Dear Idaho Public and School Librarians,

We hope that the ideas and resources included on this CD will help you plan a fantastic Idaho Family Reading Week this November. Sponsored by the Idaho Commission for Libraries’ Read to Me program since 1997, this special celebration has become a favorite annual event in public and school libraries around the state.

Each year a new theme is chosen for Family Reading Week. We hope this year’s theme, “Snuggle Up and Read,” will help you reach out to families in your community and provide opportunities for them to spend some quality time reading together. The official timeframe for this year’s event is November 11 – 17; however, you can host Family Reading Week during an alternate week if that is more convenient for you. And our new Winter Reading Program materials can be used anytime from November through March (see folder “Winter Reading Program” on this CD).

We would like to thank the staff at Blackfoot Public Library for their contributions to the content and ideas on this year’s CD. This talented group of librarians generously allowed us to share programs and ideas from their 2012 summer reading program, “Snuggle Up and Read.” We were excited to see all their creative decorations, crafts, activities, and resources which can be used by public and school libraries, no matter the size of your library or budget. There is certainly something for everyone!

The Idaho Commission for Libraries’ Read to Me program offers additional resources to help you host your Family Reading Week events. Please be sure to check the “Resources for Libraries” folder on this CD to find out how to access free support materials and more.

Please consider registering your Family Reading Week event with us at: http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/FRW2012Registration

The first 130 libraries to register their events will receive a package of wonderful resources including hardcover books for their collection, paperback books for families, branded canvas book bags, and posters. For more information check out the flyer included on the CD.

Warmest wishes for a cozy Family Reading Week,

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