with a variety of outreach programs since that time. The library visits daycares and local schools on a regular basis, providing free books whenever possible. Currently, the library is in the middle of their big winter reading program "Get Fired Up to Read."



**The Boundary Library is festively decked out in reds and golds, dragon and lanterns.**

They find that many of their families enjoy the themed programs, friendly competition and curling up with books on long winter days. Patrons of all ages help build a Chinese New Year dragon and every 5 books read puts a scale on the dragon. Their goal is 1,800 books from Jan. 26-Feb. 20. At the end of the program readers get a surprise/treat bag in which Oriental

Garden restaurant has donated a few of the prizes. They are almost at their goal with only 364 books to go!

**Library: Burley Public Library**

Grant Focus: ECRTR, lapsit programs

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Burley Public Library is using their grant award to conduct Every Child Ready to Read workshops in the fall and spring. They are also incorporating the six early literacy skills into their story times for toddlers and parents/caregivers. Plans for parent outreach include collaboration with local elementary schools and day care centers, Headstart, and the alternative high school. Incentives will be provided for those parents attending all six ECRTR workshops. Grant funds are being used for contractual staff, library materials, equipment, publicity, and educational materials and supplies.



**Library: Caldwell Public Library**

Grant Focus: Outreach, story times for babies/toddlers, bilingual story times

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Caldwell Public Library is using their grant award to create two new youth services programs. The first is a twenty-minute program titled “Babytime,” which will incorporate the six early literacy skills into a lapsit program consisting of finger plays, rhymes, songs and stories for babies and caregivers. The program has been offered one morning per week. The second program is an early literacy bilingual story time program which will be offered after school one day per week.

**Library: Cascade Public Library**  
First Book Site, ECRTR  
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Cascade Public Library is providing 55 First Books each month to the children enrolled in the Cascade Developmental Preschool program and Kindergarten. They also successfully completed their first Every Child Ready to Read workshop series and have partnered with a local church to draw in parents who haven't been utilizing library services.



**Library: Clearwater Memorial Library (Orofino)**  
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Weekly storytime for children birth to six is provided by the library. They also host a teen book swap once a month.

**Library: Clearwater County Free Library District - Weippe**  
Grant Focus: ECRTR, outreach, story times for babies/toddlers  
Contact persons: Terri Summerfield and Melissa Mayberry  
(208) 435-4058, [weippelibrary@weippe.com](mailto:weippelibrary@weippe.com)

Weippe Public Library is using their grant award in three areas: First, Every Child Ready to Read family workshops are being provided for WIC families at the Health Departments and to Lewis Clark Early Childhood Program families. Second, story times that incorporate the six early literacy skills have been created for babies, toddlers, and their parents. And, third, several outreach programs and activities have been started.



**Library Director Terri Summerfield poses for a photo by their great library sign.**

Staff members are attending programs throughout the year at Timberline School and giving away books and public relations materials. The library will also give away books and public relations materials through collaboration with the 2009 Summer Nutrition Program. Finally, WPL staff have facilitated teams for the Junior First Lego League and they are encouraging parent involvement in order to promote library services.

**Library: Council Valley Public Library**

First Book Site, Every Child Ready to Read

Contact persons: Patty Gross and Krissi Hansen  
(208) 253-6004

The library is working with WICAP Head Start and a local daycare to provide First Books for 85 children each month. The library is also offering Every Child Ready to Read workshops each month to parents of children enrolled in the Head Start program.



**First Book distribution at Head Start.**

**Library: DeMary Memorial Library (Rupert)**

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The library currently offers a summer reading program, a family reading week, and Jump Start kindergarten registration. They celebrated National Inventors Day on February 11<sup>th</sup> by inviting kids in three age groups (5-8, 9-11, and 12-17) to build a tin can robot or creature and bring it to the library for judging and prizes.



