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## DATES & DEADLINES

- **Idaho Family Reading Week: November 12 – 18**
- **Bright Futures Summer Outreach Programs:**  
Applications open  
November 15
- **December 15:** Deadline  
for **Idaho Family Reading  
Week Report**
- 2018 Summer Reading  
Program manuals shipped  
to libraries: Week of  
November 20

## WELCOME

By Staci Shaw

It's No Shave November, and it looks like East Junior High (Boise) librarian Rashelle Mack has a bewhiskered sense of humor!



*Do you have a fun display to share? Send it in!*

## Read to Me Program: 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

It's hard to believe, but for over twenty years the Idaho Commission for Libraries' Read to Me programs have been supporting early literacy programming and outreach in Idaho libraries from Bonner's Ferry to Preston. Participants at the Read to Me Rendezvous in Boise last week celebrated with First Lady Lori Otter, Read to Me staff, and lots of cake! Read more in our [Feature Article](#).



## LIBRARY TO LIBRARY

### Spooktacular fun in Orofino

~Submitted by Kim Silflow, Librarian

The staff at the Clearwater Memorial Public Library had a lot of fun decorating the library for Halloween this year and the patrons really enjoyed it. We turned both our front & back door into Jack-O-Lanterns and the door in our foyer into Frankenstein's Monster. We also provided the resident spiders with a new home (and a new Queen), and turned our book drop into a book gobbling monster which we received the most compliments on. We also handed out treats to our trick-or-treaters.



## YOUNG ADULT CORNER

### Teen Read Week

The Ada Community Library at Hidden Springs had a fun Teen Read Week event on Wednesday, October 11th. The Inbetweeners read recipes and learned how to make cheesy meatball cups. They were a huge hit as they tasted like pizza! After they enjoyed their cooking they each got to take home a new book!





## SCHOOL ZONE

### **Big Changes for the 2018-2019 Elementary School Library Access Mini-Grant**

Big change #1: Schools that have received the Elementary School Library Access Mini-Grant will be able to apply again if it has been three years or more since you received any SLA Mini-Grant from ICfL. We are calling this one the Elementary School Library Access Mini-Grant – Round 2.

Big change #2: There will not be an Elementary School Library Summer Access Mini-Grant this time.

No change: The Elementary School Library Access Mini-Grant will remain the same and any publicly funded elementary school that serves students in kindergarten and grade 1 that has not received a Mini-Grant is eligible to apply. Eligible schools must have a library that is managed by a paid, contracted staff member.

The application window will open by the last week of November 2017. Stay tuned!

### **Free Art Books Available for School Libraries**

A non-profit called Art Resources Transfer distributes free art books to school libraries. For more information, visit <http://www.artresourcestransfer.org/>.

### **Collection Development Tools from Booklist and AASL**

Booklist Publications and the American Association of School Librarians (AASL) announce an exciting initiative to provide expert book-and-media buying assistance to school librarians in need. With help from sponsor Scholastic, yearlong subscriptions to *Booklist*, *Book Links*, and *Booklist Online* will be made available to as many as 500 individual schools across the U.S. Winners will be announced shortly after ALA's Midwinter Meeting in February 2018, with the subscriptions starting in April 2018 to support librarians through the 2018–19 school year. Simply submit a short, mini-essay of up to 150 words, explaining why you need these collection development resources and how they would help your programs. Current subscribers are not eligible. Complete the form at <https://www.booklistonline.com/free-school-subscriptions> to enter your school today. All submissions are due by February 23, 2018.

### **November Hits**

November's Low Hanging Fruit, "Picture Books for All" can be found at: <http://libraries.idaho.gov/low-hanging-fruit>.

November's Nonfiction Book of the Month: *Frida Kahlo and Her Animalitos*, by Monica Brown and illustrated by John Parra.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Family Reading Week – Reminder!



It's a banner year for Family Reading Week with 125 libraries participating and requesting over 11,000 books! We hope this week or month finds you enjoying all your various and creative FRW programming.

Don't forget to complete the program evaluation after your event concludes: <https://tinyurl.com/frw-summary>.

We will be following up with folks who received books and haven't completed the report by mid-December. We appreciate the work you do helping us gather data we use on reports to funding sources. This evaluation summary will help us budget for this program next year and tell us more about which resources for FRW are most valuable to you, our participating libraries. Thanks!

### ALSC National Institute, September 27 – 29, 2018

Registration is open for the Association of Library Services to Children (a division of the American Library Association) National Institute in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Specific program speakers, dates, and times will be announced in the spring, but the overall schedule is available now. Check it out here: [www.ala.org/alsc/institute-education-programs](http://www.ala.org/alsc/institute-education-programs).

Our own **Amanda Bowden** and **Holly Jackson** from the **Portneuf Library** in Chubbuck, Idaho, will be presenting a session titled, "Programming Be'Tween' the Lines." It will focus on programming for 'tweens—an age group that often falls through the cracks. It is a huge honor to be chosen to present at this conference!

