

The Scoop

Fun, inspiring and innovative ideas
for library youth services

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WELCOME

By Stephanie Bailey-White

Happy November! This is a great time of year to thank all the *Scoop* subscribers and library staff who are working to advance literacy in Idaho. We love hearing about the new and fun ways you are reaching out to your communities.



Laurie Willmore from the Menan Annis Branch Library and Sue Torres from Midway Elementary work together on their Bright Futures School Partnership application while at the meeting.

Last week's Read to Me Rendezvous was a great learning experience. We enjoyed some wonderful presenters and the opportunity to network and hear ideas from over 90 Idaho public and elementary school library staff members! A poster session was held on the first day featuring great ideas from public and school libraries. The photo above is of Heather Arnett from the Emmett Public Library explaining more details about the library's Tumblebees program to Kasi Allen from Jerome Public Library and others.



Dr. Maria Cahill from the University of Kentucky shared research on what works with Summer Reading Programs and what to avoid. Later that day she shared information on finding the right books for beginning readers. Presenters from the State Department of Education's Summer Nutrition Program and the Afterschool Snack Programs also shared how libraries could support these important programs. The Rendezvous ended with Dr. Stan Steiner sharing great new books to share with elementary-age students and tips to encourage more children to spend time reading. We hope to share more of this information in future editions of *The Scoop*.

LIBRARY TO LIBRARY

North Bingham Embraces Maker Movement

North Bingham County District Library officials believe it's their job to provide resources for learning in the community — even if that knowledge doesn't come from books.

That's one of the reasons the library decided to purchase a second 3D printer. "Having these printers is another form of knowledge that our community and our patrons can use," said Kaylene Christensen, assistant director at the library located in Shelley, a city south of Idaho Falls. The photo at the right shows Mark Jaster, founder of PrintSpace, and Luanna Borup holding a finished object. [Continue Reading](#)



Boise Public Breaks Ground for New Branch

A 16,000 square-foot new library branch is slated to open this time next year on a 3-acre parcel in East Boise. Its opening-day collection will include 35,000-45,000 items, Internet access on 28 computers and 12 "check-outable" mobile devices. The new facility's total budget is \$8.625 million—\$1 million of which was presented to the mayor during the groundbreaking by representatives of the Boise Public Library Foundation and Friends Group. The rest of the budget comes from Boise's capital contingency fund. [Read more here.](#)



Congratulations to Boise Public staff and all who helped make this new branch possible!

Fairmont Junior High Library Receives Grant

Best-selling author James Patterson has donated \$4,000 to Fairmont Junior High School's Library (Boise) as part of a nationwide program to give \$1.75 million to school libraries. The funds will be used this spring to purchase a book for every 7th & 8th grader to own and read over the summer. "Research continues to inform educators that there is significant loss of learning due to summer break. When kids read during the summer they keep their skills sharper for learning and can actually accelerate learning even during the 'off season' of summer break," Debbie Jenson, Media Specialist at Fairmont said.

JumpStart's Read for the Record Event Reached 2.2 Million

Over **2.2 million** children and adults gathered in schools, libraries, and communities around the world excited to read *Not Norman: A Goldfish Story*. Check out how people around the world celebrated [@jumpstartkids](#) and [#ReadfortheRecord](#). There's also a [brief online survey](#) for those who participated.

YOUNG ADULT CORNER

Teen Read Week

Did you celebrate Teen Read Week in October? Then please complete the Teen Read Week [Summary Report](#) as soon as possible. *Get Away @ your library* winners will be announced on November 13.

Make It at the Library Year Four Open for Application!

Idaho libraries are leading the way in making, and your public library can join this exciting movement!

Applications to participate in the 2016 Make It at the library cohort are now open to publically funded libraries. The project will run from January 1-June 30, 2016. Participating libraries will receive 6 days of training at ICfL (3 days in February and 3 days in May), making tools and supplies, and lots of programming ideas. They will also network with other libraries involved in the making movement to share their programming successes and challenges. The training will focus on programming for tweens and teens, but the tools can be used to develop programming for all audiences. **The application is due December 11**; successful applicants will be notified by early January.



More information about the project, including the Memorandum of Understanding outlining participant requirements and the scoring rubric can be found here: <http://libraries.idaho.gov/landing/tweens-and-teens>. The Make It at the library [Facebook page](#) contains photos and information from previous cohorts as well as comments from makers around the country. Contact [Sue Walker](#) at ICfL with questions about this upcoming opportunity.

