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Welcome!

*How do I love thee?
Let me count the ways...*

Here are some websites to help you plan your Valentine's Day programs:

Preschool/School Age:

- [DLTK Valentine Section](#)
- [Pre-Kinders Valentine Section](#)
- [The Virtual Vine Valentine Section](#)
- [Enchanted Learning Valentine Section](#)

Teens: Love Stinks! ("anti-Valentine's Day" programs)

- [Hub Pages](#)
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Dates and Deadlines

Click on each for more information:

- February 28, 2011: [Read to Me 101 and Intro to the Six Early Literacy Skills](#)
- February 28, 2011: [Bilingual Storytimes / Services](#)
- March 1-2, 2011: [Annual Read to Me meeting](#)
- March 18, 2011: Deadline to apply for [Bright Futures Programs](#)
- You can apply anytime to participate in the [Jump Start Program](#)

Library to Library

➤ Meridian Travel Buddies

Stuffed animals, dolls, and even dinosaurs were invited on an overnight adventure at the Meridian Library District in December. Children dropped off their special buddies in the Children's Department, then picked them up the next day.



The kids were excited to see photos of all the experiences their buddies had, from making new friends to riding in the Bookmobile. They even traveled to other countries and brought back postcards from exotic places! This would be a great programming idea for the summer reading theme this year, "One World, Many Stories."



Barbra Hendricks shares Panda's adventures

➤ Big Read 2011



This year's Big Read program kicked off with a celebration January 14 at the Morris Hill Dog Park in Boise, complete with doggy biscuits for dogs, doggy cookies for dog lovers, and Big Read bandanas for all-fitting for this year's title, *The Call of the Wild* by Jack London. Joining a huge crowd were Big Read project coordinator Mary DeWalt and other Treasure Valley library staff, ICfL's Marj Hooper and Teresa Lipus, Idaho Statesman columnist Dan Popkey, Boise Mayor Dave Bieter, and, of course, lots of dogs! The Big Read Boise and Beyond is presented in partnership with Ada Community Library, Boise Public Library, The Cabin, and the Idaho Statesman, and is an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA). [Read more...](#)



Idaho Statesman Columnist, Dan Popkey gave a brief history of the origin of the Big Read.

[See more photos from the kickoff.](#)

[See the full calendar of events from now through mid-March for The Big Read.](#)



Young Adult Corner

- **The Hub** - YALSA's newest blog has just been launched. The Hub is a blog about not just what teens are reading, but how we read and how we talk about what we read. Visit [The Hub](#) daily for a peek into what the online world is saying about YA books. You'll find fresh original writing about what teens are reading, book reviews, introductions to other YA lit blogs, podcasts, videos, and more. www.yalsa.ala.org/thehub/
- ALA has just launched "**Why I Need My Library,**" a **video contest for teens**. Why I Need My Library, which runs through April 18, encourages teens ages 13 to 18 to create one- to three-minute original videos on why they think libraries are needed now more than ever. Prizes will be awarded in two age categories to school or local public libraries selected by the winners. The selected libraries will receive \$1,000-3,000. Each winning contestant (individual entrant or member of a group entry) will win a \$50 gift card. Winning videos will be showcased on ALA websites and at the 2011 ALA Annual Conference in New Orleans.

For details and contest contact information: <http://goo.gl/h1H5u> (Opens American Libraries site)

- The above is not to be confused with the ongoing "**You Are Here**" **Teen Video Challenge**, sponsored by the Collaborative Summer Library Program. Encourage your teens to participate in both! See the details about the CSLP contest here: www.csllpreads.org/challenge-overview.html.

Download the Idaho entry form and promotional items here:
<http://libraries.idaho.gov/page/csllp-teen-video-challenge-2011>

And check out the new video tool that CSLP has posted to help librarians help teens make videos. Librarians may use the video as a self-training tool or play it for a teen audience. The 3 ½ minute video contains general tips about storyboarding, holding the camera and choosing camera shots to frame the action. It provides basic information that will help new videographers as well as tips on where to obtain free video editing software. The video has been posted to the Member's side of the site.

