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Welcome

It's starting to feel like fall! The cooler days are always a little sad (we hate putting away our sandals!), but we look forward to visiting in person with Idaho librarians at the YALSA workshops and at the Idaho Library Association conference next month in Pocatello.

We hope to take pictures at those events and cover as much information in upcoming issues of *The Scoop* as we can. If you're attending a workshop, conference, or just doing something fun and new at your library, share it with the rest of us! You could even win a great prize -- like a Teen Read Week poster and new books. Cloteele Dahle won *De Colores* book and CD last month just for sending in her Barn Days ideas. It could be you soon! Send book reviews, ideas or thoughts to [Peggy McClendon](#) or [Stephanie Bailey-White](#) at (208) 334-2150 or 1-800-458-3271 any time!



Meet Jane Somerville

Jane Somerville has been director of the **Stanley Community Public Library District** since 1998. Stanley is a small mountain community located in central Idaho. Stanley has about 100 residents and Custer County has a population of 4,185 and an area of 4,938 sq. miles. Stanley is the gateway to the Sawtooth National Recreation Area, the Sawtooth Wilderness, and the Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness. It sits at an elevation of 6300 feet and is surrounded by the Sawtooth and White Cloud Mountain ranges.

The Stanley School, part of Challis Joint School District 181, provides education for preschool-grade 8 and has averaged 40 students in recent years. Currently a private high school serves grades 9-12. Jane works closely with the school since they do not have a school library and she recently attended the school library track at the 2005 Summer Institute. We caught up with her there and asked her to share a little more about her library and herself.

Jane said she took the job at the library because she could take her daughter to work with her the year before her daughter started kindergarten. The flexible attitude of the library board has always been a positive. Jane also liked the idea of promoting reading and the job was a great match for her. Her favorite part of her job is working with the kids and doing readers advisory. Her biggest challenge is the lack of space in their building to do everything she'd like to do.



According to the library's web site (check it out at www.ruralnetwork.net/~stanlib/index.html -- it's great!), the library currently has a service area population of 380, with 325 registered borrowers. The total paid staff is 1.15 FTE (full time equivalent). The collection contains 5,000 books and 381 audio books. The library

is open to the public 26 hours per week and offers many services, including a weekly Story Time, monthly visits for Stanley students, Summer Reading Programs, 4th of July kids parade (see pic at right), four public access Internet terminals, adult and young adult book discussions, and holiday readings. (Sounds like Jane is a very busy person!!)



Jane's favorite children's book (for the time being) is *All the Places to Love* by Patricia MacLachlan. She is currently reading *The Seeing Stone* by Kevin Crossley-Holland. In addition to attending Summer Institute, Jane is also hard at work planning her monthly school visits and a few new Read and Feed programs (see "A Closer Look" in the April 15, 2005 issue of *The Scoop* for details on this great program!). When Jane isn't working, she enjoys gardening, reading, and taking walks.



Library to Library

September 11th Remembered

Linda Henderson at the **Jerome Public Library** shared the following about a special program they had last week: "On Friday we had a celebration here at the library. We had children from the Jerome Head Start as well as other children and adults, 44 people in all, attend our 'Camp Love to Read.' This camp focused on literacy with a patriotic theme. Sandy Rupp entertained the children with stories and activities. Mary Vogel led the children in singing 'God Bless America' as they journeyed around the block waving their flags. Caroline Weigle and Judy Pike helped the children design their flags and served them lunch at the end."

"We had a special guest reader from the Jerome Fire Department. Gary Showers came and read a book about the Twin Towers and then explained to them what happened on September 11th. Sgt. Hendrix from the U.S. Army spoke to the children about being patriotic and read two poems which expressed the gratitude to the firefighters and everyone who helped during the 9-11 crisis. The Jerome Fire Department came to show the children the process of changing the flag and the respect we show to our flag. This program was sponsored by the Jerome Public Library, Hilex Polo Co., and Idaho Stars."



Young Adult Corner: Teen Read Week

Teen Read Week, October 16-22

Idaho librarians are planning activities for Teen Read Week.

Jeanne Farnworth, youth services librarian at the **Portneuf District Library in Chubbock**, has planned several activities around the Get Real @ Your Library theme. Of course they will hold a Get Real, Get Fit! event during Teen Read Week. (Portneuf was the only Idaho library to receive a grant in 2005 for the Get Real, Get Fit! program - promoting physical fitness and healthy eating for teens, and funded by MetLife Foundation.)

