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Welcome! – Erica Compton

August has been a busy month at ICfL with Read to Me First Book and Every Child Ready to Read meetings held around the state and getting content ready for the Family Reading Week CD that will be mailed to all public and elementary school libraries in mid-September. Check out [“A Closer Look”](#) to learn all about this year’s Family Reading Week opportunity. Registration opens in September and we think this year’s program will be another winner!



Who is that celebrity on the READ poster? Wait – it’s me! So how did I do it?? It’s as easy as “1, 2, 3” if you have ALA’s READ software. Check out this year’s Teen Read Week opportunity to find out how your library can get a copy of the software and much more. All the details are in the Young Adult Corner below.

We hope all of you enjoy the remainder of the summer and have time to squeeze in a little Fair food and book-reading amid your back-to-school preparations and other library work.



Dates and Deadlines

- August 31: **Summer Reading End-of-Program Survey** (Required for all public libraries, optional for volunteer libraries)
- You can apply anytime to participate in the **Idaho Child Care Reads Program**
- Save the date for the **ILA Annual Conference**, October 5-7 in Boise. Register at www.idaholibraries.org/conferences/2011.
- Save the dates for **Fall Youth Services workshops**. Dates are October 24 in Coeur d'Alene, October 26 in Boise, and October 28 in Pocatello.
- **August 19-September 16**: Teen Read Week Registration. Get all the details in Young Adult Corner below.
- **Online workshops for LiLI Database** content are scheduled from August 23rd through September 21st. Click on the link for all dates and content.

Library to Library



Idaho Libraries Planning Back-to-School Events and Other Library Card Sign Up Month Activities

Many Idaho libraries are planning fun ways to share information about library resources with families in their communities. Now is a great time to remind families that a library card is the best back-to-school supply they can get their child. It's also a good time to let teachers know that we have Novelist back, along with other great LiLI databases and resources. Here are some super ideas from a few libraries across the state.

"Book to School is our way of bringing families of school-aged children into the library to learn about all the services available to them here at the **American Falls District Library**. We plan to show how being a regular library user can help a student become a better reader and a successful learner at school. We also see this program as a great welcome to the new families and those who are now regular library users," Francine Rudeen said.

"The program will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. the second week of school -- Wednesday, September 14. Each school-aged child will receive a game board as they enter the library. They will follow clues to find five or six areas of the library, read a poster in English or Spanish describing the area, and add a sticker to the game board. They might also find little prizes hidden around the library. Areas/services will include easy readers, junior fiction and non-fiction, Spanish materials, catalog computer, magazines and newspapers, the Idaho section, etc.," she said.

"Our very talented high-school aid, Cherish, will create the gameboard and bulletin board displays. The graphics will be based on a 'school' of fish. When each student completes their gameboard, they will present it at a center to 'fish' for a book at their level."

Francine said they plan to have several simple learning centers that will include library word finds, a library crossword, etc. A few activities will also be provided for pre-school brothers and sisters. Literacy materials, such as booklets and handouts in English and Spanish, will be available for parents. They also plan to have a staff member on hand to make new library cards for everyone who wants one.

"Each child will receive a flier at school with time/date, etc of the event during the first week of school. We find that having a printed reminder brings in children and families better than anything else. We hope to induce teachers to promote this program by offering a prize to the teacher who has the most students in attendance. Teachers who volunteer or drop in for the program will receive a book for their classroom library. We are still brainstorming ideas for our "celebrity" readers, but plan to ask our police chief, high school football players and cheerleaders, and rodeo club," Francine said.

American Falls is receiving 250 free books for their "Book to School" event from the Read to Me program's Year-Round Underserved Pilot Program. A simple application to get free books for programs like this [can be found here](#).

Alyce Kelley, director of the **Emmett Public Library**, said they will be placing a PSA in the local paper for Library Card Sign-Up Month announcing that a library card is the most important school supply you can get for your child. They will have a prize drawing for all new library cards issued in the month of September. "We will also include announcements to all school teachers that we are offering them a free library card for the school year. It's our way of helping our dedicated teachers stretch their dollars a little further," Alyce said.