After login, this video is available to librarians on the CSLP "Teen Video Challenge Page."
www.csllpreads.org/video-challenge.html.

Thank You to Patricia Romig, the CSLP representative from FL, who kindly offered the use of this instructional video created for Florida by Page Turner Adventures.

- **Remember Teen Tech Week 2011** is March 6-12! Teen Tech Week is a national initiative aimed at teens, librarians, educators, parents, and other concerned adults that highlights nonprint resources at the library. The 2011 theme — Mix and Mash @ your library — focuses on encouraging teens to use library resources to express their creativity by developing their own unique online content and safely sharing it by using online collaborative tools. Check out available resources on ALA's website [HERE](#).





School Zone

➤ **Choosing Quality Non-fiction Trade Books for the School Library**

A few days ago Penni Cyr, Media Specialist at Moscow High School, sent the following request through the LibIdaho Listserve:

"I have formed a small group of students who are very interested in helping select books for our library, using a grant that one of the students earned for our library through Letters About Literature. Our main focus is nonfiction books. I am looking for suggestions about the best way to direct these students, resources to use, ideas about using students in this way, etc..."

Sharon Slaney, Librarian at Timberlake HS in Spirit Lake, suggested creating an account in Follett's online Titlewave Collection Development Program for this project. "Students can log in and use their keyword search; or title search; or search by awards, author, or title. They can read professional reviews of the books, they can look at the reading and interest levels - and each of them can create a list of books to consider. Once each of them has their own list created - they can meet and discuss how to pare the list down to meet the budget. They can use Titlewave at home or at school to complete the project. They can choose hardback, paperback or Follettbound bindings."

Here are some additional resources:

Kindergarten-12th Grade:

- [Outstanding Science Trade Books](#), from the National Science Teachers Association (NSTA)
- [Notable Social Studies](#), from the National Council of the Social Studies

Elementary/Middle School:

- [Orbis Pictus Award for Outstanding Non-fiction for Children](#), National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE)
- [Notable Language Arts](#), from the Children's Literature Assembly (an affiliate of NCTE)
- [Robert F. Sibert Award](#) for distinguished information book for children (ALA)

High School:

- [Science Trade Books by Topic](#), from Project 2061(American Association for the Advancement of Science)
- [YALSA Award for Excellence in Nonfiction for Young Adults](#)

➤ **Primary Units for ELLs**

Paso Partners has developed a K–3 science and math curriculum to help increase the achievement of Hispanic children whose first language is not English. The curriculum contains nine units: The Five Senses, Spiders, and Dinosaurs (Kindergarten); Plants and Seeds, Good Health, and The Human Body (Grade 1); Oceans, Weather, and Sun and Stars (grade 2); and Matter, Sound, and Simple Machines (Grade 3). The units are available in both Spanish and English and include a teacher's guide, student activities and instructions, assessments, and resources.

- The **American Association of School Librarians (AASL)** is offering **30 grants** for travel to its 15th National Conference & Exhibition in Minneapolis, Oct. 27-30, 2011.

The \$750 grants for first-time attendees of the conference are sponsored by Bound To Stay Bound Books. Those interested in applying can access the application on the AASL Awards & Grants pages at www.ala.org/aasl/awards. The deadline for applications is March 8.



Upcoming Events

➤ **Spring Nonfiction Book Buzz 2011: Thursday, February 3, 2 – 3 p.m. EST**

School Library Journal is offering a free webcast, co-sponsored by Black Rabbit Publishing, Enslow Publishers, Lerner Publishing, and SLJ. This webcast will feature new and forthcoming titles from three publishers of nonfiction. To register: <http://goo.gl/rPY0t> (opens SLJ site)

➤ **Annual Read to Me Meeting**

For the past 13 years, the Read to Me program has sponsored an annual training meeting. The meeting is designed to build the capacity of libraries to provide information on the six early literacy skills to Idaho families through outreach and at the library. This year there are three different opportunities to learn more about early literacy topics. Register for one of the preconference sessions, the main two-day meeting, or both!

