



Fun, inspiring and innovative ideas for library youth services



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- [Annual Read to Me meeting:](#) February 21-22, 2013 in Boise. Register by February 4.

REGISTER

- Idaho libraries are encouraged to apply for the new [Books to Go program for Wave 2!](#)
- Deadline to submit PSA's for [CSLP Teen Video Challenge:](#) March 1, 2013
- Deadline to apply for [Bright Futures Outreach Opportunities:](#) March 20

APPLY

- Apply anytime for the [Jump Start Kindergarten](#) program, the [Year-Round Underserved](#) program, and [Idaho Child Care Reads!](#) workshops.

WELCOME

Staci Shaw

Welcome to the first issue of the New Year! Based on the feedback you provided in *The Scoop* Survey last month, we're planning some changes we think will make reading *The Scoop* more time-efficient:

Number of issues: We are returning to a monthly production schedule, and changing the distribution of the newsletter to Tuesday rather than Friday.

At-a-Glance: You will be able to see all dates and deadlines in the section to the left. We'll also be using the following format to make it easier to apply for programs or get more information with one click:

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Content: Many articles will contain the first paragraph or so, with a "continue reading" link. We also plan to use more bulleted lists and points rather than lengthy articles.

These changes should make each issue shorter and more convenient for busy librarians to enjoy.

We hope our readers will continue to send in news, photos, program ideas, and profile information so that we can showcase the creativity and best practices that are abundant in Idaho's public and school libraries. We are excited about the possibilities 2013 has to offer, and we can't wait to hear about your upcoming adventures!

All the best in the new year,

Staci Shaw, Stephanie Bailey-White, Erica Compton, and Julie Armstrong

LIBRARY TO LIBRARY

Jerome Library Filled with Holiday Spirit

Submitted by Darbie Chocker

We started our week of festivities with a party for our tweens and teens. Teens were invited to participate in Minute to Win It-

Christmas Style! We built gingerbread houses, played "How long can your Rudolph nose stick?," and had a Christmas cookie/face relay and ornament balancing contest. The teens had a blast, and our meeting rooms were filled with so much noise! We had about nine tweens and teens participate.

"We are so privileged to have a wonderful patronage at our library and that we were able to spread holiday magic with all."



On Friday we completed our week of spreading our holiday cheer with "Books with Santa." Every year we have Santa visit our library read stories and share cookies, and this year he passed out a free holiday book to every child. Children of all ages flooded in to eat treats, make a Christmas craft and visit with Santa himself. Santa gave every child a candy cane and a free book to take home. The children's faces lit up when they received their special gift, and you could see a holiday memory being sparked. We were so fortunate to receive a box of Christmas books from ICfL several months ago as part of a Barnes and Noble donation, and the children were thrilled to get them. Thank you ICfL! Altogether over 70 people attended this event. It keeps growing every year. We are so privileged to have a wonderful patronage at our library and that we were able to spread holiday magic with all.

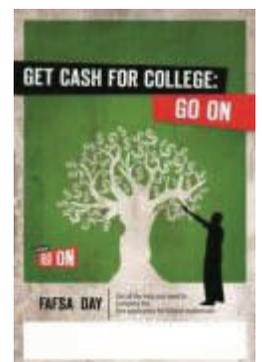


Libraries Asked to Help Promote FAFSA Resources

During the College and Career Ready Summit in summer 2012, library staff explored the role they could take in moving more Idaho students on to college and career paths.

The Idaho State Board of Education recently set a goal that 60 percent of adults between the ages of 25 and 34 will have a college degree or certificate by the year 2020. Currently, just a third of Idaho residents have an associate's degree or higher. Affordability remains one of the biggest barriers for Idahoans to start and complete college or other post-secondary training.* Helping parents and students to take the first step to finding financial aid resources by filling out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) would go a long way toward reducing the barrier of affordability. Here are several things we can do as individuals, library entities, and as a state to help.