"**Garden City Public Library** staff will be attending class registration at Boise Bible College where we plan to register 125 incoming freshman. We will also be doing a Lili database training for their orientation," Director Lisa Zeiter said.

St. Maries Public Library Director Leslee Adams said their library is sponsoring an event at the library during the evening of September 15. "We will have refreshments and patrons and families may come meet Sunney, a local service dog and her young owner, and they can get a library card. We will promote both activities at once," Leslee said.

"Every year on the first day of school I set up a table in front of the school and hand out literacy information, sign-up new library patrons, and give out flyers about up-coming events," **Bellevue Public Library** Director Patty Gilman said. "It basically reminds the public of what a valuable asset the library is for educational support and great family programming. If I have any leftover books or prizes from past events I will give those items out as well. I also set up at back to school night to sign up new patrons and register families for Every Child Ready to Read workshops.

Great ideas!! Thank you to all who shared!



Jerome Public Library Turns into Hogwarts for a Night of Magic! ~ by Darbie Chocker

"Here's a brief overview of a really magical party we hosted on Friday, July 15th. In honor of the final segment of Harry Potter being released in theaters, we decided to host a party in Harry Potter's honor. A large group of 27 children and eight adults gathered in our children's area and patiently waited to be sorted into their Hogwarts' houses. Children lined up and sat on the sorting chair...and the sorting hat was placed on their heads. As Hedwig perched above them....a mysterious voice (Angie was crouched down in the puppet closet behind the chair) called out their house upon which they received a nice bookmark/badge with a description of their house and house crest on it. After each child was sorted we gathered together to make Quidditch World Cup broomsticks...which were actually just miniature broomstick bookmarks but I told them they could use them to "fly away" on an adventure in their books...ha ha. We raffled off five book coupons to "Flourish & Blotts" (aka a free book from the library) and

finished off by serving “magic” soda and watching the first Harry Potter movie. We had a lot of fun and the room was packed! I really hope to offer another program like this in the future. Unfortunately...we were so wrapped up and making sure everything was organized I didn't get any good pictures! But hopefully next time.”



New Landmark Libraries

Library Journal is proud to present its inaugural list of New Landmark Libraries. These ten public libraries, plus ten Honorable Mentions, will inspire and inform any building project.

“At *LJ*, after years of covering new library construction and renovations and exploring innovations in design, we realized that librarians could use a master list of the best libraries to study, in person or virtually, for models and insight into coming trends. There are, of course, the libraries that anyone diving into library design will discover right away—reinventions in Seattle and Minneapolis by Rem Koolhaas and Cesar Pelli, respectively; smaller, highly touted projects such as Darien Library, CT, and so many more; and traditional motherships such as New York Public Library’s main. *LJ* wanted to help librarians discover relatively unknown gems that raise the bar as they respond to trends in green design and shifts in service models. These would be the New Landmark Libraries.”



Young Adult Corner – Erica Compton



2011 Teen Read Week Opportunities Registration Opens TODAY! LINKS BELOW

Teen Read Week is October 16-22 and this year's theme is Picture It @ Your Library. We have jumped on the bandwagon and tied this year's project to photography.

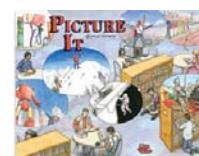
You know those great celebrity READ posters that ALA sells? How would you like to be able to create them with your own teen celebrities? Well now you can!



This year's ***Picture It with Posters*** opportunity provides your teens with the challenge of creating their very own READ posters using local teens showcasing their favorite books. Of course you need the READ Design software to do this! And, ICfL is providing it as part of the program opportunity.

Register for Opportunity One-Picture it with Posters and receive:

- ALA's READ Design CD Set (includes Photoshop Elements!)
- One branded 1gb USB full of great content and opportunity guidelines & tips
- Three branded 256mb wristband USBs for teen participants
- Teen Read Week posters for you and your partners
- One READ poster of the cast of GLEE



Opportunity Two – Register your TRW event ONLY and you will receive:

- One branded 1gb USB full of useful content for a successful Teen Read Week
- Teen Read Week posters for you and your partners

FIRST TIMERS – you may receive a FlipCam for registering for either opportunity this year. It doesn't matter if you already have one! You can still be eligible to receive another if you have never hosted a TRW event at your library. We have 15 FlipCams available – so sign up quickly to receive one! The first seven first time libraries that register will also receive *Teen Read Week and Teen Tech Week: Tips and Resources for YALSA's Initiatives* to help plan effective teen events.