Registration fees:

ALSC members registering before June 29: \$400

Non-ALSC ALA members until August 24: \$450

Non-ALA members until August 24: \$475

The registration fee includes Thursday dinner, Friday breakfast, and Saturday breakfast. It does not include other meals or housing. The hotel block will open in early November 2017 at \$169/night plus tax (single/double occupancy).

Learn how to apply for a First-Time Attendee Grant from ICfL at: <http://libraries.idaho.gov/icfl-funding-libraries>. You will need to pre-apply, and you will need to make sure you are applying for 2018-2019 funding.

Learn more about the ALSC Institute, registration, and housing: [www.ala.org/alsc/confevents/institute](http://www.ala.org/alsc/confevents/institute)

## TIPS AND TOOLS

### Where to donate weeded books

November is "Leave a Weeded Book in Your Neighbor's Recycle Bin" Month. But if you're looking for a better outlet for those discarded library books, try Books for Africa:

<https://www.booksforafrica.org/donate/donate-books.html#menu>

And, Becky at the Challis Library suggests putting them on a "free" cart, or donating them to others who use them for art projects (spine label bookmarks, jacket cover mousepads, etc.).

### Funding available to support family-engagement nights

Teachers who want to get to know students and their families better after school will have a chance to get some funding toward those efforts through a new fundraising campaign that DonorsChoose.org recently launched, with support from the Carnegie Corporation.

[Learn More](#)

### Free Storytime Toolkit from the National Park Service

Whether it features fiction or nonfiction, a storytime linked to a real historic place has the power to engage library patrons of all ages. Heritage sites connect a library's resources with places and ideas that your community already values. **Storytime with Historic Places** is a flexible guide to create a library program based on an historic place and its themes. It includes a template and instructions to feature historic places in storytime programs, plus a sample Storytime with Historic Places outline, written by a school librarian who used a national headquarters for the 20th century women's movement to create a storytime about civics and civil rights. Find Storytime with Historic Places here:

[www.nps.gov/subjects/teachingwithhistoricplaces/libraries-storytime-with-historic-places.htm](http://www.nps.gov/subjects/teachingwithhistoricplaces/libraries-storytime-with-historic-places.htm)

### Wonder Parties

The movie *Wonder*, based on RJ Palaccio's best-selling book, comes out November 17. Did you host, or are you planning to host, any programs or events? Share your plans or photos on our Facebook page:

[www.facebook.com/readtomeidaho/](http://www.facebook.com/readtomeidaho/)



## SUMMER READING NEWS

### 2018 Summer Reading Manuals: Libraries Rock!

The program manuals have arrived at ICfL and will be processed and shipped before Thanksgiving to Idaho libraries that submitted their summer reading reports for 2017. If you requested a specific format last spring, you will receive your request; if you did not submit a request you will receive the USB format.

The manual will again be available online, and directions regarding how to download that will be sent with your manual choice.

We did not purchase additional copies of the program manual. If you misplace your copy you will need to access the manual online or purchase an additional copy from the incentive catalog.

It's going to a great theme, and we know you'll want to begin planning now!



### Winner of the 2017 Summer Reading Report Drawing

Congratulations to Bettina Blattner, Library Director at the Lost Rivers District Library in Arco! All libraries that submitted their summer reading reports by the September 15 deadline were entered in a drawing for a free 2018 summer reading t-shirt, and Bettina's library was drawn. This t-shirt is on its way to Arco to help children, teens, and library staff get ready to Rock!

To see all the t-shirt styles, as well as promotional items, resources, books, and incentives, go to [www.cslpreads.org](http://www.cslpreads.org), login with your username and password, and click the Shop tab.



## FEATURED: READ TO ME RENDEZVOUS

### Libraries Rocked the Oxford Suites

Approximately 80 public and school library staff attended the Read to Me Rendezvous on November 2 – 3, 2017 in Boise. Because there are so many new faces in the Idaho library community, the Read to Me staff wanted to create an agenda that would benefit the wide-range of experience currently existing among those who serve children, especially pre- and beginning readers. We also wanted to bring public and school librarians together to find more ways to strengthen local partnerships which help advance third-grade reading proficiency.

[Read full article...](#)



### Highlights:



(Left) Mrs. Otter welcoming attendees  
(Above) Julie Patricia, Baby Storytimes



(Above) Travis Porter and Brady Kissel, Serving Homeschoolers  
(Top right) North Idaho librarians building their "brain"  
(Below) Measuring Outcomes

