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## Welcome!

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We do not inherit the earth from our ancestors, we borrow it from our children.  
~Native American Proverb

**Today is Earth Day.** Here are some startling environmental facts:

- 80 percent of the world's forests are gone.
- The U.S. has less than four percent of its forests left.
- An average American creates 4.5 lbs. garbage a day -- an amount doubled from 30 years ago.
- Every ton of recycled office paper saves 380 gallons of oil.
- About one percent of U.S. landfill space is full of disposable diapers, which take 500 years to decompose.
- 40 percent of our waterways are undrinkable.

- The U.S. has five percent of the world's population and 30 percent of the waste.
- Energy saved from one recycled aluminum can will operate a TV set for three hours, and is the equivalent to half a can of gasoline.
- Glass produced from recycled glass instead of raw materials reduces related air pollution by 20 percent, and water pollution by 50 percent.
- [Read more...](#)  
(from The Holiday Spot, [www.theholidayspot.com/earth\\_day/](http://www.theholidayspot.com/earth_day/))

**May is Get Caught Reading Month!** What are you reading? Submit your titles via the survey below and we'll include them in the May issues. We'll even enter your name for a fun Summer Reading prize drawing! [www.surveymonkey.com/s/get-caught-reading](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/get-caught-reading)



## Dates and Deadlines

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Click on each for more information:

- Month of May: Get Caught Reading Month: Take the [Get Caught Reading Survey](#)
- May 12, 2011: Deadline to apply for [Read to Me First Book](#)
- May 20, 2011: Deadline to apply for [Every Child Ready to Read](#)
- June 3, 2011: Deadline to apply for [Six SkillsTubs Pilot Program](#)
- You can apply anytime to participate in the [Idaho Child Care Reads Program](#)
- You can apply anytime to participate in the [Jump Start Program](#)

## Tribute to Lynn Allen

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Tribute to a special friend ...



A good friend of libraries, literacy, and learning was lost recently when Lynn Allen passed away. Lynn was a vibrant woman who approached life with enthusiasm and a positive attitude. She didn't know a stranger, and through her dedicated work, she touched many lives. Lynn traveled throughout the state, eager to bring the message of the importance of early literacy to parents, child care providers and librarians.

Lynn was Idaho Public Television's Ready to Learn coordinator for many years. She approached Peggy McClendon and Stephanie Bailey-White at the State Library in 1995 or 1996 (long enough ago that we can't quite remember) about combining forces with Idaho Public Television's First Book program. That was before we even had a name for the Read to Me program as we hadn't ventured very far down that road.

That first step was a big one, and things grew like crazy after that. We worked closely with Lynn on several projects in addition to First Book – a program that has grown each year since then and now provides books to over 2,600 Idaho children. Lynn helped promote Idaho Family Reading Week and was a presenter at many Read to Me workshops held around the state. During the 2000 Idaho Family Reading Week Lynn volunteered to take the Arthur costume on a statewide tour and visit as many public libraries as possible. That was a wild adventure that

included being mobbed at the Boise Towne Square mall when participation was more than triple what was expected. She said she felt like a rock star and it wasn't as much fun as it looked!

In return, Peggy and Stephanie were recruited to help judge a Reading Rainbow Written and Illustrated contest or two and had the pleasure of serving on some J.A. and Kathryn Albertson Foundation committees together. We were also lucky enough to be able to travel to conferences together from time to time and collaborate on other ways to improve learning opportunities for young children.

After Lynn left full-time employment, we stayed in touch and were always happy when we could get together. It was fun to hear about her travels and retirement adventures. She was a great asset to the children and families in Idaho and a good friend who will be missed.



## Library to Library

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### Read to Me First Book Program Helps Librarians Make Friends, Become Heroes

Applications to participate in the 2011-2012 Read to Me First Book program are due on **May 12, 2011**. If you're still considering whether to apply, check out these comments:

"This program has been the MOST FUN of all my library experiences, thanks for the opportunity to be a local good guy! I had a fun thing happen: There is a little boy in the pre-school who always comes up to me wherever he sees me and says, 'You give me books,' or 'You come to my school.' We were at a boys' basketball game a few weeks ago (his dad is the coach) and he came and sat by me. He turned around and said to his mother, 'I'm going to sit by her' which he did. I now have another new friend thanks to First Book." – *Linda Rasmussen, Grace Library*

"I went and visited first grade and kindergarten today. My new favorite moment is: The first grade teacher says to the kids, 'Let's give Ms. Hollenbeak a great big ----' and the kids said HUG. She said, 'And what else?' 'Thank You.' I got 10 hugs...that's the way to start off the morning." – *Susan Hollenbeak, Salmon River Public Library*

"I had the opportunity to see firsthand the impact that First Books makes in these youngsters - what a joy! Being given the honor and responsibility of positively impacting young lives is tremendous and I'm glad that ICfL plays an important part." – *Roger Dubois, ICfL Administrative Services Manager* (after attending the Meridian Library's March distribution at Head Start)