Save the Date for Teen Tech Week™

Teen Tech Week will be March 6-12, 2016. The theme is Create it @ your library. Registration opens in November. See www.ala.org/teentechweek for more details.

Online Research Resources

Yalsa-bk listserv compiled and shared a list of databases and other resources for researching the sciences. Take a look and see if you might be able to use them as well!

- [Symbolab](#) is a web search engine for math and science.
- [ArXiv](#) from the Cornell University Library has a multitude of links for science and math.
- [BrainGenie](#) helps you learn, practice and quiz yourself in math and science.
- The [National Science Digital Library](#) is a national online portal for education and research on learning in STEM.
- Are you required to use APA style for a science paper? [Get help from Purdue](#).
- [Foldit](#) is a site where you can play games to solve problems in science.
- [Eric Weisstein's World of Science](#) brought to you by WolphramResearch.

Biology:

- [Crash Course in biology](#) by Hank Green. Videos are on Youtube, so watch at home.
- The [Encyclopedia of Life](#) has 700.000 pages on individual species.

Chemistry:

- [Learn chemistry from RSC](#) for teachers and students.

Environmental Science:

- [Breathing Earth](#) is a real-time simulation of CO2 emissions around the world.
- [Turfmutt](#) from Discovery Ed is all about the environment.
- Calculate your [carbon footprint](#).
- Watch these videos from Planet Nutshell designed to [help you understand rapid climate change](#).
- [Crash Course in ecology](#) by Hank Green. Videos are on Youtube, so watch at home.

Physical Science/Physics:

- The [scale of the universe](#) is a tool to show you the size relationships between everything in the universe.
- [LivePhysics.com](#) is dedicated to physics, science, space, and technology news and to provide free physics related homework help to students.



SCHOOL ZONE

February 25 is deadline for School Library Access Mini-Grants

Elementary school library grants are available to increase access to print in the home for Idaho's youngest students (pre-K through 1st grade). This grant includes required changes to your school library check-out policies if you don't already allow book check-out for these grade levels. Funds are to be spent on fiction and non-fiction books only. **Applications are due February 25, 2016.** Please help us spread the work to schools in your district/area who have not received grants yet!

If your school has received a mini-grant in the past four years, there is a new \$5,000 grant opportunity for those interested in keeping their school libraries open over the summer or trying other outreach methods to provide access to books over the summer.

To find out more about these exciting grant opportunities, please visit the Read to Me program page by clicking here: <http://libraries.idaho.gov/school-access-mini-grants>. You can find both applications under the 2016-2017 Grant Application drop down tab. Project Coordinator Stephanie Bailey-White and Grants Officer Kristina Taylor are available to field questions about this program at (208) 334-2150.

PD in your Jammies? Yes, please!

Finding school library-specific professional development (PD) can be hard to manage. The big conferences and formal courses are expensive and most involve travel. To further complicate the matter, getting time away from school, arranging a substitute (if that's an option), and myriad other obstacles make this best practice not practicable for many school librarians.

[Learn More](#)

More Letters About Literature News

The 2014-2015 Letters About Literature Winner, Miles Maxcer wrote an excellent Op-Ed that was picked up by Idaho Education News! [Read Miles' letter here](#).

The Letters About Literature contest is open to all students (public, private, and homeschooled) in grades 4-12 competing in three different age categories. [Get all the details here!](#)

Low Hanging Fruit

November's Low Hanging Fruit has information and resources to help teachers and librarians prepare students for College and Career. Check it out at <http://libraries.idaho.gov/files/LHFNov2015.pdf>.

Nonfiction Book of the Month

Just in time for Thanksgiving feast preparation... November's title is *Terrible Typhoid Mary: A True Story of the Deadliest Cook in America*, by Susan Camp Bartoletti. Read more at <http://libraries.idaho.gov/page/non-fiction-books-month>.

Watch Gwyneth Jones' webcast with School Library Journal

If you attended Summer Summit in Ketchum (and even if you didn't) you won't want to miss School Library Journal's free webcast on November 17th featuring Gwyneth Jones, the Daring Librarian, called "Secrets of the Remix Mash-up YouTube Generation: A Daringly Creative Webinar." If you [register](#) and you can't attend the live event, you can watch it on demand a few days later because SLJ will archive it!

UPCOMING EVENTS

International Games Day, November 21

The eighth annual **International Games Day @ your library** event is Saturday, November 21. There will be lots of fun activities, including a national video game tournament. In this tournament, your players can compete against other libraries from around the world.