Monday, February 28: Free preconference: 1 – 5 p.m. (choose one)

- ***Bilingual Storytimes / Services*** Anna Rosa Trelles from the Jerome School District will lead this session and Read to Me project coordinator Erica Compton will facilitate sharing what libraries are doing to promote bilingual storytimes and services.

[REGISTER NOW](#)

- ***Six Skills overview and Read to Me 101*** Tamra Hawley-House, Youth Services Librarian at Boise Public Library, will lead this session for those who are new to the six early literacy skills or for those who want a refresher. ICfL Read to Me coordinators will provide an introduction to the Read to Me outreach opportunities. Storytime volunteers and library pages are also welcome to attend this!

[REGISTER NOW](#)

Tuesday, March 1, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Lunch provided)

- ***Research and Best Practices: How does Idaho measure up?*** Boise State University Education Professor and Read to Me Researcher Dr. Roger Stewart will discuss reading research and libraries. He'll go over what the research is telling us and what we can do with that information. He'll also share results from recent Read to Me research studies.
- ***Enhanced Storytimes: Taking the 6 ELS a step further*** National early literacy consultant Saroj Ghoting will share information on how to do parent asides and there will be time to work on storytime templates.

Wednesday, March 2, 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. (Lunch provided)

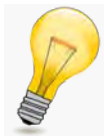
- ***Outreach Models That Work:*** Librarians who have started successful outreach efforts will share their secrets for success.
- ***RTM: New for You!*** Read to Me coordinators will talk about new pilot programs you might want to participate in.

- **Community Partnerships:** During lunch we'll hear from a panel of partners, who will then stay after lunch and facilitate discussions about working with partners and sharing ideas that help reach more Idaho families.
- **RTM 2011-2012:** How do I apply for RTM First Book or Every Child Ready to Read? What is the next Family Reading Week theme? How do I take advantage of the new free El Dia de los Ninos resources? Stick around for updates and news about these RTM programs and others!

REGISTER for the March 1-2 meeting (Please register by February 9)

Library staff traveling more than 45 miles one way to the meeting will be reimbursed for travel expenses. For more information on the travel reimbursement, please see <http://libraries.idaho.gov/files/travel-info-2011.pdf>.

If you have any questions about the meeting, please contact Stephanie Bailey-White at ICfL, Stephanie.bailey-white@libraries.idaho.gov.



Tips & Tools

- The **Ohio Library Council's (OLC) Young Adult Services Division** has produced a **Teen Programming Guide** to share innovative and creative ideas for programs and displays.

This awesome guide for library staff who work with teens is organized by the calendar year. It includes 25 great program themes around scheduled library/literary events like Teen Tech Week, and seasonally appropriate tie-ins including an Anti-Valentine's Party. Each program idea includes resources, detailed instructions, timelines, and photos from Ohio library staff who have successfully implemented the programs at their libraries.

OLC has made the guide available free to all libraries at:
http://olc.org/pdf/YA_TeenProgramGuide122010.pdf

- **Book Giveaway Contest from The Tanners**

To celebrate the end of their debut year, The Tanners will be holding a special giveaway **just for librarians**. One public or school library will be selected to receive a set of **55 books** by 2010 middle grade and young adult debut authors.

From their website: "How do you enter this massive giveaway? So easy. All you have to do is **capture one of our books in the wild**.* Take a photo of yourself, another librarian, a patron, or even an adorable library pet posing with one of our 2010 debut novels. Send it to us at **2010debuts@gmail.com** from your institutional email address. Tell us your name, your library's name and mailing address, and who's in the picture." Deadline is February 15, 2011. **For more information click [HERE](#).**



Summer Reading News

➤ **Attack of the Backpacks!**

50,000 summer reading backpacks have just arrived at the Commission, and 40,000 more are on the way. How can you take these off our hands, you ask? Apply for [School Visits](#) now!

Bright Futures School Visits is the third outreach opportunity the Commission offers to publicly-funded public libraries in Idaho. Simply contact your local public elementary school principal, make an appointment to visit the school to promote the library's summer reading program, and tell us how many children grades K-6 are enrolled in the school. We'll send you these great drawstring backpacks that you can stuff with your library's summer reading information and/or registration forms to give to the students. Classroom visits, assemblies and field trips to the public library all count as school visits. There is no limit on partner schools, but the materials are **only available for elementary children grades K-6**.