"The Head Start teacher said that before I started bringing books to the children, most of the families only had one book. Can you guess which one? No, not a Bible or Book of Mormon -- a phone book!!! She also said that everyone in the homes that she visits use the First Books; they get used, not abused. I think this program is making more of a difference than we might guess." – *Debbie Walmsley, American Falls District Library*

**[Click here to apply for the 2011-2012 Read to Me First Book program.](#)**



## Bellevue's Bucket Chairs

Bellevue Public Library Directory Patty Gilman has a way of creating great programs and welcoming touches at the library without a big budget. During the Read to Me meeting she mentioned some bucket chairs her husband helped create using free home store buckets and some leftover batting and fabric. She used stickers to decorate the back. Patty said the toddlers and preschoolers love carrying them around the library and having little seats that only fit their little seats. Thanks for sharing these pictures!



## Buhl Public Celebrates National Library Week

Buhl Public Library celebrated National Library Week with a program called "Literacy Through the Ages." Children's Programmer Linda Henderson said they had over 260 people through their doors during a special "Pinwheels for Prevention" program sponsored in part by the local Head Start organization.

"Our Famous, Fabulous, Bookworm, Book Club members chose an era and made a poster with information about the era and dressed according to the era. We made a time machine through which the children passed to appear in their era and talk about it. We also had door prizes, refreshments, and a book sale. There were over 50 people in attendance for that program," Linda said. They also had patrons write notes about what they liked about the library. "We hope our community knows how much we value them," she said.



## ICfL's Volunteers are Heroes!

Idaho Commission for Libraries (ICfL) volunteers were honored as the everyday heroes they are during special volunteer recognition events held in Boise last week. In 2010, about 95 volunteers spent 9,418 hours helping make our services possible. Many of those hours were spent labeling thousands of books, stuffing Jump Start packets, and preparing mailings for the Read to Me program. **We LOVE our volunteers!!!**



## Ada Community Opens New Branch

The new branch of the Ada Community Library opened April 11. The two-story, 14,000-square-foot branch is another in the Ada Community Library network, which opened its first library in 1989. The Lake Hazel branch came in response to overflow crowds, a packed parking lot, story times that sometimes drew 100 kids, constantly busy computer terminals and a lack of room for expansion at the library's 22-year-old main branch on Victory Road, said Mary DeWalt, library director. Congratulations to the Ada Community staff!



Read more at [www.idahostatesman.com/2011/04/14/1604951/from-bowling-to-books.html](http://www.idahostatesman.com/2011/04/14/1604951/from-bowling-to-books.html).



The Idaho Statesman also featured a nice article about the new **Garden Valley District Library**. "Libraries provide services crucial to rural communities, especially during hard times," Columnist Tim Woodward wrote. Read the story and see photos here: [www.idahostatesman.com/2011/04/17/1612636/new-library-wows-garden-valley.html](http://www.idahostatesman.com/2011/04/17/1612636/new-library-wows-garden-valley.html)



## Young Adult Corner



### More Teen Tech Week Events in Idaho

"At the Nampa Public Library, we held a teen building block (Lego) competition in honor of Teen Tech Week on Friday March 11<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:30 p.m. We promoted it using the standard methods (bookmarks, posters, website info, twitter, facebook, etc). We had a small budget for the event with which we purchased snacks for the participants and prizes (Lego books and candy) for the building competition winners. We created certificates for the winners of the events and set up a large screen TV and Wii console for a Lego video game competition using Lego Star Wars, Lego Harry Potter and Lego Batman games. Teen participants brought in already assembled Legos for a motorized and a non-motorized Lego building competition based on creativity, design, structure, and function. Two top winners were selected in both events and awarded a book, *The Unofficial Lego Builder's Guide*. Staff member and Lego lover, David Johnson was the judge for all events. There was also a Lego speed-building contest that was repeated 5 times because it was immensely popular with all competitors. Winners received candy bars. There were a total of 19 attendees. An interesting and unexpected aspect to this event was the excitement of the teen's families. There were eight teen competitors who attended but the remaining attendees were siblings and parents of the teens who were interested in observing the competitions. While only teens competed, it was truly a family event because each teen had a fan club. I talked to a mother afterward and



she mentioned that this is the first major thing her son has ever won and he has been telling everyone he knows about the experience. The teens want another competition soon.”

*Laura Abbott, Nampa Public Library*



### **CISCO closing down its FlipCam business...**

*(from [paidcontent.org](http://paidcontent.org), article by David Kaplan, April 12, 2011)*

CEO and Chairman John Chambers says Cisco will concentrate more specifically on what it considers the basics: core routing, switching and services; collaboration; architectures; and video. Read the entire article [HERE](#).



I know money is tight, but wanted to pass on a great deal that TechSoup is offering.