Gaming of all types at the library encourages young patrons to interact with a diverse group of peers, share their expertise with others (including adults), and develop new strategies for gaming and learning. Plus, it's a way for traditionally underserved groups to have fun in the library and interact with other members of the community. International Games Day @ Your Library is a great opportunity for families to get out of the house and play together in the one community institution that welcomes everyone.

Libraries that want to participate in this year's event must register online in order to participate in the international events (Minecraft, Hunger Games, and/or Global Gossip Game), receive free donations (while available), and appear on the international map of participating locations. Learn more and register here: <http://igd.ala.org/>.

Consider Attending PLA in Denver

The 2016 Public Library Association Conference will be held in Denver April 5-9, 2016. Early Bird registration rates are available through January 22, 2016. For more information about the PLA Conference, go to www.placonference.org/

ALSC National Institute

The **ALSC National Institute** is a two and a half day learning opportunity focused solely on youth services librarianship. It will be held September 15-17, 2016 in Charlotte NC. The Institute is a great place to network with colleagues, attend practical child-focused programs, and meet the authors/illustrators you know and love. It's designed for front-line library staff, children's literature experts, education and library school faculty and other interested adults.



Apply for First Time Attendee Grants

The Idaho Commission for Libraries offers First Time Conference Attendee Grants to individuals employed by publicly funded libraries in Idaho. For more information, please contact the ICfL Continuing Education Consultant at 208-334-2150 or go to Funding/LSTA. All grant applications must be delivered to ICfL 50 calendar days in advance of the event. PLA and the ALSC National Institute Conference are eligible. See some of the other eligible conferences at <http://libraries.idaho.gov/approved-conferences>.



TIPS AND TOOLS

ICF grants more than \$162,000 in Eastern and Southeastern Idaho

The Idaho Community Foundation's Eastern Regional Grants Panel has selected 79 eastern and southeastern Idaho nonprofit organizations to receive more than \$162,000 through its annual competitive grant cycle. Grant recipients are from Bannock, Bingham, Bonneville, Butte, Caribou, Clark, Custer, Franklin, Fremont, Lemhi, Madison, Oneida, Power and Teton counties.

The ICF Board of Directors makes the final decision about the grants. This year, there were 123 applications requesting more than \$475,000. Here are a few of the library grants which were awarded:

- **Franklin County Library District**
\$2,500 to provide "Take It and Create It" Kits for teens and tweens in the community to explore science, technology, arts, engineering, and mathematics
- **Madison Library District**
\$1,447 to purchase tablets, a book cart, tables, chairs, new signs, and other supplies for the Book Wagon.
- **Portneuf Library District**
\$2,000 to purchase items for programs to boost literacy and increase critical thinking through hands-on STEM and "maker" activities.
- **North Bingham County District Library**
\$2,500 to buy equipment to be used in providing technically enhanced programming for children and teens.

Applications for the **Northern Region of Idaho** opened Nov. 1 and closes Jan. 15. Distribution is scheduled to begin in June. Open to applicants from Benewah, Bonner, Boundary, Clearwater, Idaho, Kootenai, Latah, Lewis, Nez Perce and Shoshone counties. Visit www.idcomfdn.org/Regional_Cycle for more information.

Grants for Idaho Afterschool Programs Now Available

The Idaho State Department of Education will award \$1.5 million in grants to fund afterschool programs across the state for the upcoming 2016-2017 school year. Now is the time for school districts and other organizations to apply.

The funding is available through the federal 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC) program, which is designed to provide academic enrichment opportunities, art, music, recreation, sports, drug and violence prevention and youth development activities to students during non-school hours. The Idaho State Department of Education currently funds 91 afterschool centers throughout the state, which serve a total of 5,229 Idaho youth daily.

"This is a great opportunity for schools and other organizations to provide for the needs of students across the state," Superintendent Sherri Ybarra said. "Whether it is art, music, enrichment opportunities, or needed support for drug prevention or violence prevention, these grants provide great opportunities for youth development during non-school hours."