We hope you consider participating in this year's Teen Read Week. Registering for either opportunity and completing the required Final Report helps the ICfL compile data on teen services in Idaho. The Final Report also provides you with a way to share your ideas so that we can continue to develop effective programs for you and your teens!

Registration closes on September 16th. Need more information?

Just contact Erica Compton or Sue Walker or click [HERE!](#)



Books for Teens Project

In December YALSA launched an advocacy and fundraising effort aimed at the general public. Books for Teens' mission is to empower the nation's at-risk teens to achieve more by providing them with free high quality, new, age-appropriate books. Learn more or become a friend at www.facebook.com/booksforteens.



The Hub

In January YALSA will officially launch a new blog, The Hub, which is meant to be a resource for teens and the librarians who serve them to find reading recommendations. The Member Manager for the blog is Sarah Debraski. To find out how to contribute content to the blog, contact Sarah at slcornish@gmail.com. For a sneak peak at the blog visit: www.yalsa.ala.org/thehub/



Young Adult Review Network

A 2011 winner of the National Book Foundation's Innovations in Reading Prize, YARN is the first independent



yarn. noun: a tale. verb: to tell a tale, i.e. spin a yarn

online literary journal dedicated to YA lit. Founded in 2010, YARN publishes work by teens alongside established YA authors. A podcast is said to be coming soon!

What's your yarn?



Teen Librarian's Toolbox – 101 things to do with your Teen Services Facebook page



YALSA's Teens' Top Ten

Vote now through Sept. 15 for the Teens' Top Ten! YALSA will announce the winners during Teen Read Week, Oct. 16-22.



Upcoming Events

September is **Library Card Sign-up Month**, a time to remind parents and kids that a library card is the most important school supply of all.



International Literacy Day is September 8, 2010. "Literacy is a cause for celebration since there are now close to four billion literate people in the world. However, literacy for all – children, youth and adults - is still an unaccomplished goal and an ever moving target. A combination of ambitious goals, insufficient and parallel efforts, inadequate resources and strategies, and continued underestimation of the magnitude and complexity of the task accounts for this unmet goal. Lessons learnt over recent decades show that meeting the goal of universal literacy calls not only for more effective efforts but also for renewed political will and for doing things differently at all levels - locally, nationally and internationally."

September 12 – **National Grandparents Day** - In 1970, a West Virginia housewife, Marian Lucille Herndon McQuade, initiated a campaign to set aside a special day just for Grandparents. Read more at www.nationalgrandparentsday.com/

September 15 – **Hispanic Heritage Month** begins and is celebrated through October 15.

September 15- Deadline to vote for the **Teens Top Ten nominations**

September 22 – **First Day of Autumn** aka **Autumnal Equinox** aka **Fall Equinox** – In the United States and the rest of the northern hemisphere, the first day of the autumn season is the day of the year when the Sun crosses the celestial equator moving southward.

September 25 – October 2 – **Banned Books Week**

October 5-7 – **Idaho Library Association Annual Conference** in Boise

October 7 – **Jumpstart Read for the Record**

October 17-23 – **Teen Read Week**

AASL's 15th National Conference & Exhibition – Turning the Page
October 27-30 Minneapolis, MN

Read to Me/Youth Services Fall Training: Save the Dates!



The theme is “Getting Kids Reading” and the age range is K- 8th. Two national speakers, Kathleen Baxter and Gary Johnston, will be joining us for a day filled with great practical ideas and a chance to network with school and public librarians in your area.

Sessions will start at 8:30 a.m. with registration and book browsing, a working lunch will be provided, and the workshops will end at 4 p.m. with book door prize drawings.