Once our supply is depleted we can no longer accept applications. Last year our supply was depleted before the March deadline, so please make arrangements with your schools now and **apply** as soon as possible. You may apply for School Visits and Underserved Children using the same application form. **Deadline is March 18, 2011.**

To see a chart of current applicants, please visit our main summer reading webpage and click on "2011 List of Bright Futures Applicants": <http://libraries.idaho.gov/landing/summer-reading>

➤ **News from CSLP**

- The CSLP (Collaborative Summer Library Programs) is looking for more ideas for the adult summer reading program manual from CSLP. The theme is "night" and the slogan is "Between the Covers." To see what has been collected so far or to submit ideas, please see our [blog](#).
- There is an error on pages 27-28 of the children's manual. **The answer to #2 on the Capitals and Countries Quiz is Portugal, not Spain.**

➤ **Funding Opportunity**

The National Summer Learning Association welcomes applications for the **2011 Excellence in Summer Learning Award**. The Excellence in Summer Learning Award recognizes outstanding summer programs that demonstrate excellence in accelerating academic achievement and promoting healthy development for young people between pre-kindergarten and twelfth grade. Applicants must be a public or private organization or agency (schools, community-based organizations, libraries, universities, faith-based organizations, etc.) or a collaboration of such organizations or agencies, serve young people between pre-kindergarten and twelfth grade over the summer months, strive to accelerate academic achievement and promote healthy development as a central goal of the program, have operated a program for at

least two summers, and demonstrate a strong commitment to equity and to expanding access to summer learning in high-poverty communities.

For more information and how to apply, [click here](#).

Meet Gregory Taylor



Gregory Taylor has been a librarian at Hillside Junior High School for the past five years. The Hillside Junior High School library serves about 500 students and 75 faculty and staff. Hillside is tucked into the foothills on Hill Road on the north side of Boise. “The library is right in the middle of the school – as it should be!” Gregory said. The library serves 7th, 8th, and 9th graders (ages 12-15) and the staff of Hillside, who are “various ages.”

When asked about his roots and what brought him to the field of library science Gregory shares that he actually started working at Hillside over a decade ago as an English teacher. He had always been a reader, and never completely outgrew reading fiction targeted at teens. He adds that some might say he’s never completely outgrown being a teenager, but that is another article altogether! As a

teacher, he was always reading books from the Hillside library, and thoroughly enjoyed collaborating with Barbara Barrett, Hillside’s former and incredible school librarian. As Barbara neared retirement, Gregory began to think more and more seriously about becoming Hillside’s next librarian. He is so happy that dream came true – and so are the lucky students and staff that benefit from his enthusiasm and expertise every day.

Hillside Junior High School Library



Home of the Rams



Gregory provides a lot of Information Literacy instruction in the library including catalog use, researching with print and electronic sources, website evaluation, the [Big6 research process](#), word processing, and so forth. He frequently does book talks with classes to turn them onto great new literature. A few times a year the school has “Lit Lunches” where they focus on one particular book, theme, or author. The school provides the lunch (usually pizza) and the kids provide the amazing discussion. He is also responsible for all the collection development (and weeding) for the school library. He likes to promote

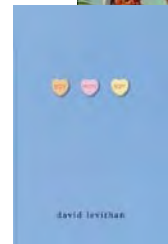
special events like [Banned Books Week](#), [Teen Read Week](#), and [Read Across America](#) with activities in the library. He encourages students to read and be aware of [PNLA’s Young Readers’ Choice](#) nominees, [YALSA’s Teens’ Top Ten](#), and the [ALA award winners](#) in January. The Hillside library is also a place where students come to finish homework, use the computers, play chess and other games, and hang out with friends. It sounds like a very busy and vibrant place!