School districts, public charter schools, municipalities, community based organizations, faith-based organizations and private corporations are eligible for these grants. Successful applicants will receive funding for up to five years. **Grant applications are due January 29, 2016.**

Those considering applying for funding are strongly encouraged to attend a Bidder's Workshop. The following workshops are open to any interested party:

- Monday, November 16: Coeur d'Alene, North Idaho College, Student Union, Driftwood Conference Room, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Wednesday, November 18: Meridian, West Ada School District Office, Sawtooth Room, 8 a.m. to noon
- Friday, November 20: Pocatello, Pocatello School District Office, 3115 Pole Line Road, Boardroom, 8 a.m. to noon

All workshops are free. To register for the workshops visit www.sde.idaho.gov/site/cclc/grants.htm or call (208) 332-6960. Participants are expected to download and review the application prior to the workshop. If you need more information please contact Camille McCashland, Program Specialist at (208) 332-6960 or by email at cmccashland@sde.idaho.gov.

Public Libraries Can Apply for 'Thinking Money' Traveling Exhibition

The ALA Public Programs Office in partnership with the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) Investor Education Foundation, is accepting applications for *Thinking Money*, a traveling exhibition to U.S. public libraries.

Money affects all Americans, but many of us lack the knowledge we need to make smart financial choices that will prepare us for whatever the future brings. *Thinking Money* strives to teach tweens, teens and their parents, caregivers and educators about financial literacy topics — like saving, spending and avoiding fraud — in a way that is not only understandable, but fun.

Thinking Money is a museum-quality exhibition that will travel to 50 U.S. public libraries between 2016 and 2018. Through an adventure-themed storyline, interactive iPad content and other fun, hands-on activities, the exhibition explores themes like wants vs. needs, preparing for a rainy/sunny day, and imagining your future self.

Each selected site will receive:

- the 1,000-square-foot traveling exhibition — including two iPads preloaded with fun educational content and four low-tech activity stations — for a six-week loan;
- travel and accommodations to attend an orientation workshop at the 2016 ALA Annual Conference in Orlando;
- online training modules for library staff and tips and tools for related programs; and
- a \$1,000 programming allowance.

For guidelines and to apply online, visit www.ala.org/thinkingmoney. Applications are due January 29, 2016.

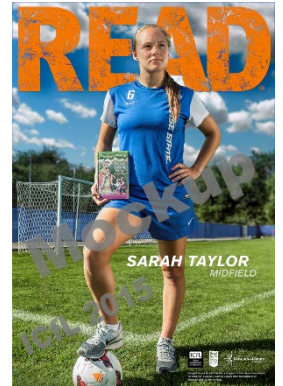
Prospective applicants are encouraged to attend one of two informational conference calls about the exhibition on Thursday, Nov. 19 at 12 p.m. CST or Wednesday, Dec. 9 at 2 p.m. CST. To register for a conference call, [please email Brian Russell with your preferred date.](#)

Resources for Promoting Childhood Creativity through Libraries

Check out the new *Resources for Promoting Childhood Creativity through Libraries*, now available on [the public resources page](#) of the [Center for Childhood Creativity](#) and can be downloaded [here](#). The document includes the top-reviewed activities as well as our research-backed frameworks and tips for infusing creativity into library programming.

READ Poster Available to Idaho Libraries and Schools

Like it?! Your library or school can distribute these to patrons, students, and teachers. There is no cost for the posters—just email [Staci Shaw](#). Posters are 12.5" by 18.5."



SUMMER READING NEWS

2015 Summer Reading Reports: And the Winner is...

Each library that submitted its 2015 summer reading report by the deadline date of September 15 was entered into a drawing for a free 2016 CSLP summer reading t-shirt.

And the winner is...Lori Urfer from the Mountain Home Air Force Base Library!

Lori reported that 210 children and teens participated in their program this year, and 150 of those completed the program. That's a great showing!

2016 Program Manuals

For those libraries that submitted their 2015 reports, **2016 Summer Reading Program Manuals will be shipped the week of November 9**. Libraries that attended the Read to Me Rendezvous in Boise November 5 – 6 received their manuals on-site (provided they submitted their 2015 reports).

If your library responded to the email last spring and selected a desired format, you will receive that choice. All other libraries will receive the traditional package, consisting of one paper copy and 3 DVD copies, provided we have your 2015 report. Please keep an eye out for a package marked, "Summer Reading Manual" in a large white envelope. If you ordered DVDs only or a USB, it will be in a smaller white envelope.