- October 24 at the Best Western Coeur d'Alene Inn, 506 Appleway, Coeur d'Alene
- October 26 Best Western Plus, Vista Inn at the Airport, 2645 Airport Way, Boise
- October 28 at the Clarion Inn, 1399 Bench Road, Pocatello

Watch for registration information coming soon!

Save the Date - YALSA's Young Adult Literature Symposium is November 2-4, 2012 in St. Louis, Missouri. Registration opens April 1, 2012.



Tips & Tools



Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy Grant

The Barbara Bush Foundation is accepting applications for their annual grant making program designed to develop and/or expand projects supporting the development of literacy skills for adult primary care givers and the children they care for.

Eligible applicants must have nonprofit or public status and have existed for two or more years, operating an instructional literacy program during that period of time.

For more information check out their website at www.barbarabushfoundation.com/site.

Deadline: September 9, 2011



To support parents and children learning together, the **National Center for Family Literacy** will award \$500 mini-grants to 20 community-based organizations, libraries, or schools with creative ideas for adopting and using Wonderopolis® with the families in their existing programs. These grants are supported by NCFL partner Better World Books' Literacy and Education in Action Program (LEAP). Find out all the details [here](#).



What is LibIdaho? LibIdaho is an email discussion list for people interested in all aspects of libraries and librarianship in Idaho. Membership is not limited to librarians or Idaho residents, but the list is likely of greatest interest and value to those who are working in libraries in Idaho.

It's also one of the main places where ICfL posts all of their program deadlines, announces opportunities, and shares information and resources. So, if you aren't subscribing you could be missing out on some great information!

To subscribe or unsubscribe: To subscribe to LIBIDAHO, go to <http://lists.ala.org/wws/info/libidaho> and click on "Subscribe" or "Unsubscribe" in the left sidebar, and then click OK when the dialogue box comes up. Enter your email address and click Submit.



Verizon Foundation Grants

The Verizon Foundation provides support to 501(c)3 nonprofit organizations within the United States. The Foundation supports the following funding priorities: literacy, education, domestic

violence prevention, healthcare and accessibility, and Internet safety. Their deadline is September 30, 2011.



Wish You Well Foundation Grants

The Wish You Well Foundation supports family literacy in the United States by fostering and promoting the development and expansion of new and existing literacy and educational programs. They have an ongoing deadline.



Summer Reading News – Staci Shaw



Summer Reading Programs Report due August 31

All Idaho libraries offering summer reading programs *must* submit a SRP survey to ICfL by August 31, 2011. You can access the report at the bottom of our [**Summer Reading web page**](#).

Summer reading program materials, such as CSLP program manuals and Bright Futures materials, are LSTA-funded. Every public library is required to submit a survey, which includes participation numbers. These statistics are used by ICfL to fulfill reporting requirements issued by IMLS (the Institute for Museum and Library Services), which administers LSTA at the federal level. In the event we receive future Fred Meyer Corporation funds to purchase books, we will use your SRP statistics to determine how many books you will receive. If your library is not hosting a summer reading program, simply submit a report that notifies us of this. **Failure to report your data will jeopardize your library's eligibility for future summer reading books and materials.**

Thank you in advance for collecting your data and submitting them to us! Your information helps us demonstrate the amount of summer reading activity taking place in Idaho's libraries, and helps us continue to improve the services we offer to you.



CSLP News:

- It's time to start digging up ideas for the **2013 theme, “Underground.”** Program manual committees will compile your program suggestions for the following slogans:
 - *Dig into Reading* slogan: **Youth manual.** School-age children up to “tweens.” Committee wants ideas for crafts, games, and full program ideas along with reproducible activity sheets - puzzles, games, mazes, and so on. (There was quite a spirited discussion at the annual meeting concerning snacks so those might be left out unless considered absolutely necessary to the program.) To see the working chapter headings and ideas [click here](#). Send ideas to [Staci](#) by **October 31, 2011**.
 - *Beneath the Surface* slogan: **Teen manual.** Committee wants program ideas, as well as ideas regarding displays and teen spaces, using teen volunteers, and utilizing social media. See full working document and ideas [here](#). Send ideas to [Staci](#) by **October 31, 2011**.