### **Flip Video Bundle: Two 1-Hour HD Video Cameras and One Tripod**



### **Arizona library uses Teen Tech Week grant in unique way**

Glendale Public Library (AZ) was lucky enough to be the recipient of a Teen Tech Week mini-grant and decided to use the funds to equip their Teen Advisory Board members with mini-video cameras. They then sent them into the community to record the "reading confessions" of their friends and classmates.

They used their Facebook page -- [www.facebook.com/glendaleteenlibrary](http://www.facebook.com/glendaleteenlibrary) -- to post the videos and encouraged the teens to keep checking in to see teens answer questions about their reading habits! What a great use of technology and social networking tools.



## **School Zone**

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### **Summer Math Splash 2011: June 13th through August 7th (8 weeks)**

The Idaho State Department of Education has partnered with Apangea Learning to bring kids a fun and exciting web-based program to help boost mathematics achievement and combat summer learning loss. Apangea Math gives kids access to live, certified math teachers whenever they need help. And now, as a part of the Summer Math Splash, Apangea Math will be giving away over \$1,500 in prizes throughout the summer.

Apangea Math is available for free throughout the summer and can be accessed any place there is a computer with an internet connection, including at any Idaho public library, through "online @ your library," the Idaho Commission for Libraries' Broadband Technology Opportunities Program.

### **Parents can register for an Apangea Parent Account at**

[www.apangea.com/lms/parents/parents/signup.aspx](http://www.apangea.com/lms/parents/parents/signup.aspx). Once they've registered, they can go to [www.apangea.com](http://www.apangea.com) and login. From their parent account, they'll be able to easily create

accounts for their children, monitor progress, get help from customer support, and find additional information about Apangea Math and the Summer Math Splash contest.

**Idaho public libraries can also create accounts for students.** Find out how at [www.youtube.com/watch?v=-CcTEsxm40g](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-CcTEsxm40g).

Find an **Apangea Math Summer Splash flyer** at <http://libraries.idaho.gov/files/IdahoSummerMathSplashFlyer.pdf>



## Upcoming Events

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May is **Get Caught Reading Month**. This nationwide campaign reminds people of all ages how much fun it is to read. For more see [www.getcaughtreading.org/getcaughtreading.htm](http://www.getcaughtreading.org/getcaughtreading.htm). They have a super fun bookmark by Jeff Kinney at [www.bookweekonline.com/bookmark](http://www.bookweekonline.com/bookmark). And don't forget to submit your titles to *The Scoop* via the survey below and we'll include them in the May issues. We'll even enter your name for a fun Summer Reading prize drawing! [www.surveymonkey.com/s/get-caught-reading](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/get-caught-reading)

May is **Better Hearing and Speech Month**. This annual event provides opportunities to raise awareness about communication disorders and to promote treatment that can improve the quality of life for those who experience problems with speaking, understanding, or hearing. Find out more at [www.asha.org/bhsm/](http://www.asha.org/bhsm/).

May 2-8 – **Children's Book Week**. Since 1919, Children's Book Week has been celebrated nationally in schools, libraries, bookstores, and any place where there are children and books. Events are held around the nation and the winners of the Children's Choice Book Awards, the only national child-chosen book awards program, giving young readers a powerful voice in their own reading choices are announced (this year on May 2) Visit [www.bookweekonline.com/](http://www.bookweekonline.com/) for more.

May 14 – **Beginning of Lewis and Clark Expedition** (1804). On May 14, 1804 the famous expedition to the west began. They took canoes and a group of about 30 volunteers along the Missouri River to the Pacific Ocean. Along the trip they met an Indian named Sacagawea, who served as an interpreter for Lewis and Clark. Learn more at <http://library.thinkquest.org/4034/lewisandclark.html>



## Tips & Tools

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### **2011 Whittenberger Foundation Grant Application Forms are Available**

The Whittenberger Foundation seeks projects which will significantly improve the quality of life for children and young people. Since it began giving grants in 1973, the Foundation has awarded \$8.3 million to projects throughout Idaho, primarily in southwest Idaho. The 2010 grants of \$289,440 were awarded to 65 nonprofit organizations, including several public and school libraries in southwest Idaho. To see a list of past recipients, visit [www.whittenberger.org/awardedgrants.html](http://www.whittenberger.org/awardedgrants.html).

The Whittenberger Foundation's updated process for 2011 grants includes a new application format and new closing date of **August 15**. For more information, visit [www.whittenberger.org/](http://www.whittenberger.org/)



### Idaho Community Foundation Grant Cycle for Southwestern Idaho Opens Soon

The Idaho Community Foundation will soon open up the grant cycle for the southwestern region from May 1 to July 1 with final review by the Board of Directors at their November meeting. Distribution of Southwestern Region Grants is scheduled to begin in December. Visit [www.idcomfdn.org/pages/eligibility.htm](http://www.idcomfdn.org/pages/eligibility.htm) for more information.