One other interesting and rewarding experience he has taken on includes visiting the kids at the Ada County Juvenile Detention Center to book talk and check books out to them. When asked about his greatest success Gregory likes to highlight the creation of the “Fun Room.” The library has a side room that formerly housed professional materials for the staff, as well as some other odds and ends. Over the past five years, they have gradually transformed it from a dingy, cramped, little-used space into the most popular spot in their library. It is filled with audio books, manga, graphic novels, DVDs, board games, comfy furniture, and other fun stuff. Morning library use during the 45 minutes before school has exploded, due in large part to the Fun Room.

Gregory feels that the biggest challenge he faces is continuing to recruit new users. “Not all Hillsideers have discovered yet how fabulous the library is, and I can’t rest until they do!” Gregory said. “I’m engaged in a never-ending quest to find just the right book for those reluctant readers that will hook them into life-long reading. I’m also constantly trying to convince faculty members to collaborate with me and use the library’s many resources.”

It is easy to see that Gregory loves his job and working at the school library. When asked about his favorite aspect of the job, he says, “I could take the easy route, and give a sort of meta-answer: that what I like best about being a school librarian is that the job is so multi-faceted and varied from day to day and moment to moment. But honestly, my MOST favorite thing is simply talking with the kids about what they’re reading, and helping them find more good books that will keep them reading.”

When asked about his favorite children’s book and author he states flat out, “This is impossible to answer,” but then goes on to try. A few of his favorites are the *Airborn* trilogy, by Kenneth Oppel; *The Twenty-One Balloons*, by William Pene du Bois; and *Boy Meets Boy*, by David Levithan. He also quips, “Ask me tomorrow and you’d likely get completely different answers.” Ever the librarian, Gregory is always searching for his next favorite read.

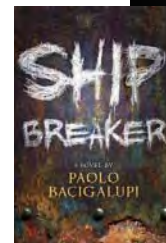


As a child, Gregory wasn’t too fussy about what he read. He remembers reading *Harriet the Spy*, by Louise Fitzhugh, *The Chronicles of Narnia*, by C.S. Lewis, and *The Great Brain*, by John D. Fitzgerald over and over. Like all kids he went through phases: Hardy

Boys, Laura Ingalls Wilder, Encyclopedia Brown, and lots of mysteries. As he got older he read science fiction, especially Isaac Asimov.



A prolific reader, his list of recent books is extensive and includes *The Vast Fields of Ordinary*, by Nick Burd; *A Curse Dark as Gold*, by Elizabeth C. Bunce; *Ash*, by Malinda Lo; *Ship Breaker*, by Paolo Bacigalupi; *Perfect Chemistry*, by Simone Elkeles; and *You*, by Charles Benoit.



His favorite ice cream is butter brickle.

When not at the school library, you will find Gregory reading (of course). He also shares that he sings in a church choir and plays in bell choir. He enjoys going to movies as well as live theater. He serves on the Board of Trustees of the Idaho Shakespeare Hillside, and Boise in general, is lucky to have such a dedicated individual working to engage teens in reading and fostering a love of learning.

the currently Festival.



CE News You Can Use

➤ **College of DuPage - Library Futures: Staying Ahead of the Curve 2011**
February 4, 2011: "Free Content for Library Collections" 10 AM – 11:30 AM Mountain Time

Presenters: Michael Galloway and John Mark Ockerbloom

The Internet offers a treasure trove of free resources that can greatly expand the range of information and services that libraries can offer their patrons. But it's not always easy to find the best information to meet users' needs. In this program, Michael Galloway, Manager, *Digital Collections for ipl2: Information You Can Trust*, and John Mark Ockerbloom, editor of *The Online Books Page*, will give a tour of some of the millions of books, magazines, journals, and informative web sites that can be accessed online for free. They will discuss how they evaluate and describe online resources to include in their directories, how readers can find what they need in these directories and elsewhere online, and how they can distinguish useful information from unreliable or irrelevant sites. You'll find out how you can integrate free online resources with your local library offerings in ways that give patrons better service than either online or print alone can provide. And you'll also learn how your library and your patrons can contribute to this growing corpus of knowledge.