**Library: Eastern Owyhee County District Library (Grand View)**

First Book Site, Every Child Ready to Read

Contact person: Kathy Chick (photo left)  
(208) 834-2785, [eolibrary@yahoo.com](mailto:eolibrary@yahoo.com)

The library is providing Every Child Ready to Read workshops for families in their service area and providing First Books to 90 children through their partnership with the school district. The library hosts a Family Reading Night twice a year.

**Library: Emmett Public Library**  
First Book Site

Contact person: Alyce Kelley  
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The library is providing First Books to children through their partnership with the local Head Start program. Other services and programs include a weekly storytime and a weekly Music & Movement class for children birth to six. They have a TAG (teen advisory) group for 13-18 year olds that meets once a month.



**Library: Gooding Public Library**

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Gooding has participated in summer reading and Family Reading Week, and hosts preschool storytimes. First-time RTM attendee Cindy Bigler is interested in implementing Read to Me outreach programming in the near future. She has just begun assembling Family Literacy Bags, and is off to a great start. Welcome, Cindy! We hope you will find a wealth of ideas to take back and share.

**Library: Grace District Library**  
First Book Site

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The library is partnering with the school district's developmental preschool program and two local daycare sites to provide First Books for 75 children each month.



**Library: Hagerman Public Library**

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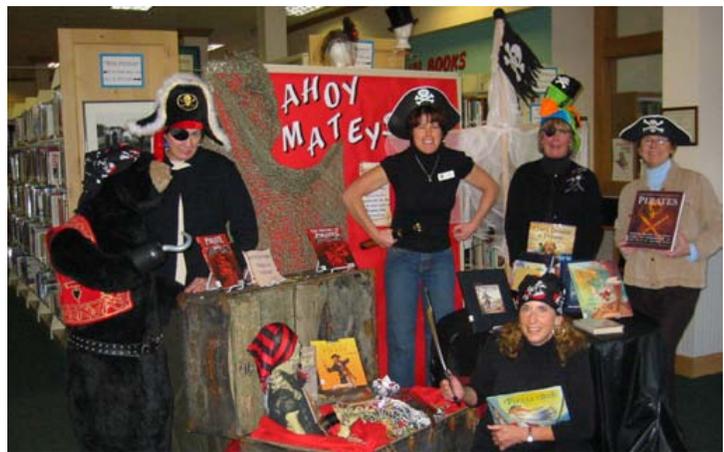
Library director Barbara Stobart is new to the library this year. She hopes to reinvigorate their summer reading program by partnering with the Park Service.

**Library: Hailey Public Library**

First Book Site

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Hailey Public is partnering with Wood River Valley Head Start to reach 34 children each month through the Read to Me First Book program. Youth services librarian Carolyn Gutches reported that 24 First Book families attended their parent workshop, where they had a translator on hand.



Hailey Public Library staff Carolyn Gutches, Sandy Fahey, Barb Mollineaux, Nancy Gurney and kneeling, Jeanie Johnston prepare to share their plunder with readers of all ages.)

**Library: Idaho Falls Public Library**

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Idaho Falls draws in families like crazy with strong programming throughout the year. They have also had success with regular school field trips to the library. In the summer, a fairly new “Read to Me” addition to their summer reading program has been very popular. More information can be found in the binder or ask the new Mrs. Svedin about it during the meeting!

**Library: Jefferson Co. District - Heart of the Valley Branch (Terreton)**

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The Heart of the Valley Branch in Terreton hosts a weekly story hour September through May and a summer reading program during the summer.

**Library: Jefferson Co. District - Menan-Annis Branch**

Grant Focus: ECRTR, story times for babies/toddlers, bilingual story times

Contact person: Laurie Wilmore  
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In addition to providing three sessions of Every Child Ready to Read workshops in the fall, Laurie Wilmore has strengthened the six literacy skills within existing story times and is working on adding two new story time sessions for underserved populations. A new story time for ages birth to age 2 is now offered once per week, and a bilingual family story time will be offered soon.