Other activities for Teen Read Week at Portneuf District Library include:

- Get Reel @ Your Library - teen movie night
- Get the Real Story - short story contest with the theme of sending a librarian back in time to meet a fictional character from a book
- Get Real Gallery - Pictures of Real Teen Life – a photo gallery with the pictures on exhibit all week. Prizes will be given.
- Get Real Relief – teens will present a puppet show for younger children. There will be an admission fee with proceeds going to Hurricane Katrina relief.

Still to be scheduled are Get a Real Job – a presentation by a forensic expert, and Get Real Scary – a session with a make-up artist. In addition, there will be different drop-in activities throughout the week, such as a Get Real Lost in Your Library scavenger hunt. Prizes will be given.

According to Jeanne, "We are pretty excited about Teen Read Week. Our YA programs are really going strong and we are seeing more library use by this age group."

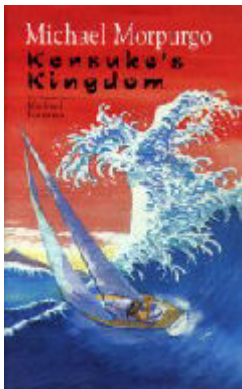
Teen Read Week, an initiative of YALSA (Young Adult Library Services Association), is a great opportunity to promote your library's services for teens and show teens the possibilities that exist by using the library and reading.

The theme this year encourages teens to explore the world of nonfiction books, including biographies, self-help books, and strange but true stories. Go to the Teen Read web site at www.ala.org/ala/yalsa/teenreading for program and display ideas, booklists, publicity materials and more.

Book Look

We continue to feature the **Young Readers Choice Awards (YRCA)** nominees for 2006. Encourage kids to read the nominated books (all published in 2003) so they can vote between March 15 through April 1, 2006. Only 4th to 12th graders in the Pacific Northwest who have read at least two of the books are eligible to vote. For more about YRCA and to see the complete list of nominated books, go to www.pnla.org/yrca/2006nominees.htm .

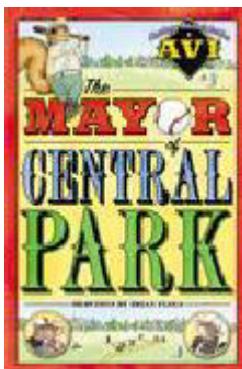
Junior Division - 4th to 6th grades



KENSUKE'S KINGDOM by Michael Morpurgo

What would it be like to be stranded on a deserted island? This British survival novel, set in the late 1980s, tells the story of 11-year-old Michael, who falls overboard during an ocean voyage with his family and washes up on an island in the Pacific. But Michael is not alone. Unbeknownst to him, the island is home to a Japanese soldier from World War II, who has been stranded there for 40 years. The man, Kensuke, watches over Michael and helps him survive. Gradually, they form a bond and Kensuke teaches Michael survival skills. The story has plenty of adventure and emotion to hook young readers.

From 2003-05, author **Michael Morpurgo** was Britain's Children's Laureate, an award given every two years to an eminent writer or illustrator of children's books to celebrate outstanding achievement in their field. Visit the author's web site at: <http://www.michaelmorpurgo.com/>.



THE MAYOR OF CENTRAL PARK by Avi

Set at the turn of the 19th Century in New York City, animals come to life as characters in this fantasy book, relating the story of squirrel Oscar Westerwit, the "Mayor" of Central Park and manager of the baseball team, the Central Park Green Sox. Animals abound in this idyllic place: squirrels, chipmunks, and mice. However, trouble is brewing when the rat Big Daddy Duds and his gang invade the park, terrorizing and vandalizing the park's residents. This is a quick read, filled with humor, heartbreak and adventure.

Avi's web site is: www.avi-writer.com/.

Intermediate Division - 7th to 9th grades



EAST by Edith Pattou

Nordic mythology forms the backdrop for this fairytale based on "East o' the Sun and West o' the Moon" and reminiscent of "Beauty and the Beast." The retelling of this myth/fairytale is freshly imagined through the voices of multiple narrators: the protagonist Rose, her brother Neddy, her father, the charmed

white bear, and the Troll Queen. Rose, the youngest of eight children, was born under an inauspicious sign that her mother feels will bring her a terrible death. When a white bear appears to take 15-year-old Rose on an adventure, events are set in motion that will fulfill her birthright. This is a great read for all ages.