### Ifft Foundation Grant Cycle Also Open

The Ifft Foundation grant cycle is also open and closes August 15. Only those grant requests that benefit the following southeastern Idaho counties will be considered: Oneida, Bear Lake, Caribou, Franklin, Power, Bingham and Bannock. For more information, visit [www.idcomfdn.org/pdf/other/iff\\_t\\_guidelines.pdf](http://www.idcomfdn.org/pdf/other/iff_t_guidelines.pdf)



### Spanish-language Six Skills Activity Pages Ready to You to Use!

Here are the Spanish versions of the parent take-home handouts we featured at this year's Read to Me meeting. Use them with your enhanced storytimes or share them with your child care partners to give to parents. Consider printing the Spanish and English versions back-to-back for convenience. You can access them on the RTM [Resource](#) page, along with the English versions.



### The May issue of The Bookworm is now online

This issue focuses on summer reading. These make great handouts for storytimes, etc. There are three age groups, each featuring a book of the month with a focus on an early literacy skill or topic. Rhymes, fingerplays, songs, and book recommendations are included in each issue.

[Birth to 2: Global Babies/ Bebés del mundo, a Global Defense Fund book by Maya Ajmera](#)  
[Preschool: We All Went on Safari: A Counting Journey Through Tanzania, by Laurie Krebs](#)  
[K-1: Bringing the Rain to Kapiti Plain: A Nandi Tale, by Verma Aardema](#)

Check out other topics or Spanish-language versions at <http://libraries.idaho.gov/page/bookworm>.



### Ten Tips for Managing Technology Planning - Free webinar

Pat Wagner, Pattern Research, Inc., and LE@D have teamed up to bring you important and informative webinars in the next few weeks. These webinars are FREE. Just sign up and join in the conversation. Space is limited, so don't delay. **Ten Tips for Managing Technology Planning with Carson Block** on Tuesday, May 3, 2011 from 1 – 2 p.m. CDT. Register [HERE](#).





## Summer Reading News

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### Backpacks Still Available

If you missed the Bright Futures deadline but would like to participate in School Visits this year, please contact [Stephanie](#) with the names of the schools and quantity you'd like.

*One-time special offer:* We will also offer the School Visits materials to Idaho libraries to promote summer reading in the preschools or middle schools. Contact [Stephanie](#).



### Fred Meyer Books Update

We have been very fortunate these past few years to receive a generous grant from the Fred Meyer Foundation, which has allowed ICfL to purchase books for summer programs give-aways. These books have been distributed to Idaho libraries using a formula based on the number of participants reported on the ICfL's annual summer reading report.

Due to changes in eligibility requirements for this grant, we were recently notified that ICfL no longer qualifies for this funding. We are exploring alternate funding sources, but we cannot guarantee that we will be able to provide books this year. We are therefore recommending that you check out the following options and sources for books: [Read more...](#)



### News from the 2011 CSLP National Meeting, April 6-8

*(Thanks to our friend Janet Ingram Dwyer, Youth Services Consultant from Ohio State Library, for letting us reprint these summaries from her weekly newsletter!)*

#### UPCOMING PROGRAMS

- Brian Lies ([www.brianlies.com/](http://www.brianlies.com/)) is the artist for the 2012 children's program, "Dream Big – Read." Lies (rhymes with "cheese") is the author of *Bats at the Library*, *Bats at the Beach*, etc.
- Christian Fuenfhausen (<http://web.me.com/cfuenfhausen/>) is the artist for the 2012 teen program (Own the Night).
- The slogan for the 2013 children's program ("underground" theme) is DIG INTO READING. The teen slogan is BENEATH THE SURFACE and the adult slogan is GROUNDBREAKING READS.
- The theme for 2014 is SCIENCE. The broad theme of SCIENCE can incorporate many types of programs, including technology, outer space, steampunk, sci fi, robots, etc.
- The proposal for using a single slogan and separate artwork for each age group is still under discussion.
- (Whenever possible, Karen Yother and I voted for the slogans and themes that were submitted by Idaho librarians. Thank you for your input!)

#### MANUALS

- The proposal for making the CSLP manual available online is also still under discussion. Meanwhile, it is possible for me to order ONLY the DVD for your library, to

save paper if you do not use the paper manual. I'll poll your libraries in late spring to find out who wants ONLY the DVD.

- The CD-ROM version of the manual will continue to be available, by request only. I'll remind you to contact me this fall if your library computers cannot access the manual information on the DVD.
- If you rely on the paper manual, please take time to look at the DVD anyway - it includes a lot of goodies for you - and at the resources on the CSLP website (<http://www.cslnreads.org/>).

## UPSTART / INCENTIVES

- Upstart reps got a lot of feedback from librarians and the state representatives about 2011 catalog products.
- 2012 catalog items from Upstart will include a lot of glow-in-the-dark and light-up products, and a lot of bats.
- If you buy your SRP products in the spring and have been frustrated by Upstart product availability, take note: you can place your order earlier in the year and request deferred shipping and deferred billing.
- Low-cost books that support the 2011 theme will be available for purchase soon. Info will be posted on the [www.cslnreads.org](http://www.cslnreads.org) website.