**Librarian Laurie Wilmore leads an ECRTR session at the library.**

**Library: Jerome Public Library**

Grant Focus: ECRTR

Contact person: Laura Burnett (208) 324-5427, [Laura.Burnett@ci.jerome.id.us](mailto:Laura.Burnett@ci.jerome.id.us)



The Jerome Public Library is using their grant award for Every Child Ready to Read. The family workshops have been facilitated by reading specialists at Horizon Elementary School. One course has been offered in English and the other is currently being offered in Spanish in order to accommodate a large Hispanic family population. Registration for these workshops began at

Kindergarten Registration in May of 2008, and registration will continue throughout the year.

**Library: Kootenai Shoshone Area Libraries- Hayden Branch**

Grant Focus: Other literacy training

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The Kootenai Shoshone Area Libraries in Hayden is partnering with second grade teachers at Atlas Elementary to implement the “Read with Your Hero” program. This year-long program enlists the help of local firemen, emergency response personnel, and police officers, who visit the classroom on a weekly basis and read with the students. A deposit collection of books, pre-selected by the teacher and librarian, is available for the students and “heroes” to read. Three times per year the students take a field trip to the Hayden Library, where the local heroes meet them for a program, including



**Governor Otter presents a RTM mini-grant check to the Hayden Library.**

an interactive program with the emergency vehicles, a puppet show, and summer reading promotion in the spring. Students and their parents were invited to a special event at the Hayden Library for Idaho Family Reading Week. Each student received a free library card in the fall when the program began. Grant funds have been used for field trip transportation and educational materials and supplies.

Library: **Kootenai Shoshone Area Libraries- Mobile Branch**

Grant Focus: Other early literacy training, Story times for babies and toddlers

Contact person: Kathy Montgomery, (208) 772-7405, [mobile@cin.kcl.org](mailto:mobile@cin.kcl.org)



The mobile branch will deliver monthly “Story in a Bag” kits to partner childcare sites. Twelve new sites will be selected based on location and the number of children served. Each month KSAL’s Children’s Outreach Assistant will deliver “Story in a Bag” kits to

each childcare site. The kits will include free books, simple crafts, finger plays, songs and rhymes for young children. The teacher/provider will receive a free book to add to his or her professional collection, and a free book will go home with each child. Kits will also contain library information, as well as invitations to programs at the library. Grant funds will be used for educational materials and supplies.

Library: **Kootenai Shoshone Area Libraries, Pinehurst-Kingston Branch**

First Book Site

Contact person: Brenda Ludwick  
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Sixty-two percent of the students at Pinehurst Elementary qualify for the free and reduced lunch program. Brenda is reaching 130 students at the school, along with children at a local daycare, with storytimes and First Books. The library has a weekly storyhour and a weekly after school craft hour targeting elementary school age children.



Library: **Kootenai Shoshone Area Libraries- Spirit Lake Branch**

Grant Focus: Every Child Ready to Read

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The Spirit Lake Library is presenting two sessions of the six-week ECRTR family workshop series to reach parents of children birth to 8 years old. They are partnering with Spirit Lake Elementary to target families and promote the program. They hosted a special event at the library during Idaho Family Reading Week. All programs are held at the Spirit Lake Library, where children receive a

free library card, have access to a variety of materials and the literacy corner. Working with the principal and teachers, Spirit Lake staff will monitor the IRI scores over the next three years as well as survey parents about the success of the ECRTR program.

Library: **Kuna District Library**  
Grant Focus: Other early literacy training, outreach  
Contact person: Sara Pemberton  
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The Kuna Library is using their grant award to create “Literacy on the Move” kits to circulate among local daycares and the community at large, with the goal of increasing early literacy and reading readiness in incoming kindergarteners. The kits provide materials to teach the six early literacy skills, with each kit focusing on one skill. Each kit includes four to six books designed to develop one skill, along with a set of creative enhancement materials.



