



Idaho's Read to Me Resources

Many free resources supporting early literacy can be found at <http://libraries.idaho.gov/page/read-to-me-resources>



FREE RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO ANYONE

The Scoop

THE SCOOP E-NEWSLETTER

The Scoop is a monthly e-newsletter containing fun, inspiring, and innovative ideas for youth services librarians. Subscribe at no charge at <http://libraries.idaho.gov/the-scoop>.

THE BOOKWORM NEWSLETTERS FOR PARENTS

A monthly early literacy skills newsletter written for parents. Each month the Read to Me program produces three early literacy newsletters featuring a different book of the month and ideas for building early literacy skills. They make great storytime handouts too! We also have six "generic" versions of the Bookworm available in English or Spanish. Subscribe at no charge at <http://libraries.idaho.gov/page/bookworm> and these will appear in your email or mobile devices.



EARLY LITERACY STATIONS

Created for librarians or educators to use during parent workshops, family events, or storytimes. Activities for babies, toddlers, preschoolers, and early school-age, based on the Six Early Literacy Skills.

SIX SKILLS ACTIVITY SHEETS

Take-home activity sheets that reinforce each of the Six Early Literacy skills. Use for enhanced storytimes, literacy stations, Tubby Buddy boxes, and parent workshops. These are available in English and Spanish.

Contact any of the Read to Me Team Members -- Stephanie, Staci, Erica, or Julie -- at 1-800-458-3271 if you need help locating additional resources or have any questions about Read to Me programs.



Read to Me

Providing information, training, technical assistance, and resources for Idaho libraries and their community partners. Our vision is for all parents and caregivers to nurture their children's early literacy skills and for all children to develop as independent readers and become lifelong learners.

Read to Me is a project of the Idaho Commission for Libraries.

Visit <http://libraries.idaho.gov/read-to-me> for more information about the following programs:

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES FOR LIBRARIES



EVERY CHILD READY TO READ

Every Child Ready to Read Family Workshops are a program that involves young children (ages birth to 6) and their parents/caregivers in learning the early literacy skills that help to prepare children for reading success in school. [Public library, school can partner](#)



MY FIRST BOOKS *The program provides books for at-risk children. This year the Read to Me program is providing books & services for over 3,100 children in 36 library programs throughout the state. [Public library, school can partner](#)*



IDAHO CHILD CARE READS *Librarians host early literacy workshops for child care providers. The Commission provides children's books and a professional development book to those who complete a workshop. [Libraries host](#)*



JUMP START KINDERGARTEN *Librarians encourage parents of children registering for kindergarten to "Get a Jump Start on Reading @ Your Library." Participating librarians provide early literacy information and a free book to each child and his/her family during kindergarten registration. [School can apply if public library is unable to do outreach](#)*



SUMMER READING *Summer Reading is the most popular library literacy program. Kids enjoy special programs and reading adventures, and at the same time keep their reading skills sharp for the coming school year. [Partner with public library](#)*



YEAR-ROUND UNDERSERVED PROGRAM *Many libraries are trying to do more outreach throughout the school year as well as summer and this program provides resources to enhance these outreach visits and increase the number of families with access to books in their homes. [Partner with public library](#)*



FAMILY READING WEEK *An annual statewide celebration of family reading as a great family activity. Local libraries plan a variety of events to reinforce the fun and value of reading. The Commission provides support materials for libraries hosting FRW events. [Schools can register events](#)*



EL DÍA DE LOS NIÑOS/EL DÍA DE LOS LIBROS *An annual celebration of children and books held on April 30. The Commission provides promotional materials and books to libraries which host events to reinforce the fun and value of reading. [Schools can register events](#)*



BOOKS TO GO *Participating libraries place Books to Go bins for lending at Head Start sites, developmental preschools, childcare centers, and home-based childcare locations. Parents then have convenient, continuous access to pre-packaged books and early literacy handouts. [Partner with public library](#)*



FUN WITH MATH AND SCIENCE *A yearlong pilot project designed to introduce young children to math and science. Participating libraries agree to host at least two family workshops utilizing the materials provided and complete required evaluations. [Public library, school can partner](#)*