### **Enhance your 2011 summer reading program with free online resources!**

Upstart/Highsmith and TeachingBooks.net are again partnering with the Collaborative Summer Library Program to offer online access to materials that support the “One World, Many Stories” and “You Are Here” themes and manuals. The collections include author interviews in video, audio, and written formats; audio booktalks with authors, illustrators, and narrators; book discussion and activity guides; audio recordings of authors pronouncing and telling stories about their names (honestly, do you really know how to pronounce “Eion Colfer”?), and links to author and illustrator websites.

To use the TeachingBooks resources, go to the CSLP website at [www.cslnreads.org/](http://www.cslnreads.org/) and log in (create an account if you need to – it’s free and quick to do). Click on PROGRAMS > CHILDREN'S PROGRAM > RESOURCES.

## Meet Gena Marker

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Gena Marker didn't realize she had a passion for libraries until she built one for the Eagle Academy from nothing. “Alternate schools in the district didn't include libraries and I begged and borrowed to get a collection started while I was teaching there,” she said. “That grew and soon I was writing grants and eventually we were able to get a room designated as the school's library. The students liked it and I knew it was making a big difference in their education.” Then Gena started taking any kind of library class she could and signed up for one at Boise State that made her consider becoming a teacher-librarian. “It sounds a little corny, but I realized at that very first library class that these were my people. I loved talking with others about library issues and started slowly chipping away at my library endorsement.”

Gena has been with the Meridian School District for 15 years, the first 12 as a teacher and the past three as Centennial High School's teacher-librarian. She describes Centennial's library as an active, vibrant place. The high school has about 1,800 students in grades 9-12. "It's loud, and crowded, and crazy especially before school and at lunch." When she first got the library position she put together a group of students called the Libby's, a library advisory group, and they plan contests, games, and promotional activities for lunchtimes and throughout the year. "It's all student-run. It's a small group, but they are very energetic and involved."

She cites her work with the Libby group as her biggest success so far. "I took the group to SWILA a few weeks ago as a reward for their hard work and we went to a session on social networking as it relates to libraries. That was our entire lunch conversation. It was good to show them the differences between what works in public libraries versus the school setting. We're working to analyze the district's policy to see what challenges are there and figure out how we can get the library on Facebook." Gena was also able to take the group to Rediscovered Books and let them pick out \$700 worth of books for the library. "Many of these kids have been part of Libby since it was formed three years ago and that was a big deal for them to put the books they wanted on the shelves."

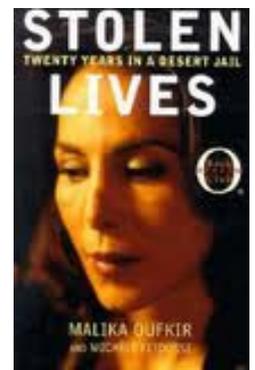
In addition to the Libby group, Gena says making the library a teen-friendly space that kids enjoy using and feel comfortable in is what makes her the most happy about what she's accomplished so far. "We brought in game tables and kids enjoy playing traditional board games as well as video games. It's definitely not a quiet study spot, but it is a fun place to be. I've got a lot of support from staff who like the changes we've made. They can't believe how many students are there at lunch and in the mornings," she said. She is also excited about introducing students to many 21<sup>st</sup> Century learning tools. We interviewed Gena during the lunch break at the Teens and Technology training at ICfL and she talked about the teen-created book trailers as an example of connecting technology to books and how creative the students are when provided with opportunities.

Gena believes her biggest challenge has been weeding the collection and replacing materials that need to be replaced. "The school was built in 1987 and we had a lot of books from then. There's not enough money to replace all the things that really need it. We're chipping away at it, but there's a lot more to do," she said.

Her favorite part of her job is being able to make personal connections with students. "I try to get to know as many as I can on a first name basis, find out what their reading habits are, and help them out. After leaving the classroom, that's still the thing I needed the most and making those personal connections is really important to me."

Making those connections to students, and in particular reluctant readers, isn't too hard because she wasn't much of a reader as a teen herself and can identify with some of the struggling readers she sees. "I explain that a library is more than just books. Too many times there is so much focus on books that it turns a lot of kids off. We have new technology, and a great community space, and a lot to offer all students."

Gena does enjoy reading now and recently finished *Barack and Michelle: Portrait of an American Marriage*, by Christopher Andersen, *The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo*, by Stieg Larsson, and *Stolen Lives: Twenty Years in a Desert Jail*, by Malika Oufkir. She also enjoyed the Hunger Games series and other YA books.