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YOUNG ADULT CORNER

2013 Teen Tech Week Registration Open!



This Teen Tech Week™ (March 10 - 16, 2013), [YALSA](#) invites you to Check In @ your library! This year's theme encourages libraries to throw open their physical and virtual doors to teens and showcase the outstanding technology they offer, from services such as online homework help and digital literacy-focused programs to resources like e-books, movies, music, audiobooks, databases, and more.

[MORE INFO](#)

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2013 Advocacy Call for Help

The Year in the Life of a Library in 2013, Shared by Karen Jensen on Yalsa-Bk

Inspired by a Twitter discussion I had last week with author DC McGannon, I have come up with a 2013 advocacy project entitled The Year in the Life of a Library in 2013. Our goal is to get libraries all over to share what a day is like at their library so everyone will understand how used, vital, and relevant we are. We would love to have a wide variety of guest posts by you, our fellow librarians, to help us create this look into the life of a library in 2013. More information is found in our [project outline](#).

Favorite Book Trailers of 2012 Compiled

Yalsa-bk listserv members sent in their favorite booktrailers of 2012. You can find them [here](#). Looking for more? Check out this [Pinterest site](#).

Your Expertise is Needed in YALSA!

Fill out a volunteer form now through February 1st to serve on committees that work from July 2013 through June 2015 and juries that work from July 2013 through June 2014. All process committees and juries work 100% virtually.

[MORE INFO](#)

Teens and Tweens Go Green: Art-based and Eco-friendly Programs for Libraries

Find out how you can attend this webinar for free through ICfL's available seats!

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Upcoming YALSA Activities & Events

- Jan. 17 Apps Apps Everywhere [webinar](#) with Erin Daly
- Jan. 23 – 24 Summit on Libraries & Teens: www.ala.org/yaforum
- Jan. 28, YALSA announces the winners of its 6 literary awards
- April 11, Celebrate Teen Literature Day (Teens' Top Ten nominees announced, TRW web site goes live)
- April 16, Virtual Town Hall on Libraries & Teens: www.ala.org/yaforum
- May 21, Virtual Town Hall on Libraries & Teens: www.ala.org/yaforum

SCHOOL ZONE

School Library Consultant Needed at ICfL

The Idaho Commission for Libraries (ICfL) has a job opening for a School Library Consultant.

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Common Core Resources from Ohio

Shared with permission from Janet Ingraham Dwyer, Ohio State Library Youth Services Consultant

This fall as part of the INFOhio Toolkit, the INFOhio Instructional Team put together several presentations and handouts on the Common Core and how INFOhio resources and webinars relate to the Common Core. Topics covered in the Powerpoints are text complexity, research, college and career readiness, literacy across the curriculum and mathematical practices. Feel free to use any part or whole of the PowerPoints as they easily can demonstrate how librarians can be collaborative.

[See Toolkit](#)

The INFOhio Team has also put together a Symbaloo as a collector of quality Common Core Resources. The white tiles are specifically for librarians and the Common Core; blue tiles are general Common Core Resources; green tiles are for Lesson Plan suggestions for the Common Core; red tiles are for text complexity and lists of quality informational texts; brown tiles are for literacy; black tiles are for PARCC assessment tools (not relevant to Idaho); and orange tiles are for mathematics.

[See Common Core Symbaloo](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

ALA Youth Media Awards: January 28, 8 a.m. Pacific

And the winners are...

Here are some links for up-to-date announcements:

- Facebook: www.facebook.com/alayma
- Twitter: [@ALAYma](https://twitter.com/ALAYma)

Digital Learning Day, Feb. 6, 2013

Digital Learning Day is a national celebration of teachers that shines a spotlight on successful instructional technology practice in classrooms and libraries across the country. School and public libraries can take part in this event. There are toolkits to get you started and lots of great ideas for setting up activities on the Digital Learning Day website. As a registered participant you'll also receive tips and interactive lessons.