A Closer Look at Family Reading Week – Erica Compton

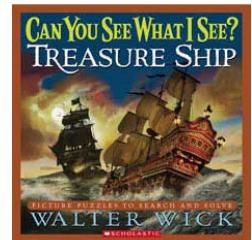
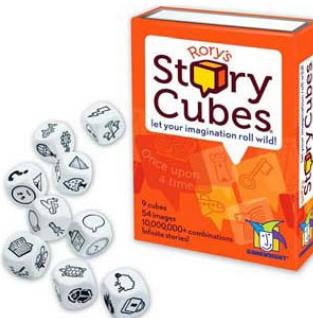
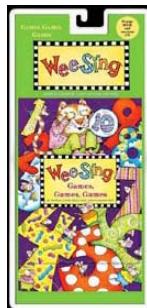
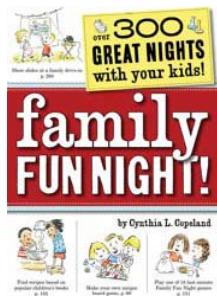
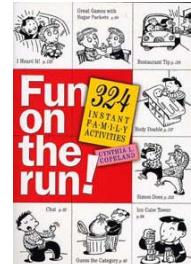
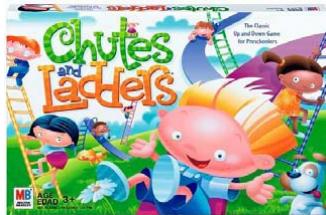


We are busy working on this year's Family Reading Week and are so excited about the offerings. The *Let the Games Begin* theme lends itself to lots of fun, creative, and meaningful activities. Ben Bibikov, our web design specialist created incredible artwork for this year's theme and we are excited to unveil it in this month's Scoop!



In September we will be mailing you a resource CD jam packed with great ideas. Contents include: Play Literacy, Games, Games, and more Games, Planning and Marketing, and much more.

This year, up to 130 libraries that register will receive a "basket of fun" to help them host a successful FRW event. The basket includes:



A BIG "Thank You" to Out of the Box Publishing, Inc. for donating 130 copies of the "My Word" game and Barnes and Noble for a generous donation of \$500 for Family Reading Week. Support from companies like these who understand the importance of literacy, family, fun, and play enhances our programs and allows us to help you better serve your communities.

Registration OPENS in September!



CE News You Can Use – Shirley Biladeau

In the last days of summer – here are some online Continuing Education opportunities

August 23 (12-1 p.m. MT) ~ YA Announcements: Fall 2011 (Booklist). REGISTER: www.booklistonline.com/GenerallInfo.aspx?id=63

August 24 (9-10 a.m. MT) ~ Birds Do It, Bees Do It: Sexual Health Resources (Nebraska Library Commission). This Spotlight! on National Library of Medicine Resources, will be presented by Siobhan Champ-Blackwell. This presentation offers reliable resources on sexual health, tips on handling the reference interview, and includes sections on resources for teens, GLBT community members, adults, and older adults. REGISTER: www.nlc.state.ne.us/scripts/calendar/eventlist.asp?Mode=ALL

August 25 (1-2 p.m. MT) ~ Worse Than Death? Practical Tips on Public Speaking for Library Personnel (Infopeople). REGISTER: <http://infopeople.org/training/view/webinar>

August 31 (9-10 a.m. MT) ~ Tech Talk with Michael Sauers (Nebraska Library Commission). REGISTER: www.nlc.state.ne.us/scripts/calendar/eventlist.asp?Mode=ALL

Coming in September **LiLI Webinars**: This summer the LiLI databases were renewed and/or changed. To view the changes go to <http://libraries.idaho.gov/page/lili-databases> ~ Coming in September, webinars will be available to familiarize yourself with the content. Later in October face to face workshops will be held around the state. Stay tuned for more information.



Multicultural Connections - Erica Compton



New Resources added to ICfL ELL @ your library webpage

I have been trying to keep the ELL Resource page up to date and to add resources as I find them. Here are some of the links that are brand new or more recent in case you have not visited in a while. To see the entire resource page go [HERE](#).