To say that Gena is a busy person would be a bit of an understatement. She's hard at work pursuing an MLIS degree along with a cohort of Idahoans. She serves on the SPLAT team, is the vice-president of the Idaho Library Association, and sits on its Information Literacy Committee, as well as two ICfL school library committees. When she's not tackling those responsibilities, she likes to unwind by walking her dog in the foothills or traveling. Her favorite flavor of ice-cream is butterscotch.



## CE News You Can Use

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### Webinars Offered This Summer

This summer the Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC) is offering a regular schedule of convenient and affordable webinars. Perfect for busy students and professionals, these sessions last approximately one hour and give participants a brief but concentrated look into unique subject areas.

ALSC's reoccurring webinars are taught by highly regarded instructors and are offered four times between now and September to allow individuals more flexibility. Although offered multiple times, participants should only register for and plan to attend one webinar. Sessions include *Leveling Easy Readers* (April 28, June 15, July 7, and Aug. 5) and *Family Programs on a Shoestring @your library* (May 12, June 10, July 22, and Aug. 23).

*Leveling Easy Readers* discusses the criteria and levels of books designed to be used during emergent literacy. Taught by Katherine (Kate) Todd, adjunct instructor at Manhattanville College, this webinar prepares students to assess, select and organize easy readers.

*Family Programs on a Shoestring @your library* prepares librarians experiencing lean times at the library. Taught by Angela Young, MSLS from the Lorain County (Ohio) Library System, this webinar introduces new ways to save money while still offering great programming at all age-levels.

Webinars take place in a virtual meeting room on Adobe Connect and, because they are in real-time, participants have the opportunity to take part in a Q&A with the instructor. More webinars are being added to the schedule. Please visit the website for more information.

Costs are \$45 for ALSC members, \$55 for nonmembers and \$195 for groups. Detailed descriptions and registration information is on the ALSC website at [www.ala.org/alsced](http://www.ala.org/alsced). For more information, contact ALSC Program Officer Jenny Najduch at [jnajduch@ala.org](mailto:jnajduch@ala.org) or (800) 545-2433 ext. 4026.



### How Can You Promote and Support the Apangea Summer Math Splash?

You've heard a lot about summer learning loss, and the effect this loss has on reading gains. Did you know the same is true for math literacy and competency? The ICfL has partnered with Apangea, a math tutoring program, to help students strengthen their math skills and comprehension. The program can be accessed through the Lili Portal: <http://lili.org/apangea>. (See **School Zone** above for more information)

Summer is a great time to promote the Apangea program because most libraries see a huge increase in the number of kids coming through the doors for summer programs. Here are some ways you can promote student use of Apangea during the summer:

**Learn more about Apangea:** <http://libraries.idaho.gov/page/project-training>

**Create accounts for students.** Find out how at [www.youtube.com/watch?v=-CcTEsxm40g](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-CcTEsxm40g).

**Post an Apangea Math Summer Splash flyer:** Download and print at <http://libraries.idaho.gov/files/IdahoSummerMathSplashFlyer.pdf>

Finally, here's a little blurb you can use on your website, in your summer program fliers, or on posters:

ATTENTION PARENTS: Summer Math SPLASH 2011

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To get started, simply go to the following website and register for your own Apangea Parent Account: [www.apangea.com/lms/parents/parentssignup.aspx](http://www.apangea.com/lms/parents/parentssignup.aspx)

## News Beyond Idaho

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### “Ohio Ready to Read” Website Redesigned, Librarian-Friendly

According to the July 2007 report "Giving Children a Chance: Strategies for Implementing Ohio's School Readiness Agenda", nearly one third of Ohio's 130,000 kindergarteners arrived on their very first day of school not prepared to succeed as learners. In response, the [State Library of Ohio](#) and the [Ohio Library Council](#) created **Ohio Ready to Read**, an ongoing statewide initiative, to help address the early literacy needs of Ohio's youngest citizens.

The website states, “Our mission is to share Every Child Ready to Read® @ Your Library® and other early literacy information with public library staff and trustees, parents and caregivers, child care providers, early childhood educators, children's advocates and political decision makers. We encourage Ohio public libraries to provide early literacy services that are responsive to your communities. We support and facilitate your early literacy work, whatever options you pursue to accomplish it.”

On this website you can find:

- Early literacy resources and links
- Parent and caregiver resources
- Storytimes with the Six Early Literacy Skills (ORTR Wiki)
- Handouts, tip sheets, and presentations
- Resources to help you advocate for your library and literacy programs
- Grant and funding resources (while some are Ohio-specific, many are generic)



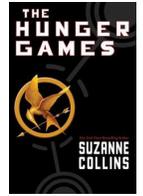
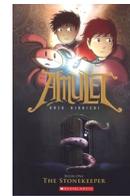
- And more!

Ohio Ready to Read activities are planned and implemented by a task force of the OLC Children's Services Division.

