

The Scoop

Fun, inspiring and innovative ideas for library youth services

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- Feb 6-8: Idaho Education Technology Association conference – Boise
- Feb. 24: Idaho elementary school mini-grants close
- April 7: Deadline to apply for Bright Futures Outreach Programs
- April 30: El día de los niños
- May 19-20: Idaho AEYC Professional Development Institute-Boise

Welcome

by Tammy Hawley-House

Apparently I can't say it enough. I love this time of year!!!! And it is not just because of the snow nor the extra padding brought on by cookies. It is the time of year when every organization that has anything to do with children and teen books puts out a list of "The Best of 2016....." I devour the lists and place so many holds that I'm sure I am responsible for a third of my public library's Dec/Jan circulation. It is also the time of year when we anxiously await the announcement of the [ALA Youth Media Awards](#). I hope to see you online Monday, January 23- 8 a.m. ET when all will be divulged. It's like the academy awards for kiddie lit nerds like the one above.



LIBRARY TO LIBRARY

Boise Teen Readers

This year The Boise Bookmarks, a citywide book club, led by Jen Scott Wills from Boise Public Library along with Gregory Taylor (Hillside Jr. High), Mary Karol Taylor (South Jr. High), and Laura Johnston (Borah High School) from the Boise School District, has been selected by YALSA to help create the [Teens' Top Ten](#) booklist. The group will receive hundreds of books from publishers and will select a list of 25 that will then be voted on by teens nationwide. The booklist will be revealed in time for Teen Read Week in October.

Congratulations to this great team of school and public librarians working together.

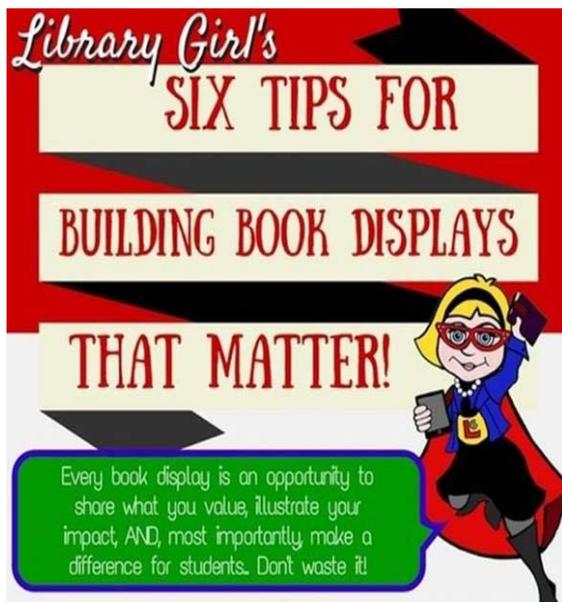
Best Wishes for Happy Retirements!

Best wishes to several friends of Read to Me who have recently retired or will be retiring later this month. Heather Stout (pictured at the right using some of her home-grown wheat during an Every Child Ready to Read session) has brought her passion and energy to many Read to Me programs during the past 16 years in her roles at Lewiston City Library. "I have been incredibly lucky to have worked with hundreds of children and their families throughout my tenure and those interactions will always have a special place in my heart," Heather said in her email breaking the news to us. She added, "I will continue my work with ALA post retirement—we librarians never give up our love of stories, books and the importance of intellectual freedom! But to that I will now add: scrapbooking, gardening, photography, helping husband Dan on the farm/ranch and eventually lots of travel to WARM climates."



We'd also like to congratulate Star Branch Manager Joy Lear (pictured as the Wizard in a photo from Ada Community Library later in this issue), and Anne Hankins, director of Kuna District Library on their recent retirements. Best to you all! [Check out a great article and photos of Anne here.](#)

Make Your Book Displays Great!



Looking to spruce up your book displays in the new year? Consider these tips from Library Girl Jennifer Lagarde!

Build Displays:

1. for the kids who need you the most
2. that honor student voice (and choice)
3. that are interactive
4. that appeal to the head and heart
5. that generate meaningful data
6. that are about readers instead of books

Find out more at www.librarygirl.net/2015/11/six-tips-for-building-book-displays.html

Wizards Spotted at the Star Branch of Ada Community Library

For the release of *Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them*, the Star Branch put together a Harry Potter party - complete with floating candles and bat-lined walls!