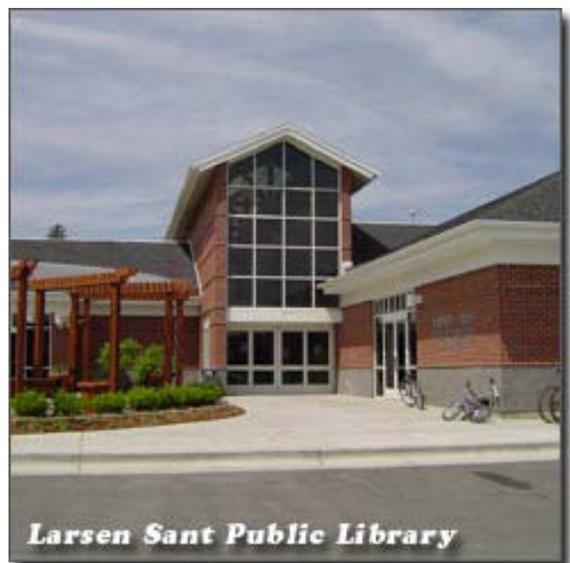
Excited kids show off their pirate books last November.

Library: **Larsen-Sant Public Library (Preston)**  
Grant Focus: ECRTR, other early literacy training  
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In addition to offering Every Child Ready to Read workshops in September, the Larsen-Sant Public Library is using their grant award to enhance existing family literacy programs. An “Early Learning Parent Resource Room” was created in the children’s section of the library with a collection of early learning games and

activities available for check-out. The library also implemented a FRED (Fathers Reading Every Day) program. “Book Sacks” containing thematic collections of fiction and nonfiction books, poems, songs, activities and games that appeal to fathers have been assembled and are available for checkout.



**Library: Latah County District Library – Moscow Branch**

First Book Site and Tons of Outreach

Contact persons: Betsy Bybell (photo at right)

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The Juliaetta Branch, pictured above, is one of seven branches in the library district.

Betsy (photo at right) covers miles and miles and miles in her outreach visits across the large county. She visits at least eight daycares on a regular basis and also does monthly outreach visits to Head Start. This year the library is able to provide free books to one Head Start classroom during their visits. Summer reading enrollment has continued to rise and having a staff person dedicated to outreach has been a big contributor to their numbers.



**Library: Lemhi County Library District - Salmon**

Grant Focus: Outreach, Story times for babies and toddlers

Contact person: Ramona Combs-Stauffer (photo below)

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The Lemhi County Library District is providing library outreach services to community partners who work with at-risk children and providing books and reading materials to preschoolers whose families cannot afford them. Staff are presenting a story hour to several community partners each week, including Head Start, Mothers of Preschoolers and local childcare providers.

**Library: Lemhi County Library District - Leadore Branch**

Grant Focus: Outreach, Story times for babies and toddlers

Contact person: Karen Slagg

(208) 768-2640,

The Leadore Branch of the Lemhi County Library District is also involved in a Read to Me mini-grant and is doing outreach to rural families. Karen has also been successful in drawing more boys into the library by selecting and promoting books they enjoy.

**Karen Slagg helps children improve their computer skills at the library. ➡**



**Library: Lewiston City Library**

Grant Focus: Story times for babies and toddlers  
Contact persons: Dawn Wittman and Heather Stout  
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The Lewiston Library, along with Head Start and the Friends of the Library, have purchased two Early Literacy Computer Stations, each of which includes top-rated educational titles to support the six early literacy skills. These self-contained units, including a printer, have been placed in the children's area. The literacy stations are available all hours the library is open and supplement literacy programs currently provided during scheduled times at the library. The programs offered through the literacy centers allow an additional venue for parents and caregivers to interact with their children using educational technology tools. Grant funds were used exclusively for literacy center equipment.