Bright Futures Outreach Programs

Applications for Bright Futures Programs ([School Visits](#), [Reaching Underserved Children](#), and [School Partnerships](#)) are open now! [Continue reading...](#)

Summer Reading Theme Provides Opportunities to Promote Wellness

The 2016 Summer Reading wellness-oriented 2016 programs, “On Your Mark, Get Set, Read!” (children’s); “Get in the Game: Read” (teens), and “Exercise Your Mind: Read” (adults) lend themselves to creative, collaborative library programs and activities that promote the health and well-being of participants. Libraries might consider adopting or expanding (if already using) one or more of these opportunities:

- The [USDA Summer Food Service Program](#)
- The [EatPlayGrow™ Curriculum](#) from the Children’s Museum of Manhattan. To become part of Idaho’s EatPlayGrow initiative, [click here](#).
- A project developed and implemented in partnership with agencies promoting wellness in your community
- and/or, a project that includes the establishment of a food garden in conjunction with library services.

If you decide to try one of these ideas this summer, share your plans with *The Scoop* readers and the ICfL Read to Me Coordinators. We’d love to hear more about it!

You can see an overview of the theme, slogans, and artwork here: [Overview of 2016 CSLP Summer Reading](#)

Call for Ideas for 2017 Adult Program Manual

The Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP) is soliciting ideas for the 2017 program manual. The slogan is Build a Better World. The manual will be organized by chapters with ideas for building a better world at home, in communities, throughout the country, and around the globe. **The deadline for submitting ideas is November 30th.**

See email sent on LibIdaho 10-27-15 for more information. Send all program ideas to: Julie Tomlianovich, Editor: juliet21954@yahoo.com



FEATURED:

Second Annual Literacy Summit Held November 20

Idaho Reads will present the second statewide Idaho Reading Summit on November 20th at Boise State University. The goal of the summit is to inspire individual, community and legislative action in Idaho around grade level reading. The first reading and literacy summit was held in 2013, bringing together over 250 educators, parents, community leaders, and lawmakers. This year’s program is designed to keep the momentum going around reading in Idaho, and equip our attendees with ideas and tools to move reading forward in our state. This summit will be worthwhile for anyone who wants to help make kids better readers.

Keynote speakers include Yolie Flores, Senior Fellow for the Campaign for Grade-Level Reading, and Julie Baker Finck of the Barbara Bush Houston Literacy Foundation. Attendees will also have the opportunity to hear about current reading policy initiatives in Idaho from key decision-makers, and learn about successful reading programs in Idaho from folks on the front lines. Finally, attendees will be invited to join a breakout session on a reading topic that interests them. Please review the [agenda](#) for details and full list of [speakers](#).

Yolie Flores, Senior Fellow, Campaign for Grade-Level Reading

Yolie has dedicated her career to improving the lives disadvantaged children and families. Throughout her 25-year career, she has held various leadership, management, and policy positions in city and county government, non-profit organizations, philanthropy, and in elected office. In every position, Yolie has committed herself to helping ensure that all kids—but most especially children from low-income families—grow up with opportunities to lead rich and fulfilling lives.



Currently, Yolie is a Senior Fellow to the Campaign for Grade-Level Reading, leading the work on School Readiness and Successful Parents, and supporting over 170 communities across the nation in their efforts to ensure more children from low-income families are reading proficiently by the end of third grade. Yolie lives and plays with her puppy Molly in Los Angeles.

Julie Baker Finck, President, Barbara Bush Houston Literacy Foundation

Julie has more than 20 years of experience in the field of K-12 education. Prior to joining the foundation in 2013, Dr. Finck served four years on the executive leadership team of the Houston Independent School District as Chief Academic Officer and Chief Major Projects Officer. She has served in leadership positions at both a regional and state level in Ohio leading large-scale, education reform initiatives. Prior to her move to Houston, she served as a senior director at a national non-profit, called Battelle for Kids. Dr. Finck began her career as a middle school teacher in Kentucky. She earned her Doctorate of Philosophy in education administration from The Ohio State University in 2001.



Summit Details:

Fee: \$20 includes your attendance, breakfast, and lunch. Please note, no refunds are given for cancellations.

Location: Boise State University Student Union Building

Date/ Time: Friday, November 20th. The Summit starts at **7:00 am** and concludes at **4:30pm**.

Parking: Free parking will be provided in the **Lincoln Garage** near the Student Union Building. Please [click here](#) for parking instructions.

Book Drive: Please consider bringing a new or gently used book with you to the Summit for our book drive, sponsored by Book It Forward! [Click here](#) for a guide on age-appropriate books.

Who: Library leaders, librarians, staff, educators, administrators, university faculty (Public, School, Academic, Special)

Why: It will take a community effort to ensure our children are proficient readers by the end of third grade. Please join us!