YOUNG ADULT CORNER

YALSA Symposium

YALSA is accepting proposals for its 2017 Young Adult Services Symposium. If you have a great teen service or program that you would like to share with others, please consider applying. Proposals are due by February 1, 2017. The Summit will take place in Louisville, KY, November 3-5, 2017. If you would like to attend the Symposium and have never done so, you may qualify to apply for the First Time Conference Grant provided by the Idaho Commission for Libraries to defray costs. For more information go to <http://libraries.idaho.gov/icfl-funding-libraries> or call Shirley Biladeau, Continuing Education Consultant at 208-639-4149. Applications must be received by September 1, 2017.



SCHOOL ZONE

Winter Reading Challenge

by Jeannie Standal

Happy New Year to all! Whether it is super snowy, super cold, or both in your neck of the woods, January is a great time for curling up with a good book for librarians, teachers, and students alike. Looking for ideas for titles or themes for your students and teachers? Maybe a reading challenge would fit the bill. There are quite a few out there to choose from, and here are just a few ideas to get things started.

[Goodreads](#) has a straightforward challenge where a reader sets a goal of the number of books s/he wishes to read in 2017. As each book is completed and added to the list, Goodreads tracks the reader's progress. It is fun and encouraging to see the number of books climb over the year! The great part is that each reader sets his/her own goal, so the challenge can be customized, and the reader has complete freedom to choose what to read. I've signed up for this one for 2017, so if you do too, friend me on Goodreads so we can cheer for one another.

The [YA Novel Reading Challenge](#) on Naomi Bates' blog can be used to create a challenge for your own library. There are 25 categories and it is up to readers to choose and read a book to fit each one to complete the challenge. For example, a few categories are: a book that will become a movie this year; a book set in your favorite season of the year; and a book recommended by your librarian. A challenge like this gives a little bit of guidance, but readers have lots of freedom to find titles they like, too.

This example of a [Winter Book Challenge](#) from the Mighty Little Librarian blog can be adjusted for any age group or ability level. Simply change the wording to suit your needs.

Into audiobooks? Maybe the [Audiobook Challenge 2017](#) is for you! Sign up at The Caffeinated Book Reviewer and start listening. If your school library does not carry audiobooks, discover the joy of listening through your local public library. Most public libraries subscribe to a digital audiobook service like Overdrive or Hoopla, allowing patrons to check out digital books (both audio and eBooks) from home, and when they are due they automatically and magically return themselves. No more overdue books! Bonus: audiobooks are a fantastic way to get reluctant and struggling readers hooked on reading!

If none of these options look good, check out the [Master List of 2017 Book Challenges](#). There looks to be something for everyone there.

Just remember: when you borrow someone's work, credit them for it. It is easily done by noting the author in a footnote.

Happy Reading in 2017!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jumpstart/ Kindergarten Registration



It's that time of year when schools are setting their kindergarten registration dates. ICfL supports school and public library partnerships during this milestone in a child/parent's life by providing books and literacy materials during kindergarten registration.

[Learn More / Register](#)

El Dia

It is never too early to start planning for El día de los niños/El día de los libros (Children's Day/Book Day), a celebration of children, families, and reading that culminates every year on April 30. The celebration emphasizes the importance of literacy and reading fun for children of all linguistic and cultural backgrounds. Libraries that host events and complete a Día application by April 4, 2017 will receive books for participating families.



[Register](#)

TIPS AND TOOLS

Keep Informed This Legislative Session and Beyond

Do you ever wonder what is going on in the Idaho Education arena? [Idaho Educations News](#) is a great place to stay informed. Find out the latest on the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) and if funding for literacy initiatives will be continued. You can even sign up for a weekly news feed and have news delivered right to your email inbox.

[Learn More](#)

SUMMER READING NEWS

CSLP Teen Video Contest

The 2017 Teen Video Contest to promote Summer Reading at public libraries is now open for submissions. Submissions are due February 15. The contest is sponsored by your Idaho Library Association (ILA), the Idaho Commission for Libraries (ICfL), and the Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP). Winning state videos will be played by media outlets around the country. This year's theme is **Build a Better World**. Entries should focus on the *public library's summer reading program*, as well as the theme. Questions can be directed to becky.proctor@boiseschools.org.