All Idaho library staff can register for free – through a grant from the Institute for Museum & Library Services, Library Services & Technology Act. Register at:

<http://www.dupagepress.com/library-learning-network/> (in the registration form scroll down to the item labeled "registration paid by state libraries"). Even if you can't attend the live session register, because the session is archived and that is the only way you will receive the archive link.

Future Presentations:

April 8, 2011: "Cataloging: New Perspectives"

➤ **What's New in Young Adult Literature for 2011 (Grades 6-12)**

This full day workshop, sponsored by the Bureau of Education and Research (BER) and facilitated by Media Specialist Patti Tjomsland, will be held in Boise on March 9. The target audience is secondary teachers, school librarians, and public librarians. Topics include:

- A comprehensive overview of **the best new books for young adults published in the last year**
- **Practical, ready-to-use ideas** for selecting and utilizing the best new **young adult literature** across your curriculum/programs
- Outstanding suggestions for **promoting young adult reading**
- **Find out about first edition paperbacks** ... Great titles that are never released in hardback and can help stretch your budget
- **An extensive young adult literature resource handbook** filled with annotated booklists, ready-to-use ideas, themes, activities, and more valuable and practical ideas

BER workshops are facilitated by highly-trained professionals and practitioners, can be taken for inservice credit with district approval, and offer graduate credit through Chapman College for an additional fee.

Cost: \$215.00

For more information or to register [click here.](#)

Can't attend? Purchase a **[CD version of the seminar for \\$95.00.](#)** (available in February)



News Beyond Idaho

Library Journal's 2011 "Best Small Library" Award

The Naturita Community Library (NCL) in Naturita, Colorado (population 665) is housed in the largest hay bale in America, employs two full-time and two part-time staffers, is open 57 hours per week, and was just deemed "Best Small Library in America" by Library Journal.

NCL was awarded the title for children's programs, outreach services, new "green" building design, and for the access to technology provided to patrons.

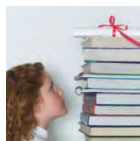
More than a third of the local students are active in library programs. NCL offers four days of after-school programming every week. Programs include homework help, monthly teen nights, and a new Children's Learning Garden tended by kids. In partnership with the Uncompahgre Board of Cooperative Services, NCL delivers weekly summer programs for preschool kids to second graders to build cognition, language, and social/emotional skills.

More than 450 new library cards have been issued by NCL since January 2009, and circulation has increased by 110 percent (150 percent for children). The library has become the hub of the community, especially for children and teens.

[Read more about NCL's programs and services...](#)

LJ's annual award, sponsored by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, was created in 2005 to encourage and showcase the exemplary work of libraries serving populations under 25,000. Thirty institutions were nominated for the seventh annual Best Small Library in America Award. NCL will receive \$15,000 and the [two finalist libraries](#) will each receive \$5000.

For guidelines for the 2012 nomination go to www.libraryjournal.com/bestsmall.



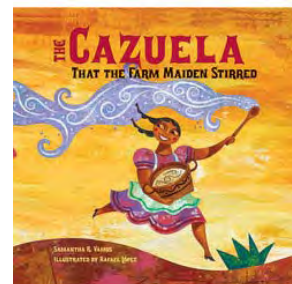
Book Look

The titles for this year's "School Partnerships" program have been ordered! Libraries and schools that collaborate to promote summer reading participation can each receive the following 20 titles: ([See how...](#))

(Most titles incorporate the 2011 Children's SRP slogan, "One World, Many Stories.")

Bink and Gollie, by Kate DiCamillo & Alison McGhee (2010)

Black Elk's Vision: A Lakota Story, by S.D. Nelson (2010)



The Cazuela that the Farm Maiden Stirred, by Samantha Vamos, illustrated by 2011 CSLP Illustrator Rafael Lopez (2010)

The Fantastic Secret of Owen Jester, by Barbara O'Connor (2010)

Flight of the Phoenix (Nathaniel Fludd, *Beastologist* Book 1), by RL Lavefers (2009)

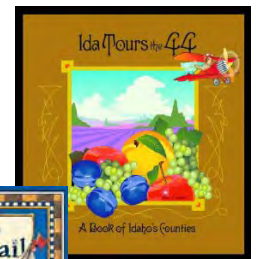


Goal! by Mina Javaherbin (2010)