ERAGON by Christopher Paolini

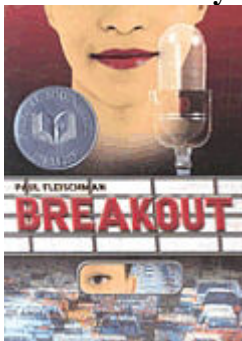


This first book in the Inheritance trilogy, written when the author was 15, will captivate fantasy readers of all ages and whet their appetites for more. When the young protagonist Eragon finds a blue stone, he is astonished to find it hatch the dragon Saphira. Dragon and boy bond as they are thrust into a battle with the evil king and the fate of the Empire rests in their hands. Together they embark on a journey to battle the cruel king and his minions, using traditional fighting arts and magic. Suspense builds for readers to learn who will prevail.

Read an essay by author Christopher Paolini on his writing at:
<http://www.alagaesia.com/christopherpaolini.htm>

Senior Division - 10th to 12 grades

BREAKOUT by Paul Fleischman



In this award-winning book, we meet 17-year old Del, a runaway teen who is looking to "break out" of her life. Through two narratives told side-by-side, we see Del's thoughts and actions when she is stuck on a freeway during a traffic accident, and eight years later, when she is a playwright performing her one-woman play onstage. How Del transforms herself from confused and angry teen to successful artist is a captivating story and a work of art in its own right.

"Words have always been my world," says author Paul Fleischman. Read more about him on his web site: <http://www.paulfleischman.net/>.



Upcoming Events

September 24 - **National Book Festival.** The National Book Festival is an annual celebration of books and the joy of reading. Peggy and Stephanie, from the Idaho State Library, are representing Idaho at the Festival in Washington D.C. Watch for a report of their experiences in an upcoming issue of *The Scoop*. Read more about the Festival at www.loc.gov/bookfest/.

October is National Book Month. The National Book Foundation seeks to raise the cultural appreciation of great writing in America. Through The National Book Awards -- the nation's preeminent literary prize -- the Foundation recognizes

books of exceptional merit written by Americans. Through its unique outreach programs featuring National Book Award authors, communities participate in the writing life of the nation by reading and writing together. Celebrate National Book Month in your school or public library. To find out more, check www.nationalbook.org/nbm.html .

October 6-7, 2005 – **Idaho Library Association Annual Conference** in Pocatello. There are some good programs for youth services staff. See www.idaholibraries.org for more information.

October 17-23, 2005 - **Teen Read Week**. GET REAL! is the theme selected by teens for this celebration of Teen Read Week, an initiative of the Young Adult Library Services Association. Find out more at www.ala.org/teenread .

October 16 - **Dictionary Day**. This birthday of Noah Webster (often called the father of the American dictionary) is a celebration of an essential educational tool. Find lesson plans and activities about the life of Noah Webster, online dictionary tools, and building dictionary skills at http://www.educationworld.com/a_lesson/lesson206.shtml .

Author Birthdays:

October 4 - **Don Brown** (born in 1949). Author of *Uncommon Traveler: Mary Kingsley in Africa*, *Across a Dark* and *Wild Sea*, *Alice Ramsey's Grand Adventure* and more. www.booksbybrown.com

October 8 - **Frank Herbert** (1920-1986). Science fiction author whose works include *The Dragon in the Sea* and *Dune Messiah*. <http://www.dunenovels.com/bios/frank.html>

October 8 - **R.L. Stine** (born in 1943). Author of the Goosebumps series. www.scholastic.com/goosebumps

October 31 - **Katherine Paterson** (born in 1932). Author of *Bridge to Terabithia* and others. Read about the author at <http://falcon.jmu.edu/~ramseyil/paterson.htm>



Summer Reading News

Idaho librarians have done a super job of helping kids read over the summer. So far, we have heard from **90 libraries who report they registered a total of more than 32,700 children** for 2005 summer reading programs. That's a whopping 16% increase over 2004. Way to go!



The program manual for the **2006 theme "Paws, Claws, Tales and Scales"** should be arriving in your mailbox by mid-October. The manual includes a section on YA, with program ideas and resources for using the theme "Creature Feature @ your library."



