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TumbleBooks and DayByDayID storytimes now available in Idaho

BOISE, ID – The Idaho Commission for Libraries is pleased to announce the purchase of a three-year subscription to TumbleBooks for all public libraries in Idaho, as part of its “[Routes to Reading: Idaho Paves the Way with Access to Print](#)” grant project. This subscription allows Idaho library users access to hundreds of animated, talking picture books from anywhere they have Internet connection. The subscription includes fiction, non-fiction, and foreign language titles; Read-Alongs (chapter books with sentence highlighting and narration but no animation); Tumble TV, which consists of pre-set playlists of a sequence of books; and Tumble Puzzles & Games. This fun and valuable early learning resource can be accessed through the TumbleBooks link on Idaho public library websites.

Another component of the Routes to Reading grant is a website called DayByDayID.org, which was modeled after the South Carolina and Virginia DayByDay sites. Complete storytimes are delivered online, everyday. Daily content includes a book a day through TumbleBooks, rhymes, song, videos, and more. Other sections available on Idaho’s customized site are Arts and Crafts, STEM Resources, and bilingual resources. “DayByDayID.org is the perfect tool for families who are unable to make it to their public library for storytime,” said Erica Compton, an Idaho Commission for Libraries’ project coordinator. “Available 24/7, it’s a ready resource that can be used anytime, anywhere with Internet access.”

“Research clearly shows the amount of reading done in the home is crucial to developing good readers. A lack of reading materials in the home contributes to the gap between good and poor readers that tends to increase as children enter school and progress through the grades,” Commission project coordinator Stephanie Bailey-White said. “We are excited about the incredible opportunities that the Routes to Reading project brings to Idaho children and families.”

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In September, the Idaho Commission for Libraries received a \$250,000 grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (www.ims.gov/) to promote early learning among low-income children with the “Routes to Reading” project. The Commission is partnering with the J.A. & Kathryn Albertson Foundation and Idaho Kids Count on the project.

The Idaho Commission for Libraries (ICFL) assists libraries to build the capacity to better serve their clientele. To learn more about ICFL, visit <http://libraries.idaho.gov/>. See more about Routes to Reading at <http://libraries.idaho.gov/landing/routes-to-reading>.