[Website](#)

February:

[February Events](#)

[February Author/Illustrator Birthdays](#)



TIPS & TOOLS

Books for Children Grants from Libri Foundation

The Libri Foundation is currently accepting applications for its 2013 BOOKS FOR CHILDREN grants. The Libri Foundation is a nationwide non-profit organization which donates new, quality, hardcover children's books to small, rural public libraries throughout the United States. The Libri Foundation will match any amount of money raised by your local sponsors from \$50 to \$350 on a 2-to-1 ratio. Thus, a library can receive up to \$1,050 worth of new children's books.

Application deadlines for 2013 are: (postmarked by) **January 23rd** and **May 15th**. Grants are awarded January 31st and May 31st.

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The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) wants your recommendations to create a non-fiction reading list

NEH seeks your assistance in building its first nonfiction Summertime Reading List. Nominate outstanding nonfiction books for any or all of the following three age groups: 5-8 years old; 9-13 years old; and 14-17 years old. Aimed at young readers who want to delve more deeply into areas such as history, biography, archaeology, or philosophy, this new list will supplement NEH's popular [summer reading list](#), which has previously been heavily weighted towards works of fiction. NEH's new nonfiction list will reflect the new Common Core State Standards, which place a greater emphasis on nonfiction material.

Nominations may be made [here](#). Final selection of the books will be made by an advisory board composed of educators, library and information science specialists, historians, scholars of literature, and experts in childhood literacy, and will be announced in 2013.

Authors for Earth Day Site Opens



Authors for Earth Day is a grassroots coalition of award-winning children's authors and illustrators who are helping young readers shape the world around them. During the month of April, each of their participants does one school visit with a wonderful twist: the author donates at least 30% of that day's speaking fee to a non-profit conservation organization as directed by a student vote. Students research a list of "nominees" selected by their author and then vote for their favorite—the author writes a check to the winning organization.

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2012 [Great Web Sites](#) for Kids

Great Web Sites for Kids are those considered the best web sites for children ages birth to 14 outstanding in both content and conception. As applied to web sites for young people, "great" should be thought to include sites of especially commendable quality, sites that reflect and encourage young people's interests in exemplary ways. [See Selection Criteria.](#)

Fred Rogers Center—Early Learning Environment (ELE)

[Free iPad Apps for Early Childhood](#)

SUMMER READING NEWS

Bright Futures Outreach Opportunities: Apply now!

The Commission is now accepting applications for Bright Futures Summer Outreach Programs. These opportunities are designed to reach more children with summer reading programs, especially those considered "underserved." Each program is designed to achieve specific outcomes, and participating libraries must report results in the ICfL annual summer reading programs report.

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Bright Futures: School Visits

Who can apply: Publicly-funded public libraries in Idaho

Deadline: March 20, 2013

Age range: School-age children, grades Kindergarten through 6th

Program: Visit elementary schools to promote summer reading.

Elementary class field trips to the library also qualify for this program.

Library receives materials that you can use to promote your library's SRP information and registration forms.

[MORE INFO/APPLY](#)

OTHER BRIGHT FUTURES PROGRAMS:

[Reaching Underserved Children](#)

[School Partnerships](#)

FEATURE: MEET RICHARD GUINN

Variety is the Spice of Life

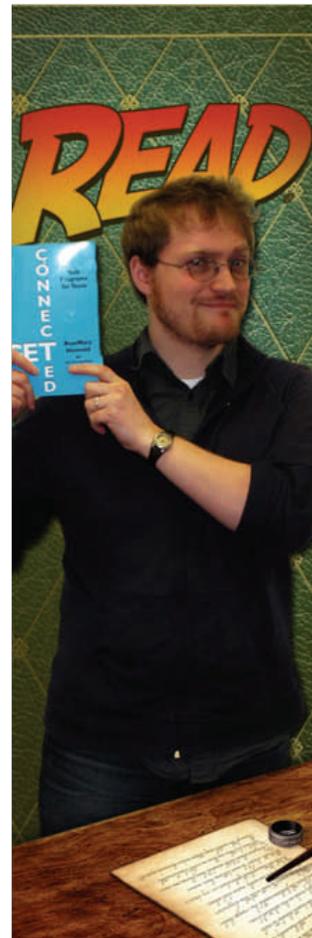
Richard Guinn originally pictured himself working in archives or in some field of academia. However, he has discovered the thrill of putting on a puppet show, or doing a storytime for children. He said he never knew how fun things could be working with children. He is an Associate Librarian at the Victory Branch of the Ada Community Library. Although he works with patrons of all ages, his primary work is with children and teenagers. The Victory Branch serves a semi-rural and suburban population, and there is a wide variety of ages and interests, so Richard gets to do a variety of library services.