## Book Look



**PNLA “Young Readers’ Choice” Award Winners 2011**  
 Junior Division - *Amulet: The Stonekeeper*, by Kazu Kibuishi  
 Intermediate Division - *Rapunzel's Revenge*, by Shannon Hale  
 Senior Division - *The Hunger Games*, by Suzanne Collins



**ABA Announces the 2011 Indies Choice and E.B. White Read-Aloud Award Winners**

The American Booksellers Association (ABA) announced the winners of the 2011 Indies Choice Book Awards and the E.B. White Read-Aloud Awards, as chosen by the owners and staff at member stores in voting throughout the month of March.

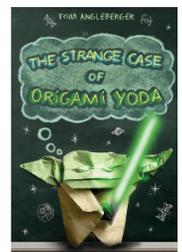
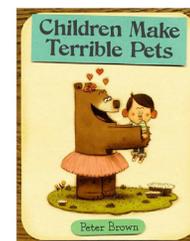
**Young Adult Book of the Year: *Revolution***, by Jennifer Donnelly (Delacorte Books for Young Readers)



**The E.B. White Read-Aloud Awards** recognize books that reflect the playful, well-paced language, the engaging themes, and the universal appeal to a wide range of ages embodied by E.B. White’s collection of beloved books. They replace the Indies Choice Book Awards in the categories of Middle Reader and New Picture Book.

The 2011 winners are:

**E.B. White Read-Aloud Award – Middle Reader:**  
***The Strange Case of Origami Yoda***, by Tom Angleberger (Amulet Books)



**E.B. White Read-Aloud Award – Picture Book:**  
***Children Make Terrible Pets***, by Peter Brown (Little, Brown Books for Young Readers)

ABA member booksellers also chose **Laurie Halse Anderson** as **Most Engaging Author**. Halse Anderson was recognized for her exceptional involvement and responsiveness during in-store appearances and for having a strong sense of the importance of indie booksellers to their local communities.

The 2011 Honor Award recipients are:

### Young Adult Honor Awards

- ***Bamboo People***, by Mitali Perkins (Charlesbridge)
- ***Before I Fall***, by Lauren Oliver (HarperCollins)

- ***Dash & Lily's Book of Dares***, by Rachel Cohn and David Levithan (Knopf Books for Young Readers)
- ***Out of My Mind***, by Sharon M. Draper (Atheneum)
- ***Will Grayson, Will Grayson***, by John Green and David Levithan (Dutton Juvenile)

#### E.B. White Read-Aloud Award – Middle Reader Honor Awards

- ***Because of Mr. Terrupt***, by Rob Buyea (Delacorte Books for Young Readers)
- ***The Familiars***, by Adam Jay Epstein and Andrew Jacobson (HarperCollins)
- ***Penny Dreadful***, by Laurel Snyder, Abigail Halpin (Illus.) (Random House Books for Young Readers)
- ***The Sixty-Eight Rooms***, by Marianne Malone, Greg Call (Illus.) (Random House Books for Young Readers)
- ***A Tale Dark and Grimm***, by Adam Gidwitz (Dutton Juvenile)

#### E.B. White Read-Aloud Award – Picture Book Honor Awards

- ***Bedtime for Bear***, by Brett Helquist (HarperCollins)
- ***Chicken Big***, by Keith Graves (Chronicle Books)
- ***Pete the Cat: I Love My White Shoes***, by Eric Litwin, James Dean (Illus.) (HarperCollins)
- ***A Pig Parade Is a Terrible Idea***, by Michael Ian Black, Kevin Hawkes (Illus.) (Simon & Shuster)
- ***The Quiet Book***, by Deborah Underwood, Renata Liwska (Illus.) (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt)

To see other award winners, go to <http://news.bookweb.org/news/aba-announces-2011-indies-choice-and-eb-white-award-winners>



## Author Birthdays

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May 5 – **Leo Lionni** (1910-1999). Lionni wrote and illustrated more than 40 highly acclaimed children's books. Some of his works include: *Inch by Inch*, *Frederick*, *Swimmy*, and *Alexander and the Wind-Up Mouse* and more. See [www.randomhouse.com/kids/lionni/author.html](http://www.randomhouse.com/kids/lionni/author.html) for more.

May 9 – **Sir James Matthew Barrie** (1860-1937). The Scottish author and dramatist is best known for his character Peter Pan. The play *Peter Pan* or, *The Boy Who Would Not Grow Up* was first performed in 1904 and published in 1928. See [www.britannica.com/EBchecked/topic/54080/J-M-Barrie](http://www.britannica.com/EBchecked/topic/54080/J-M-Barrie) for more.

May 10 – **Christopher Paul Curtis** (born in 1954). Curtis confronts powerful issues in his books. Racism, family, love, and hope are recurring themes in novels such as *The Watsons Go To Birmingham—1963*, *Bud, Not Buddy*, and *Elijah of Buxton*. See [www2.scholastic.com/browse/collection.jsp?id=49](http://www2.scholastic.com/browse/collection.jsp?id=49) for more.