**Governor Otter visits the library to present a RTM mini-grant check.**

**Library: Madison District Library (Rexburg)**

Contact person: Vivian Milius and Amber Kent  
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The Madison District Library is a First Book partner with the Kennedy Elementary School. Regular children's programs include lapsit programs for birth to 2 and preschool storyhour. The library also circulates story kits, themed backpacks and puppet backpack. With the help of grant funds, the library purchased a Book Wagon in 2008 for outreach during their summer reading program. They increased summer reading by 10% in 2008.



**Library: Marshall Public Library (Pocatello)**

Grant Focus: ECRTR, Other early literacy training, outreach  
Contact person: Kathryn Poulter  
(208) 232-1263, [kpoulter@marshallpl.org](mailto:kpoulter@marshallpl.org)

Marshall Public Library used their mini-grant award to purchase books to distribute free to children during their regularly scheduled book wagon outreach program. The books will be distributed at scheduled book wagon stops, such as various city parks, school parking lots, daycare centers, and the Farmers' Market. The remaining grant award will be used for Every Child Ready to Read family workshops, which will be held this spring. An Idaho Child Care Reads workshop was held in September.



**Kathryn Poulter poses with the library's Book Wagon.**

Library: **McCall Public Library**  
Contact persons: Meg Lojek, Lida Clouser  
(208) 634-5522, [library@mccall.id.us](mailto:library@mccall.id.us)

The McCall Public Library offers ongoing programs for toddlers and pre-school children. Programs for school age children include the activities of Idaho Reading Week, Summer Reading, El Dia de los Ninos (April 30) and other special events.

In February, the library hosted a puppet workshop for children ages 3-5 and a parent. Children learned how to create artistic puppets out of regular household items and recycled items. They were then treated to a short puppet show.



Photo from the library's website showing children enjoying the puppet workshop.

Library: **Meridian Library District**  
Contact person: Kathryn Foley, youth services librarian, (208) 888-4451, [kathryn@mld.org](mailto:kathryn@mld.org)



Meridian is currently offering a range of storytimes for children from birth through age 6, including a monthly bilingual storytime. They also offer art, craft, and music/movement programs for young children. The Meridian Library District will be opening a new branch in March. Silverstone, near interstate 84 and the intersection of Eagle and Overland Rd, is a storefront library that will offer full services to patrons, including special children's and teen spaces.

← Barbara Hendricks and Kathryn Foley show two of their favorite books.

Library: **Midvale Community Library**  
First Book Site  
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[midvlib@ruralnetwork.net](mailto:midvlib@ruralnetwork.net)

Midvale is partnering with the elementary school's preschool and kindergarten teachers to distribute books each month to 15 children ages three to five.



Midvale summer readers have an end of the summer celebration.

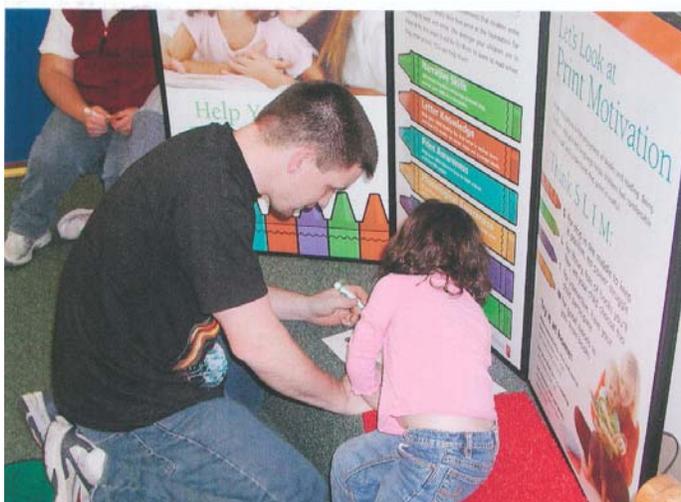
Library: **Mountain Home Public Library**  
Contact person: Robin Murphy (photo at right)  
(208) 580-2051, [rmurphy@mountain-home.use](mailto:rmurphy@mountain-home.use)



In addition to storytimes for babies and young children, the library offers a bilingual preschool program designed to bring preschoolers of various cultures together once a week to learn numbers, letters, shapes, games, and songs in Spanish and English. The library has also been active in the national First Book program.