- **Library Sites with Bilingual Storytime Ideas**
 - [Harris County Public Library](#)
 - [Utah State Library](#)
 - [Round Rock Public Library](#)
 - [Texas State Library](#) - Bilingual Library Programs for Families and Children. You can also find fingerplays, rhymes, games, & songs in English & Spanish [here](#).
 - [Library System of Lancaster County](#)
- **Bilingual or Spanish Sites**
 - [Leading to Reading](#)
Semillitas de Aprendizaje
 - [Let's Read as a Family](#)
Leamos en Familia

- LiteracyCenter.net
 - [Colorín Colorado](http://ColorinColorado.org)
A bilingual site for families and educators of English language learners
 - [StoryPlace-](http://StoryPlace.org) The Children's Digital Library (Charlotte Mecklenburg Library)
 - [Lee y serás](http://LeeYSeras.org)
An early literacy initiative that empowers families and communities to foster children's literacy development.
 - [Get Ready to Read!](http://GetReadytoRead.org)
Literacy resources in Spanish for parents. You can also find their most popular early literacy skill-building resources [here](#) in Spanish.
 - [Con mis hijos](http://ConMisHijos.org)
A spanish site for families and educators. Contains a vast array of resources such as songs, riddles, and games for children of all ages. It also has extensive parent resources available.
 - [Houston Public Library - Rimas y cancióncitas](http://HoustonPublicLibrary.org/RimasYcancioncitas)
- **Publications**
 - [Center for Early Literacy](#)
[Practice Guides Especially for Parents](#) can be used by parents to provide their infants, toddlers, or preschoolers fun and exciting literacy learning experiences and opportunities, or by practitioners who are working with parents to promote their use of literacy learning activities with their children. Several of the publications have been translated into Spanish.



Book Look - Erica Compton



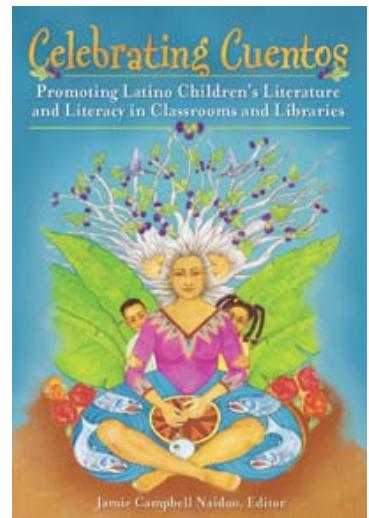
New “Must Have” Book

I recently received a book that I just have to share with you! It isn't cheap (\$55), but it is an incredible resource for those of you who want to begin, improve, or enhance services to Hispanic families.

Celebrating Cuentos; Promoting Latino Children’s Literature and Literacy in Classrooms and Libraries, editor Jamie Campbell Naidoo; 2011 ISBN: 978-1-59158-904-4

To give you an idea of just how wonderful this book is, here are some of the chapter titles:

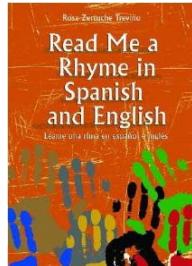
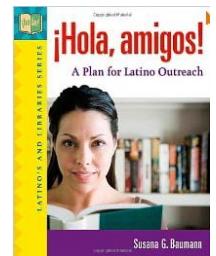
- Have Books, Will Travel: Bebés, Libros y Early Literacy
- Bilingual Storytimes
- Using Bilingual Music Programming to Improve Literacy
- The Spirit of Día; Celebrating Cuentos
- Storytelling and Recently Arrived Latino Children
- Developing and Enriching Comunidad: Reaching out to Latino Communities via Public and School Libraries
- Using Latin American Folktales in Literacy and Library Programming
- Using Print and Digital Latino Children’s Books to Promote Multiple Literacies in Classrooms and Libraries



There is so much more and my copy already has multiple tabs sticking out here and there.

Two more great books I just ordered:

¡Hola, amigos! A Plan for Latino Outreach, by Susan Baumann; 2010 ISBN: 978-1591584742. It received good reviews from both Library Journal and Booklist.