May 10 – **Caroline Cooney** (born in 1947). Cooney is the author of suspense, romance, horror and mystery books for teenagers. She has written over 60 books beginning with *Safe as*

*the Grave* in 1979. A recent publication is *Enter Three Witches: A Story of Macbeth*. Read more about [Caroline Cooney](#).

May 11 – **Peter Sís** (born in 1949). Sís is an award winning children's book writer and illustrator. He was awarded with the Caldecott Honor for the illustrations of his book, *Starry Messenger: Galileo Galilei*, and *Tibet Through The Red Box* as well. [www.petersis.com/](http://www.petersis.com/)

May 12 – **Betsy Reilly Lewin** (born in 1937). She is married to children's book illustrator Ted Lewin and with him has co-written and illustrated several books about their travels to remote places, including Uganda in *Gorilla Walk* and Mongolia in *Horse Song*. She is arguably best known for *Click Clack Moo: Cows that Type*. Read more at the [Betsy Lewin](#) website.

May 15 – **L. Frank Baum** (1856-1919). Baum is best known today as the creator of *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*. He also wrote 13 sequels, nine other fantasy novels, and a plethora of other works. [www.literarytraveler.com/authors/l\\_frank\\_baum.aspx](http://www.literarytraveler.com/authors/l_frank_baum.aspx)

May 15 – **Paul Zindel** (1936-2003). *The Pigman*, first published in 1968, is widely taught in American schools, and also made it on to the list of most frequently banned books in America in the 1990s, because of what some deem offensive language. To find out more go to [www.paulzindel.com/](http://www.paulzindel.com/)

May 16 – **Bruce Coville** (born in 1950). Coville's works include the *Unicorn Chronicles* series, *My Teacher is an Alien*, *Aliens Ate My Homework*, *Magic Shop* series and more. Check out [www.brucecoville.com/bio.asp](http://www.brucecoville.com/bio.asp) for more.

May 16 – **Margret Elizabeth Rey** born **Margarete Elisabeth Waldstein** (1906–1996). Was (with her husband H. A. Rey), the co-author and illustrator of children's books, the most famous of which are the Curious George series. For more visit [www.kidspoint.org/columns2.asp?column\\_id=1189&column\\_type=author](http://www.kidspoint.org/columns2.asp?column_id=1189&column_type=author)

May 17 – **Gary Paulsen** (born in 1939). Paulsen has written more than 200 books and is best known for writing Hatchet and other young adult books coming of age stories about the wilderness. Read more at <http://eolit.hrw.com/hlla/authorbios/index2.jsp?author=8garypaulsen>.

May 18 – **Lillian Hoban** (1925-1998). Hoban's "I-Can-Read" books about *Arthur the Chimpanzee* and his little sister Violet and the *Frances the Badger* books (illustrated by Hoban but written by her then-husband Russell) continue to be popular among children as time goes by. Find out more at [www.lillianhoban.com/](http://www.lillianhoban.com/)

May 20 – **Mary Pope Osborne** (born in 1943). She is best known for her award-winning and bestselling *Magic Tree House* series, which has been translated into over 20 languages and sold over 53 million copies. Read more about Osborne at [www.marypopeosborne.com/](http://www.marypopeosborne.com/)

May 22 – **Arnold Lobel** (1933-1987). Lobel wrote and illustrated many books during his lifetime. His drawings of cats, mice, pigs, and other animals are favorites of children everywhere. Among his most popular books are those in the *Frog and Toad* series, and *Mouse Soup*. To find out more go to [http://www.parents-choice.org/article.cfm?art\\_id=35&the\\_page=editorials](http://www.parents-choice.org/article.cfm?art_id=35&the_page=editorials)

May 23 – **Margaret Wise Brown** (1910-1952). The author of many children's books including *Goodnight Moon* and *The Runaway Bunny*. Read more at [www.margaretwisebrown.com/long\\_bio.htm](http://www.margaretwisebrown.com/long_bio.htm)

May 23 – **Scott O'Dell** (1898-1989). O'Dell was an American children's author who wrote 26 novels for youngsters, along with three adult novels and four nonfiction books. His most famous children's novel being *Island of the Blue Dolphins*. Find out more at [Scott O'Dell's website](#).

May 24 – **Candace Fleming** (born in 1962). Fleming is the author of *Ben Franklin's Almanac*, *Muncha! Muncha! Muncha!*, and more. Check out [www.rif.org/readingplanet/bookzone/content/fleming.msp](http://www.rif.org/readingplanet/bookzone/content/fleming.msp) for more.

May 25 - **Martha Alexander** (born in 1920). Is the author and/or illustrator of nearly 50 books, including *A You're Adorable*, *Nobody Asked Me If I Wanted a Baby Sister*, the classic *Blackboard Bear* series. Read more about Alexander at <http://loganberrybooks.com/most-alexander.html>



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