Library: **Nampa Public Library**  
Grant Focus: ECRTR, Story times for babies and toddlers, bilingual story times  
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Nampa Public Library is using grant funds in three categories. First, youth services staff attended Every Child Ready to Read training and, through collaboration with Even Start staff, planned two six-week family workshop sessions. The knowledge acquired from the ECRTR training has also been incorporated into NPL's existing lap sit, preschool and bilingual storytime programs. Finally, the addition of new, interactive early literacy materials in the library support parents and caregivers as they strengthen their knowledge and understanding of the six early literacy skills.



Nampa families learn about the six early literacy skills.

Library: **North Bingham County District Library (Shelley)**  
Grant Focus: Outreach, story times for babies and toddlers  
Contact person: Heidi Riddoch  
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The North Bingham County District Library used their grant award to purchase two Early Literacy Computer Stations. One is in the youth services area of the library and the other is rotating between participating daycare centers and preschools. The computer stations are loaded with developmentally appropriate software, facilitating the learning of the six early literacy skills. Library staff engage children in story time as they deliver the Literacy Stations to each site. They also provide First Books to all the children.



Enjoying the Early Literacy computer at the No. Bingham Library.

**Library: Osburn Public Library**

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The Osburn Public Library hosts a monthly storytime and a summer reading program.

Photo from Osburn Public Library's website. ➡



**Library: Patricia Romanko Public Library (Parma)**

Grant Focus: Outreach

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The Patricia Romanko Public Library is participating in the Read to Me First Book program and is using their grant award to enhance monthly book distribution events. The library is partnering with two preschools for this project, and library staff visit the sites each month engaging the children in storytimes, craft projects and early literacy activities. The children get support information on early literacy and library programs for their parents along with their free book. The library will offer a free parent workshop, as well as host a family reading event in the spring.

**Library: Payette Public Library**

Grant Focus: Story times for babies and toddlers

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The Payette Public Library created a lapsit storytime for babies. This special 20 – 30 minute storytime for infants and crawlers is offered on the same mornings as the toddler storytime so it is convenient for parents and caregivers. Several copies of one board book will be shared at each lapsit so parents can engage with their babies, and the storyteller can model activities and language for parents that will help to develop their baby's early literacy skills.



**Library: Portneuf District Library**

Grant Focus: Outreach, storytimes for babies and toddlers

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Librarian Jeanne Farnworth (center) chats with Mrs. Otter during a library visit.

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the library for the parents and families. Grant funds have been used for library materials and educational materials and supplies.

As part of Portneuf District Library's outreach goals, youth services librarian Jeanne Farnworth is doing early literacy seminars at the Teen Parent Center. The seminars emphasize the six early literacy skills and consist of discussion, hands-on activities, free children's books and follow-up activities for each parent to share with their children at home. She also provides story times for the babies, toddlers and their parents and caregivers in the child care setting at the Teen Parent Center. In addition, PDL staff is facilitating early literacy

training for Center childcare providers, hosting a Dinner and a Book activity at

**Library: Prairie River Library District - Kooskia Branch**

Grant Focus: ECRTR

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The Prairie River Library District is doing ECRTR family workshops. The workshop series will be offered again in the spring at the Kamiah branch.



Library: **Rigby City Library**  
Grant Focus: Outreach  
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Rigby City Library is using their grant award to provide monthly storytimes at local daycares. These story times are designed to offer exposure to a variety of children's literature, the six early literacy skills, rhymes and finger plays, and age-appropriate activities and music. The library also provides a rotating library collection for use by the childcare providers. Workshops and training are provided for parents, caregivers and childcare providers to encourage, explain, and reinforce the six early literacy skills.



Little learners love the library!