Full agenda: <https://secure.meetingsystems.com/ReadLitSummit/Agenda.pdf>

Read more and register: <http://idahoreads.org/2015/10/12/summit/>

CE NEWS YOU CAN USE

Free Webinar on Family Literacy at a Food Pantry

Thursday, December 3, 2015 ♦ 3 pm Eastern / noon Pacific ♦ 60 min

Registration: www.webjunction.org/events/webjunction/family-literacy-at-a-food-pantry.html

The [Cazenovia Public Library](#) is connecting the dots between early literacy, the local food pantry and family well-being, and they're doing it all on a small budget. Starting with an Early Literacy project at the CazCares food pantry, library outreach coordinators began to build more in-depth relationships with the food pantry's clients. Their interactions led to unexpected positive outcomes:

- adults obtaining their high school equivalency through the library tutoring program;
- school age children participating in an interactive summer learning program and book club;
- and the food pantry becoming the site for ESL classes, Dolly Parton Imagination Library sign ups and health literacy initiatives.

Find out how this innovative library team supplemented their small budget with donations and volunteers to make Family Literacy work for the community. Presented by **Betsy Kennedy**, Director, Cazenovia Public Library. This is an encore presentation from the 2015 [Association for Rural & Small Libraries](#) conference.

Developing Partnerships

Here are a couple of sites to explore to learn more about how to develop partnerships within and throughout your community.

Heart and Soul Field Guide can be found at www.orton.org. Produced by the Orton Family Foundation after 10 years of research, this website provides a wealth of information from the Field Guide itself to webinars and tools to use in the process. ICfL has used this in our Libraries Building Community Summit for several years.

Libraries Transform is the American Library Association's new source for information about developing partnerships and building your community. You will find it at www.librariestransform.org. This site provides information about trends in library services as well as toolkit to get started.



MULTICULTURAL CONNECTIONS

Miami Preschool Study Finds Strong Positive Effect for Hispanic Children

Education Week

A new study by the National Research Center on Hispanic Children and Families looks at academic performance data for 11,894 Hispanic children who attended Miami's public preschool program and continued in Miami public schools through 3rd grade. Latino children who attended publicly funded preschool in Miami, particularly those who attended public school-based programs, entered kindergarten with above average pre-academic skills, like knowing their letters and numbers. They also had above average social skill and English language skills. Moreover, nine in 10 Latino children who had attended one of Miami's publicly funded preschool programs passed Florida's 3rd grade standardized reading test with a score of two or higher.

http://blogs.edweek.org/edweek/early_years/2015/10/miami_preschool_study_finds_strong_positive_effect_for_hispanic_children.html



KNOW THE NUMBERS

PEW Library Study Provides Interesting Stats

The new PEW study, [Libraries at the Crossroads](#), provides some interesting food for thought. A snippet from the report:

“There was much greater consensus, however, on what the role of libraries should be — and it certainly isn’t centered on books. Eighty-five percent of those surveyed said libraries should offer early literacy programs for preschool-aged children; the same amount of people said that libraries should work with schools. Technology education for seniors and online privacy and security education were the next two top activities on the list.”



STEAM IS EVERYWHERE

Idaho STEM Action Center

The STEM Action Center was created by [House Bill 302](#), and was designed to coordinate and promote science, technology, engineering and math initiatives and education across the state. [Angela Hemingway](#) leads the charge as Executive Director and [Erica Compton](#) has taken on the position of Program Manager. Please feel free to contact the Action Center with any questions at 208.332.1726.

Stay tuned for great things from the Action Center!

Apply for the *SciGirls* CONNECT Partner Program!

Consider applying to become a *SciGirls* site. The focus of *SciGirls* is to help create gender equity in STEM. Your library and your partner organizations will each receive a free full-day of training, activity guides, and \$200 to spend on materials to implement STEM programming.

If accepted as a *SciGirls*CONNECT Partner, organizations will receive:

- A full-day *SciGirls* Professional Development Training at their location for 10-30 participants (at no cost, meals are excluded)
- Eight Activity Guides and the *SciGirls Seven: How to Engage Girls in STEM* gender equity handbook (for each attendee), as well as access to our *SciGirls en Español* materials and *SciGirls* promotional items
- Assistance developing *SciGirls* programs for girls including \$200 to support the program
- Access to the *SciGirls* CONNECT online community (scigirlsconnect.org) for sharing ideas and multimedia resources
- Support via monthly webinars with *SciGirls* staff, Trainers and other Partners

- Quarterly e-Newsletter featuring Partner success stories, *SciGirls* news and events, and STEM educational resources

SciGirls Trainings integrate inquiry-based STEM instruction with a commitment to gender equity. Educators attending *SciGirls* Trainings will learn the latest research for exciting and engaging girls (and boys) in STEM; experience hands-on STEM activities; and gain access to free materials for hands-on, video-enhanced activities that put a creative twist on teaching STEM.