How Tia Lola Learned to Teach, by Julia Alvarez (2010)

How to Clean a Hippopotamus: Unusual Animal Partnerships, by Steve Jenkins and Robin Page (2010)

Ida Tours the 44: A Book of Idaho's Counties, by First Lady Lori Otter (2010)

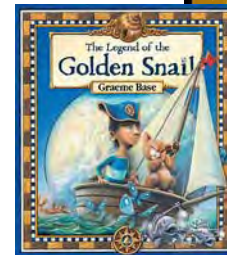


If America Were a Village, by David J. Smith (2009)

Intrepid Canadian Expedition (Flat Stanley's Worldwide Adventures #4), by Sara Pennypacker (2010)

The Junkyard Wonders, by Patricia Polacco (2010)

Legend of the Golden Snail, by Graeme Base (2010)



Mama Miti: Wangari and the Trees of Kenya, Donna Jo Napoli (2010)

Olivia Goes to Venice, by Ian Falconer (2010)



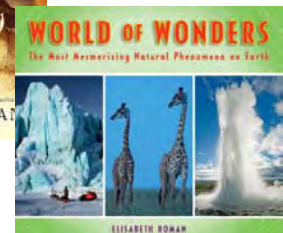
Out of My Mind, by Sharon M. Draper (2010)

The Red Pyramid, by Rick Riordan (2010)



What in the Wild? by David Schwartz (2010)

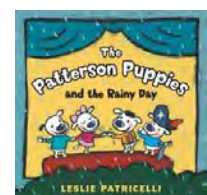
When It's Six O'clock in San Francisco: A Trip Through Time Zones, by Cynthia Jaynes Omololu (2009)



World of Wonders: The Most Mesmerizing Natural Phenomena on Earth, by Elisabeth Roman (2010)

IAEYC Book Award

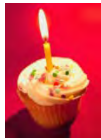
The Idaho Association for the Education of Young Children (IAEYC) supports early childhood literacy and life-long reading, and honors superior books by Idaho authors each year. The IAEYC Book Award committee, consisting of early childhood educators and practitioners, has recognized exemplary children's books and their creators each year since 2008. The 2010 Award was given to Ketchum's Leslie Patricelli for *The Patterson Puppies and the Rainy Day*.



Read to Me Project Coordinator Staci Shaw has accepted an invitation to join the Book Award Committee as a representative of the Idaho library community. Your suggestions and feedback will be greatly valued as the committee compiles nominations and chooses winners each year.

Nominations are currently being compiled for the 2011 Award. As you know, the list of Idaho authors who write young children's literature is not extensive. The committee would like to begin reviewing possibilities as soon as possible, so please send some suggestions to Staci to pass along. Here are the criteria:

- Published in 2010
- Written by an author residing in Idaho
- Target ages: Birth – age 8



February Birthdays to Note

- February 1 – **Jerry Spinelli** (born in 1941). Is the author of more than a dozen books for young readers, including *Maniac Magee*, *Wringer*, *Crash*, *Knots in My Yo-Yo String*. For more see www.randomhouse.com/features/jerryspinelli/about.html
- February 2 – **Judith Viorst** (born in 1931). She is perhaps best known for her children's literature, such as *The Tenth Good Thing About Barney* and the *Alexander* series of short books. Find out more about Viorst at www.kennedy-center.org/programs/family/alexander/author.html
- February 3 – **Walt Morey** (1907-1992). Some of his works include: *Deep Trouble*, *Gentle Ben*, *Gloomy Gus*, and many more. See <http://oregonmag.com/morey.htm>.
- February 3 – **Joan Lowery Nixon** (1927-2003). She is the author of more than 100 books including the Orphan Train Adventures and the Ellis Island series. Read more at www.teenreads.com/authors/au-nixon-joan-lowery.asp
- February 4 – **Russell Hoban** (born in 1925). Author of the "Frances" books and more. See www.yourlibrary.ws/childrens_webpage/e-author22001.html for more.
- February 5 – **David Wiesner** (born in 1957). Wiesner is the author of *Tuesday*, *The Three Pigs*, *Flotsam*, *Art and Max*, and more. Go to www.houghtonmifflinbooks.com/authors/wiesner/home.html
- February 7 – **Laura Ingalls Wilders** (1867-1957). Is an American author who children's books were based on her childhood in a pioneer family. Some of her works include: *Little House in the Big Woods*, *Farmer Boy*, *Little House on the Prairie*, *On the Banks of Plum Creek* and more. See www.lauraingallswilderhome.com/ for more.
- February 10 – **Lucy Cousins** (born in 1964). She is best known for her books featuring *Maisy Mouse* but she has also published other children's books. See www.maisyfunclub.com/maisyframe.asp?section=lucy for more.