He has been working in the library field for six years and has been at the Victory Branch for half of that time. Richard is currently working on his MLIS, which is a challenge given that he also works full-time. Besides children's programming he also helps with teen programs, videogame programs and "anything else that needs a helping hand." He is trying to develop the volunteer service program at his branch.

Richard loves being able to help people at the library, which was lacking in his previous work experiences. When he's not working or studying, he likes to read and listen to podcasts, music and TED talks. Maybe he's enjoying a bowl of Ben and Jerry's Strawberry Cheesecake ice cream while listening. It happens to be his favorite.

Reading with his mom is a fond memory that Richard has from his childhood. They would sit together and read books like *Treasure Island* or *Robinson Crusoe*. He says that he didn't understand most of it, but he loved being there. He was also heavily into anything nonfiction such as "Ranger Rick" magazines or books about dinosaurs. Richard said, "When I was in grade school I really got into Tolkien, but nothing compares to reading with my mom." His favorite children's author at present is Mo Willems. He feels like he has perfected the art of character expression, and especially likes his Elephant and Piggie books. He admits to getting embarrassingly excited whenever a new book comes out.

Richard's current booklist includes *V for Vendetta*, *The Neverending Story* and *10 ½ Things No Commencement Speaker Has Ever Said*. He has recently finished *Trickster: Native American Tales: A Graphic Collection*. An eclectic collection for an eclectic guy.



CE NEWS YOU CAN USE

ICfL has limited free seats available for Infopeople and Amigo Webinars

[MORE INFO](#)

Unpacking the Common Core: Connections and Applications to Current Practices and New Resources

Join this hour-long, free webinar to deepen your understanding of the Common Core State Standards and what they mean for students, teachers, and librarians. Sponsored by Booklist.

MORE INFO

Training on LiLI.org Tools

The following workshops have been scheduled to provide training for Idaho library staff. Use links in the table to register for the dates and time that best meets your needs. Registration confirmations are sent by email to the email address you provide; email messages are likely to be an automated response versus a personal email. Reminders are usually sent ahead of a workshop, but do mark your calendar ahead of time.

All webinars are 1 hour in length unless otherwise noted.

2013 Training Dates:

Date	Workshop	Location	Start Time	Registration Link
January 22	Ebsco Tools for Schools	Webinar	2:00pm Mountain	Click to Register
January 23	Ebsco Tools for Schools	Webinar	10:00am Mountain	Click to Register
February 5	Using Ebsco's Business	Webinar	2:00pm Mountain	Click to Register
February 6	Using Ebsco's Business	Webinar	10:00am Mountain	Click to Register
February 12	World Book Web for Pub-	Webinar	10:00am Mountain	Click to Register
February 13	World Book Web for Pub-	Webinar	2:00pm Mountain	Click to Register
February 19	World Book Web for	Webinar	3:00pm Mountain	Click to Register
February 20	World Book Web for	Webinar	3:00pm Mountain	Click to Register
March 20	Using NovelList and Novel-	Webinar	2:00pm Mountain	Click to Register
March 21	Using NovelList and Novel-	Webinar	10:00am Mountain	Click to Register



MULTICULTURAL CONNECTIONS

2013 National Día Program Registry Open

The Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC) is inviting librarians to register their 2013 El día de los niños/El día de los libros (Children's Day/Book Day) programs in the [2013 National Día Program Registry](#).