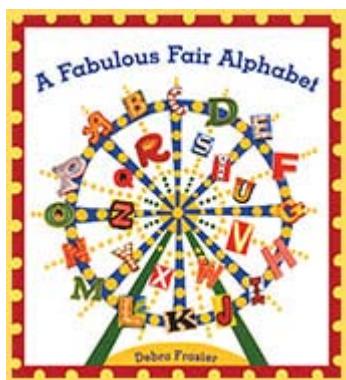
Read Me A Rhyme in Spanish and English, by Rose Zertuche Treviño; 2009 ISBN: 978-0838909829. This is a fantastic resource for libraries looking to implement bilingual storytimes. Separate chapters for babies through school-aged kids. Each storytime includes opening/closing songs, fingerplays, songs, and rhymes by theme. There are some great traditional games as well. Check it out!

Those of you participating in the *HOLA* group may be hearing more about these books in future webinars and meetings!



Stephanie's Pick of the Month

It's fair time in Idaho and I think this is a great book and website.



A Fabulous Fair Alphabet, by Debra Frasier

"This alphabet book is not just about words that begin with the 26 letters; it's also a graphic display of the myriad fonts found at a fair. Pages display many samples for each letter, both upper and lowercase, with one subject per letter. For example, "B" shows a bold red outline of a BARN and a black silhouette of a horse at the door with the structure filled with collage-style Bs. Despite the flat graphic style, the pages seem to sparkle and blink with the bright lights of a midway. The endpapers are bold collages of photos of signs at fairs. As alphabet books go, this one is delightful. As graphic art goes, it's alive with evocative, almost magical examples. Readers will be delighted with the images of fun and games, rides and blue ribbons, food and prizes." – School Library Journal review

Debra's website has a great storytime kit for librarians and teachers along with activity and coloring pages and links to things like a fun fair song. Check it out at www.debrafrasier.com/pages/books/fabfair/index.html



Author Birthdays

A Sampling of Authors & Illustrators' Birthdays in September:

September 8 – **Michael Hague** (born in 1948). Hague is an American illustrator, primarily of children's fantasy books. Among the books he has illustrated are classics such as *The Wind in the Willows*, *The Wizard of Oz*, *The Hobbit* and the stories of Hans Christian Andersen. He is renowned for the intricate and realistic detail he brings to his work and the rich colors he chooses. Click [here](#) to view some of his works.

September 11 – **Anthony Browne** (born in 1946). Browne is a British author and illustrator of children's books, with nearly 40 titles to his name. He had his first book, *Through the Magic Mirror*, published in 1976. For more on Browne go to www.guardian.co.uk/culture/2009/jul/04/anthony-browne-interview

September 14 – **Robert McCloskey** (1914-2003). McCloskey, well-known for his portrayals of New England, wrote and illustrated eight books, the most famous of which was *Make Way for Ducklings*. See www.orrt.org/mccloskey for more.

September 16 – **Hans Augusto "H.A." Rey** (1898-1977). Together with his wife Margaret Rey, they were the authors and illustrators of children's books. *Cecily G. and the Nine Monkeys* was the first book to feature Curious George which they were best known for. Go to www.houghtonmifflinbooks.com/features/cgsite/history.shtml for more.

September 17 – **Gail Carson Levine** (born in 1947). Levine is an American author of young adult books. The first book published was *Ella Enchanted*. She is also the author of three other Princess Tales books: *The Fairy's Mistake*, *The Princess Test*, and *Princess Sonora and the Long Sleep*. Check out [KidsReads](#) to find out more.

September 25 – **Jim Murphy** (born in 1947). Murphy published his first book, *Weird and Wacky Inventions*, in 1978. He is now the author of more than 30 books about American history. For a listing of those books go to www.jimmurphybooks.com/books.htm

September 27 – **G. Brian Karas** (born in 1957). He is a prolific illustrator and writer of many children's books. To find out more about Karas, go to www.gbriankaras.com

September 27 – **Bernard Waber** (born in 1924). Waber is an American children's author most famous for the books *The House on East 88th Street*, *Lyle, Lyle Crocodile* and the subsequent books in the Lyle series. Read more about Waber at www.houghtonmifflinbooks.com/authors/waber/waberbio.shtml



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