- February 10 – **E. L. (Elaine Lobl) Konigsburg** (born in 1930). She won the Newbery Medal for *From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler* and *Jennifer, Hecate, Macbeth, William McKinley, and Me, Elizabeth* was named Newbery Honor Book. Almost 30 years later she won the Newbery Medal once again for *The View From Saturday*. Read more at [KidsReads](#).
- February 11 – **Jane Yolen** – (born in 1939). Yolen is the author of almost 300 books, some of which include: *Owl Moon*, *The Emperor and the Kite*, *How Do Dinosaurs Say Goodnight* and more. For more see www.janeyolen.com/
- February 12 – **Judy (born Judy Sussmain) Blume** (born in 1938). Blume's novels for have exceeded sales of 80 million and been translated into 31 languages. Some of her titles include: *Iggie's House*, *Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret*, *It's Not the End of the World, Just As Long As We're Together*, *Blubber* and more. See www.judyblume.com/about.php for more.
- February 12 – **Jacqueline Woodson** (born in 1964). Woodson's books include *Show Way*, *Locomotion*, *Miracle's Boys* and many more. www.jacquelinewoodson.com/bio.shtml
- February 14 – **Phyllis Root** (born in 1949). Root's books include *Oliver Finds His Way*, *Looking for a Moose*, *One Duck Stuck Big Book: A Mucky Ducky Counting Book*, and *Aunt Nancy and the Bothersome Visitors*. Find out more at www.childrensliteraturenetwork.org/aifolder/aipages/ai_r/root.php
- February 14 – **Paul O. Zelinsky** (born in 1953). He was awarded the Caldecott Medal in 1998 for his *Rapunzel*. The best-selling movable book *The Wheels on the Bus* is his most popular work. Click [here](#) to find out more about Zelinsky.
- February 17 – **Robert Newton Peck** (born in 1928). Peck has written over 60 books, including *Soup*, *A Day No Pigs Would Die.*, *Extra Innings* and many more. Go to the [Peck](#) website for more.
- February 18 – **Barbara M. Joosse** (born in 1949). Is the author of many books for children, including: *The Thinking Place*, *Mama, Do You Love Me*, *I Love You the Purplest*, *Wild Willie and King Kyle*, *Ghost Trap* and more. www.barbarajoosse.com/
- February 23 – **Walter Wick** (born in 1953). Wick is an artist and photographer best known for the elaborate images in the *I Spy* and *Can You See What I See?* book series. Go to [Walter Wick's](#) website for more.
- February 25 – **Cynthia Voigt** (born in 1942). Her first book in the Tillerman family series, *Homecoming*, was nominated for several international prizes and made into a 1996 film. Her novel *Dacey's Song* won the 1983 Newbery Medal. Read about Voigt and find a list of her books at www2.scholastic.com/browse/contributor.jsp?id=3703
- February 26 – **Judith St. George** (born in 1931). St. George writes both historical fiction and non-fiction including *Haunted*, *The Halloween Pumpkin Smasher*, *In the Shadow of the Bear*, *The Brooklyn Bridge: They Said It Couldn't Be Built*, and *The Mount Rushmore Story*. Go to www.answers.com/topic/judith-st-george-children-s-author for more on St. George.

- February 28 – **Megan McDonald** (born in 1959). Her most popular works is the series of books which center around a third grade girl named Judy Moody.
www.meganmcdonald.net



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