SciGirls is a PBS Kids television series out to change how tweens think about science, technology, engineering and math, or STEM! In each episode, join bright, curious *rea*/girls in putting STEM to work. Then check out the website to play games, watch episodes, share projects, and connect with other SciGirls in a totally safe social networking environment!

There are also have many resources available in Spanish!

Apply

STEM Contest Provides \$500K in Scholarships

The **Lexus Eco Challenge**, a STEM contest for grades 6–12, provides a chance to **compete for \$500,000** in scholarships and grants along with skills and concepts to prepare students for the future. Students help their community while getting a chance to compete for scholarships and grants for their school. Entries are due December 11, 2015.

Learn More

Check out Learning About Air

This lesson teaches your preschoolers about the existence of air and different things air can do. Here is the link to the lesson: www.scienceforpreschoolers.com/earthscience/air2/. Looking for ideas on teaching about color? Here are a few more ideas:

- Learning About Primary & Secondary Colors: www.educationaltoyfactory.com/colorscience.htm
- Disappearing Color Science Experiment: www.educationaltoyfactory.com/colorvanish.htm
- Learning With Finger Paint: www.educationaltoyfactory.com/Finger_Paint.htm

The Hour of Code is Coming, December 7-13, 2015!

The **Hour of Code** is a grassroots movement that's already introduced 100 million students to the basics of computer science. Participate with any one-hour coding activity that students love — no experience needed!

[Sign up for the Hour of Code here](#). There are new prizes for every organizer. Every organizer will receive a gift card to iTunes, Amazon or the Windows Store as a thank-you gift. And you can win \$10,000 for your school. [See details here](#).

BOOK LOOK

Recently Released Picture Books

(reprinted from Kent District Library's newsletter)

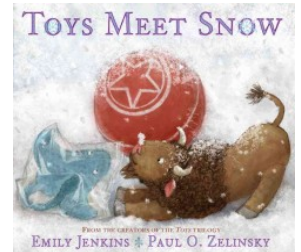
Little Robot, by Ben Hatke

After sneaking out of her trailer park home to explore the nearby junkyard, a little girl makes a surprising discovery: a broken-down, kid-size robot! With a bit of tinkering, she gets the robot running, and soon she's teaching her new metal pal about games, sunsets, and cats (that last one doesn't quite go as planned). There's another 'bot about, however - a scary, red-eyed machine sent to bring the little robot back to the factory. Can some quick thinking save this friendship? Illustrated with eye-catching colors and big, borderless panels, this easy-to-understand graphic novel uses only a few words to tell a moving story about companionship and creativity.



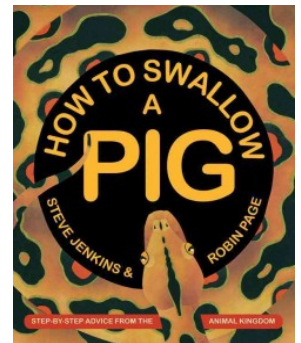
Toys Meet Snow, by Emily Jenkins; illustrated by Paul O. Zelinsky

Something strange has happened outside. Looking out the window, toys StingRay, Lumphy, and Plastic (two plush animals and a red ball) wonder at the fresh blanket of white snow. What is it, and how did it get there? They decide to see for themselves. Kids will smile at the toys' not-so-efficient efforts to make it outside, as well as at their joyful play and fanciful explanations ("the clouds are sad and happy at the same time"). Older readers who are charmed by these curious characters should check out their previous adventures in the Toys Go Out chapter books; younger ones may appreciate the similarly cozy feel of Kevin Henkes' *Waiting*.



How to Swallow a Pig: Step-by-Step Advice from the Animal Kingdom, by Steve Jenkins and Robin Page

"Pop the millipede in your mouth." Yuck! It might not sound appetizing to humans, but it's part of the process that capuchin monkeys use to repel insects. This process is just one of the 18 animal survival skills detailed in this unusual "how-to" guide from prolific picture book creators Steve Jenkins and Robin Page. Here, readers can be given step-by-step instructions for all sorts of animal behaviors, from building a nest like a wasp to catching fish like a whale. (Deciding whether or not to follow these instructions is up to the reader.) Crisp cut-paper illustrations accompany each witty tutorial, making *How to Swallow a Pig* a fun and factual read.