Library: **Ririe City Library**  
Grant Focus: Story times for babies and toddlers  
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Ririe City Library is using grant funds to extend the hours of operation to Saturday mornings. The library has only been open during weekday afternoons and this limited timeframe had prevented many parents from participating in literacy programs for young children. The library was able to contract with a local teacher to plan and implement Saturday storytimes for toddlers, preschoolers and older children, as well as issue new library cards, check out materials and guide craft projects.

**Library: Salmon River Public Library (Riggins)**

First Books Site

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This is the second year the Salmon River Public Library has participated in the First Book program. This year they are partnering with the Lewis-Clark Early Childhood Program and Riggins Elementary to reach over 80 children. Library Director Susan Long says she loves the program and also attends the parent meetings at the elementary school and Head Start to promote early literacy.

**Library: Snake River School/ Community Library (Blackfoot)**

Grant Focus: ECRTR

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The Snake River School/ Community Library has reached 128 families at Every Child Ready to Read family workshops and will be doing more in the spring. They are partnering with the school district's developmental preschool to encourage families of upcoming kindergarteners to participate in the workshops. Sherrilynn is also evaluating if children who attend regular storyhours score better on the Idaho Reading Indicator. They do!! Ask her about their great results.



**Pull up a cozy chair and sit a spell at the Snake River School Community Library.**

Library: **Soda Springs Public Library**  
Grant Focus: Other early literacy training, Outreach  
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The Soda Springs Public Library used grant funds to purchase two Early Literacy Computer Stations. One is being circulated throughout the local daycares and preschools currently receiving First Books and outreach services from library staff, and one is housed in the library. The computer stations are loaded with developmentally appropriate software, facilitating the learning of the six early literacy skills.



Soda staff show off summer reading books.

Library: **South Bannock Library District (Downey and Lava Hot Springs)**

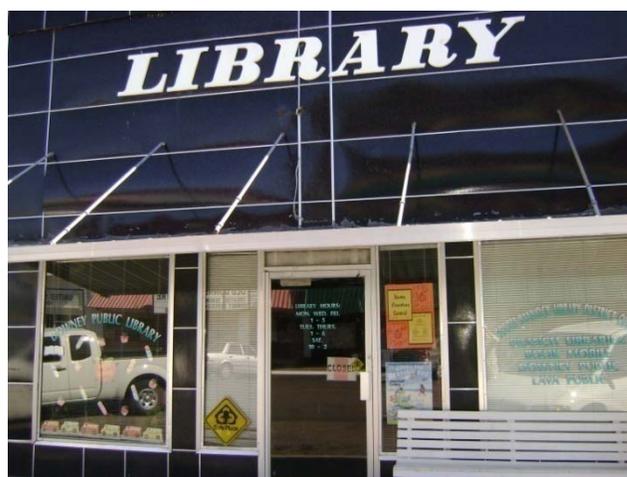
Grant Focus: Outreach

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In addition to the two branches, the district has a bookmobile that visits the elementary schools in Inkom, McCammon, Lava, Downey and the Marsh Valley Middle School. It also visits the small communities of Arimo and Swan Lake.

The South Bannock Library District is partnering with four area daycares with a monthly outreach. Each monthly program will include a thematic kit highlighting one of the six early literacy skills for permanent on-site use. Each kit will contain games, books, flannel board stories, and early literacy information that providers can send home to parents. During the site visit library staff will engage the children in storytimes, reinforcing the early literacy skill identified for each month. At the end of the six-month program each child will be given a book to take home and keep.



Library: **Washington Elementary (Caldwell)**

First Book Site

Contact person: Debbie Kraft, School librarian  
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Washington Elementary, partnering with Caldwell Public, is distributing books to 200 kindergarten and first graders. Debbie integrates the information literacy standards for each grade into her monthly storytimes and book distributions. She has also invited guests to the storytimes, such as the principal and the mayor, to help distribute the books to the students. They have been able to witness first-hand the joy First Books bring to the children.



**Librarian Debbie Kraft is ready for her students.**