Also in October, the summer reading **Daring Dreamers summer reading advocacy group** will be meeting to plan the next phase of the summer reading media campaign. In the last issue, we shared some of the results from the "Read for your Library" public library / school library partnership to reach more children. The Daring Dreamers will help the State Library plan the second year of targeting parents and educators with the message that summer reading helps kids achieve a bright future.



School Zone

Two professional development opportunities for school librarians are coming up in October. If you are planning to attend either of these, we'd love some feedback on your experience and what you learned.

The **American Association of School Librarians** is meeting in Pittsburgh, PA on Oct. 6-9. Topics ranging from Reaching Reluctant Readers to a Technology Infused Curriculum to Copyright to Teaching Information Literacy Skills all await conference goers. For more information and to register, go to:
<http://www.ala.org/ala/aasl/aaslindex.htm>.

Closer to home is the **Idaho Library Association conference in Pocatello** on October 5-7. Just a few of the sessions which may be of interest to school librarians include: Information Literacy Standards, Outreach to the Hispanic Community, Storytelling, and Awesome YA Books. Registrations must be postmarked by September 16th. After that time, register at the conference site. For more information about the conference, visit the Idaho Library Association web site at: www.idaholibraries.org/conferences/.

Know the Numbers

Fewer than half of Idaho's high school graduates go to college straight from high school. Nearly 30 percent of those that do take one or more remedial college classes and more than a third do not return for their sophomore year.

However, more Idaho students are taking advanced placement exams, which are predictors of college success. Idaho is a national leader in technology-enhanced

learning, and students are scoring above the national average on achievement standards and ACT tests. (Source: Summer 2005 issue of *Catalyst: Newsletter of the J.A. and Kathryn Albertson Foundation*)



A Closer Look at the Family Reading Week Incentive Program

Would you like to get a great free banner ([click here to see what it looks like](#)) plus two wonderful books by Idaho authors (*P is for Potato* by Stan and Joy Steiner and *Bear Snores On* by Karma Wilson), PLUS enter to win a **free author visit to your school or library** by one of those authors? Sounds too good to be true? It's all waiting for you! We have 150 banners and books just sitting in our office waiting to be sent out, and we only have one application to participate so far (giving that library and school a pretty good shot at having Karma or Joy do a great program in that community).

How can I get in on this you ask yourself? School and public libraries can each get a banner and free books (and enter to win one of two free author visits), by [completing this application](#) and sending it to the State Library by September 28. More ideas can be found in [this tip sheet](#). An application was included in every Family Reading Week packet that was sent to public and elementary school libraries.

By working together, elementary school and public libraries can increase visibility and encourage family to read together and use their public and school libraries. Libraries are required to co-host one event during Idaho Family Reading Week, November 13-19. So, if you have a family reading night at the elementary school or the public library and work together to publicize it, you're in! Over 40 school or public libraries hosted family reading events last year. We hope you'll take advantage of this offer and send in an application. State Library staff are available to answer any questions about this new incentive program at any time. Give Stephanie, Peggy or Anne a call at 1-800-458-3271.

Tips & Tools

The State Library's Read to Me program provides a handout to go with each month's First Books. The handouts feature a book of the month (the book we provide for the First Book program) and activities, songs, rhymes and information for parents. Some of the libraries involved in the program are using the handouts for their regular storytime programs because it's nice to send the words to fingerplays, etc. home with families. And it's already done!

We included the October handouts as .pdf files here in case any other libraries would like to use them. The handouts for October are for the [0 - 2 age group](#), [3 - 5 age group](#), and [6 - 8 age group](#). If this is a tool you find useful, please let Stephanie know and she'll continue to post them in *The Scoop* each month. She also has handouts for *All Fall Down* board book, *Mouse Mess*, and *Yoko* if anyone would like a .pdf version of those. Please e-mail Stephanie at stephanie.bailey-white@libraries.idaho.gov for more information.

News Beyond Idaho

Book Discussion Groups for Students. [This web site](http://www.st-charles.lib.il.us/youth_services/letstalk.htm) (http://www.st-charles.lib.il.us/youth_services/letstalk.htm) shows how the folks in St. Charles, IL do their book discussion program. They start with a "Book Capers" program for grades 2 & 3 and go up through middle school. Book reviews, participant guidelines, and registration procedures are included. Check it out!

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