By registering their Día programs held throughout the year in the national registry, libraries build a national database that showcases all types and sizes of Día programming. The information will display on the website, in both the map and database format, allowing you to share program information with other librarians and the public interested in learning more about Día programs happening around the country. Libraries that register will also receive Día stickers and bookmarks (while supplies last).

Free Books through [Read Conmigo](#)

Encourage your families to sign up at Read Conmigo for free books! Their mission: To enrich the learning environment in bilingual households, one family at a time.

Early Childhood Investigations Free [Webinar](#)

Support Diversity in Your ECE Program With A Treasure Trove of Resources; Libraries and Librarians

Do you find yourself searching for great resources to enrich your multicultural or multilingual program? It is a challenge for preschool administrators to find the right materials for the languages and cultures they serve. The solution may be more accessible and affordable than you think: Partner with your local library.

[REGISTER](#)

KNOW THE NUMBERS

Idaho has second highest women's incarceration rate

Idaho has the second highest women's incarceration rate in the nation, according to an article in last week's Idaho Statesman. Drug possession accounts for more than a third of female offenders. About 1.5 million children nationwide have locked-up parents, according to the Annie E. Casey Foundation. They are five times more likely than their peers to be imprisoned; 1 in 10 will be incarcerated before turning 18.

Those are some pretty sobering statistics. Idaho Department of Correction Director Brent Reinke spoke at the 2012 College and Career Ready Summit sponsored by the Idaho Commission for Libraries. He relayed information about the situation in Idaho and how many children feed into the "cradle to prison pipeline," a term coined by the Children's Defense Fund (CDF) in a report they produced in 2007.

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STEM IS EVERYWHERE

Fun Online Building [Site](#)

LEGO® Travel Adventure Challenge and more games courtesy of the Children's Museum of Indianapolis!

Great Preschool Science Activities!

[Chemical Reaction Experiments!](#)

Check out three fun experiments using vinegar and baking soda!



STEM Storytime of the Month from North Bingham!

Submitted by Sesha Hammond

We finished our last STEM story time of the month, "Jingle Bell Storytime All About Sound." With Christmas around the corner we read *Santa Duck* and *Santa Claus Is Coming to Town*. When I read *Santa Claus Is Coming to Town* the children each had a bell they jingled when I said, "Santa Claus is coming to town." I then showed the parents page 54-55 in the *First Encyclopedia of Science* and I showed them how they could go to the Internet and find other things to do with that subject. (Which the parents loved!!!) We then made our own duck quackers so they could do *Jingle, Jingle, Quack* and we made our own "Spoon/Fork Bells" to see how we hear sounds because of vibrations. Once again we talked about how the vibrations help us hear and we made duck quackers to hear sound vibrations. I think some of the parents even got a little into it! Take a look at our pictures on our [FaceBook page](#) to see the enthusiasm we had.



"It was a lot of fun doing these STEM activities. Can't wait to incorporate some STEM activities in the future story times, too!!!"



Last week we had a Let it Snow STEM storytime. You can see the pictures [here](#).

We made Snowman Snow Rulers, we went "ice fishing" and experimented with ice and salt, we had an indoor snowball fight with pom poms, and we built snow forts out of blocks, etc. It was a lot of fun doing these STEM activities. Can't wait to incorporate some STEM activities in the future story times, too!!!

BOOK LOOK

ALA Youth Media Awards Buzz

Here are a few titles that several bloggers are talking about as possible winners:

- Wonder*, by RJ Palacio
- The One and Only Ivan*, by Katherine Applegate
- The Lions of Little Rock*, by Kristin Levine
- Splendors and Glooms*, by Laura Amy Schlitz
- Liar and Spy*, by Rebecca Stead
- Starry River of the Sky*, by Grace Lin
- Summer of the Gypsy Moths*, by Sara Pennypacker



Best of the Indies 2012

Picks of the best children's and YA books from independent publishers in 2012 by Edward Sullivan, courtesy of Yalsa-Bk listserv.

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Talk Back: We welcome your feedback on anything in *The Scoop*. Just email [Stephanie](#), [Staci](#), or [Erica](#) and we'll print your comments in *The Scoop*.

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