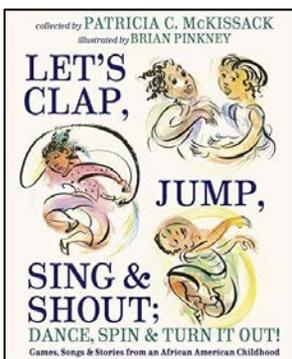
Click below for details:

- [Entry Form and Contest Information](#)
- [Helpful Links and Resources](#)
- [Model Release Form](#)
- [CSLP Website for Examples](#)

CSLP Hiring Organizational Coordinator

CSLP is looking to hire an Organizational Coordinator to run the day-to-day business aspects of the organization. The position is full-time, allows the chosen candidate to work from home, and offers benefits. See full job description at www.csllpreads.org.

Brian Pinkney is the 2018 artist for the CSLP Children's and Early Literacy summer reading programs



"Acclaimed artist Brian Pinkney is the illustrator of several highly-praised picture books including *The Faithful Friend*, *In the Time of the Drums*, and *Duke Ellington*. He lives in Brooklyn, New York with his wife Andrea, with whom he often collaborates, and his two children.

Brian has won numerous awards including two Caldecott Honors, four Coretta Scott King Honors and a Coretta Scott King Award, and the Boston Globe/Horn Book Award." His latest illustrated book *Let's Clap, Jump, Sing and Shout; Dance, Spin and Turn it Out*, by Patricia McKissack, will be released January 10, 2017.

CSLP is excited to be working with Brian to provide the music themed artwork for the 2018 program, "Libraries Rock!"

Register for Bright Futures Outreach Programs Now!

Who may apply: Publicly funded public libraries in Idaho

Deadline for all three programs: April 7, 2017

Parent Outreach: Plan at least one event for parents and caregivers and receive paperback books and bookmarks to give to families.

Reaching Underserved Children: Take your summer reading program out in the community and receive paperback books and bookmarks to give to children ages birth to 18.

School Partnerships: Develop a Reading Challenge with the elementary school principal and school librarian to increase participation in the library's summer reading program. Receive a partnership package including hardcover books, paperback books, and summer reading banner for the library and each partner school.

All libraries participating in a Bright Futures Outreach Program **must formally evaluate** their summer reading program.

Continue reading...

Special notice regarding School Visits, Backpacks, and State Parks Passes

We are no longer offering School Visits as a Bright Futures Outreach Program; however, we do encourage libraries to visit schools in the spring to promote summer reading and library programs. This year the J.A. and Kathryn Albertson Family Foundation is providing drawstring backpacks that library staff can take to the schools or to other outreach events to help promote their summer programs. Public and Community Libraries in Idaho can request those on our [Summer Reading Website](#).

State Parks Passes are also be available to request on our summer reading website.

FEATURED: 2016 BEST BOOKS

Best Children and Teen books of 2016



As I mentioned above, it is the “Best of 2016” frenzy and a great time to tap into these lists to see if your collections could use a boost of quality titles.

Many of our favorite independent review resources/journals have made it easy. Here is a sampling of several “Best of 2016” lists.

- [Horn Book Fanfare](#)
- [Kirkus: Picture Books, Middle Grades, Teen](#)
- [New York Times Notables](#)

- Publisher's Weekly: [Children and YA Books](#)
- [Wall Street Journal](#)

And don't forget the many lists provided by School Library Journal:

- [Picture Books](#)
- [Chapter Books](#)
- [Middle Grades](#)
- [Young Adult](#)
- [Nonfiction](#)
- [Best Adult Books for Teens](#)
- [Top 10 Graphic Novels](#)
- [Top 10 Audiobooks](#)
- [Top 10 Music](#)
- [Top Ten Latinx Books](#)
- [Top 10 Apps](#)
- [Top 10 Tech](#)
- [Top 10 DVDs](#)



CE NEWS YOU CAN USE

Summer Reading Related Webinars

- **Info2Go Archived Webinar: Summer Reading Collaboration**

The January 9 Info2Go session focused on summer reading collaboration and partnerships with schools, community, and summer meal programs, as well as the Bright Futures programs available to Idaho libraries for 2017. You can access this one-hour webinar at https://icfl.adobeconnect.com/_a951056399/p3tlhh20owh/?launcher=false&fcsContent=true&pbMode=normal.