Lizard from the Park, by Mark Pett

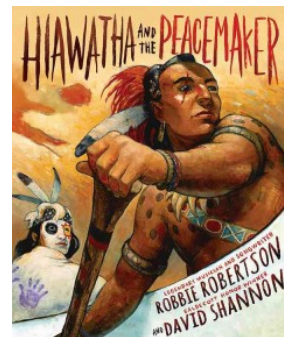
When the egg he rescued from the park hatches a small green lizard, lonely young New Yorker Leonard is delighted. He promptly names the lizard Buster, and together they roam the city, taking the train to the Museum of Natural History and visiting the stone lions outside the library. Rendered in soft, hazy hues, their adventures have a warm, wistful feeling -- one that increases as Buster grows waaaaay too big to keep, and Leonard hatches a clever plan for returning him to



the freedom of the park. Kids who long for a pet like Buster will also relate to the goofy goings-on in George O'Connor's *If I Had a Raptor*.

Hiawatha and the Peacemaker, by Robbie Robertson; illustrated by David Shannon

Musician and author Robbie Robertson draws on his Mohawk heritage in this beautifully crafted retelling of a powerful legend. Hiawatha, a Mohawk, is filled with grief and anger over the loss of his family in raid by Onodaga chief Tadodaho. Despite this, Hiawatha is called to follow his spiritual guide, the Peacemaker, on a mission to bring unity to the five clashing tribes that would form the Iroquois Nation. Illustrator David Shannon illuminates the legend with colorful, sophisticated paintings (which might surprise fans of his popular *No, David!*). Concluding with historical notes and a song on CD, *Hiawatha and the Peacemaker* is a vivid, authentic experience that older readers won't soon forget.



Tween Recommended Reads

Members of the 2013 School Age Programs and Services Committee have compiled this list of recommended books for tweens. List is available in full color and black and white to download and print.

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Or go to www.ala.org/alsc/tween-recommended-reads.

Official Titles of the 2015 Teens' Top Ten Announced

The results are in! YALSA has announced the official titles of the 2015 Teens' Top Ten. Teens all over the world voted starting August 15 with voting lasting through Teen Read Week™ (October 18-24, 2015). Altogether, over 27,000 votes were cast for the [24 nominees](#).

The official 2015 Teens' Top Ten titles are as follows:

The Shadow Throne, by Jennifer A. Nielsen (Scholastic)

I Become Shadow, by Joe Shine. (Soho Teen)

To All the Boys I've Loved Before, by Jenny Han. (Simon & Schuster)

My Life with the Walter Boys, by Ali Novak. (Sourcebooks)

Heir of Fire, by Sarah J. Maas. (Bloomsbury)

The Bane Chronicles, by Cassandra Clare. (Simon & Schuster/Margaret K. McElderry)

The Young Elites, by Marie Lu. (Penguin/G.P. Putnam's Sons)

The Kiss of Deception, by Mary E. Pearson. (Macmillan/ Henry Holt & Company)

Since You've Been Gone, by Morgan Matson. (Simon & Schuster)

The Geography of You and Me, by Jennifer E. Smith. (Hachette/Poppy)



Check out the [video](#) featuring 2015 Teen Read Week™ spokesperson, Bella Thorne.

Books to Screen

Read entire article in School Library Journal (chosen actors, reviews, formats)

The Hunger Games: Mockingjay Part 2 (Suzanne Collins)– Release Date: November 20, 2015
www.thehungergames.movie

Shadowhunters (*Mortal Instruments* series, Cassandra Clare)– TV Premiere: January 12, 2016 on ABC Family (aka Freeform) www.shadowhunterstv.com/

The 5th Wave (Rick Yancey)– Release Date: January 15, 2016

The Divergent Series: Allegiant (Veronica Roth)– Release Date: March 18, 2016 (Will the movie stay true to Roth's original ending?!)

The BFG (Roald Dahl)– Release Date: July 1, 2016

A Monster Calls (Patrick Ness)– Release Date: October 14, 2016

Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them (JK Rowling)– Release Date: November 18, 2016

Let It Snow (Maureen Johnson, Lauren Myracle, and John Green)– Release Date: December 9, 2016

Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children (Ransom Riggs)– Release Date: December 25, 2016

See books that have been optioned (*Looking for Alaska*, *Scorpio Races*, and more!)



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