- **CSLP Free Webinars**

As editors of the CSLP manuals, Amanda Moss Struckmeyer and Cheryl Brown will help create excitement for the 2017 program and provide a great start as you begin your planning. Register for all three webinars below to get ideas on how to build fun programs for all ages! [Continue reading...](#)

- **Archived Webinar "Build a Better World" from State Library of Michigan**

See link to the recording here: <http://libraryofmichigan.adobeconnect.com/p9d69b4jaic/>. Please note that in the bottom left-hand box there are files available for download with resource links, including the presentation slides. *Shared by Cathy Lancaster, Youth Services Coordinator, Library of Michigan*

DIVERSITY IN ACTION

Great Books for English Language Learners

“Research shows that reading comprehension in ELL students gets a boost when kids are exposed to culturally relevant books,” according to Mayra Linares in a recent article at NPR. Consider increasing your library’s holdings to include characters who look and speak like some of the English language learners you serve.

[More Info](#)

KNOW THE NUMBERS

Parent Survey Shows More Education on Early Literacy Topics Needed

The information below may help library staff as we talk with parents/caregivers about what to emphasize regarding child development and early literacy. The time of most rapid brain development occurs during the first three years. While 63 percent of parents identified this correctly on a survey conducted by the Zero to Three organization, more than 34 percent said the time of most rapid brain growth is three to five years, a significant underestimation of the importance of the earliest years.

Overall, parents consistently underestimate just how early children can be affected by some critical experiences:

- When asked at what age the quality of a parent’s care has a long-term impact on a child’s development, 50% of parents said this begins at 6 months or older, when in fact it starts at birth; 57% of parents say this begins at 3 months or older.
- When asked to identify the age at which children can begin to feel sad or fearful, 42% of parents say one year or older. In fact, this happens as early as 3-5 months. The majority of parents—59%—believe this begins at 6 months or older.
- Nearly half of parents think that reading to children starts to benefit long-term language development about a year and a half later than it actually does: 45% say the benefits start at 2 years or older. In reality, benefits begin at about 6 months.

34% of parents believe that talking to children starts to benefit their language skills at a year old or later, when in fact it begins at birth. 63% of parents say the benefits of talking begin at 3 months or older.

[Learn More](#)

STEAM

Solar Eclipse is coming

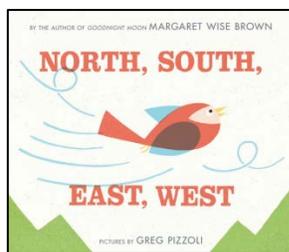
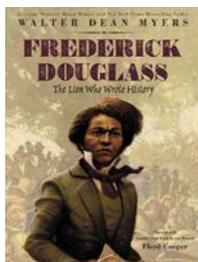
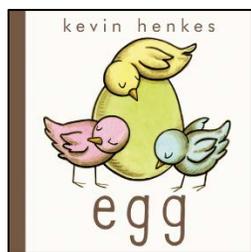
Idaho is the optimal viewing path of the total solar eclipse in July, 2017. Granted July is several months away, but I don't want you to miss out on some [free solar viewing glasses](#) being offered by STARnet Libraries. Sign up to host an event and take advantage of their free resources.



[Learn More](#)

BOOK LOOK

January New Releases



Egg, by Kevin Henkes (Greenwillow, \$13.99; ISBN 978-0-06-240872-3).

Frederick Douglass: The Lion Who Wrote History, by Walter Dean Myers, illus. by Floyd Cooper (HarperCollins, \$17.99; ISBN 978-0-06-027709-3)

North, South, East, West, by Margaret Wise Brown, illus. by Greg Pizzoli (HarperCollins, \$17.99; ISBN 978-0-06-026278-5).

Valkyrie: The Runaway, by Kate O'Hearn

If you would like to see more children and teen books being published this month, check out the list from Publisher's Weekly at www.publishersweekly.com/pw/by-topic/new-titles/on-sale-calendar/article/72122-the-on-sale-calendar-january-2017-children-s-books.html.

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