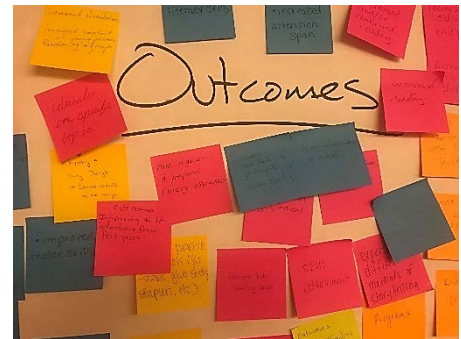
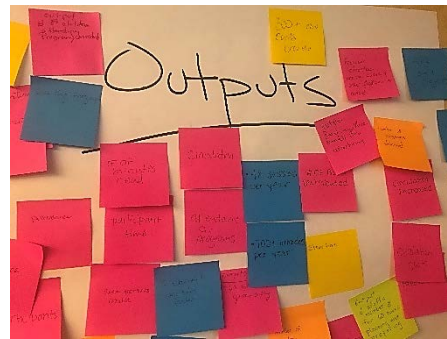
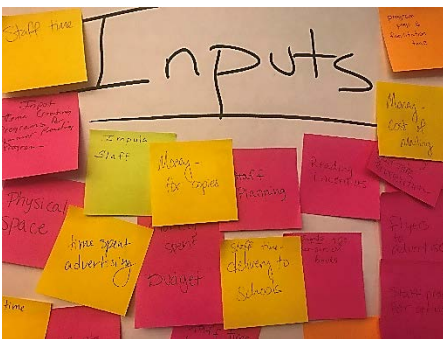
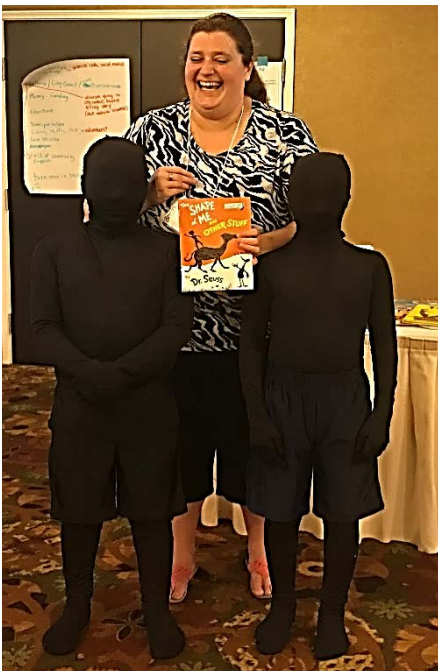
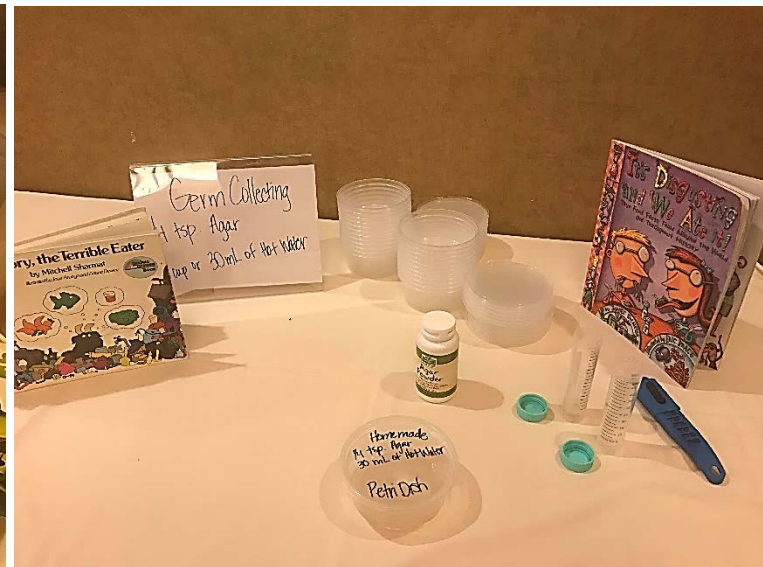






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Staff Time  
Funding  
\*Support (action) from Community  
Awareness of what is offered  
Go to Rotary & etc for PRW 4yrs has resulted in Grant!  
Mayoral proclamation → Build support  
Work on projects together - StoryWalk  
Advertize in paper, Facebook / Library corner in newsletter



- Top to Bottom:
- Group Turkey Trot
  - School-Public Library Partnerships: Barriers and solutions
  - Math Center: Frogs
  - Science Center: Germ Collecting
  - Sessa Hammond and her *Shape of Me* helpers



## CE NEWS YOU CAN USE

### Free Webinars

#### From Tots to Teens: STE(A)M-powered Ideas for Programming

Thursday, December 14, 3:00–4:00 pm EST

Whether you're already full steam ahead with STE(A)M programming in your library, not sure how to get started, or somewhere in between, there's something for you in this webinar. Find out what to look for in a good program and hear their top picks for programs for each age range. Learn some tips, tricks and useful resources. Get inspired—you don't need to be a scientist or engineer to have fun exploring and learning with the kids in your library. Presented by Heather Love Beverley, Cook Memorial Public Library District, Libertyville, IL; and Heather Thompson, Youth Services Programming Librarian, Kenosha Public Library, WI.

[Learn More / Register](#)

#### From STAR\_net, a production of the Space Science Institute's National Center for Interactive Learning:

The STAR\_net team will be providing resources to support your programming plans for all of these events. This includes an event page on [www.starnetlibraries.org](http://www.starnetlibraries.org) with activities and resources, webinars, and other opportunities. A free webinar on December 13, "STEM Events for Your Library's 2018 Programming", will provide background information on the events below.

- Engineers Week (February 18-24, 2018)
- Earth Day (April 22, 2018)
- InSight Mars Lander Launch (May 5, 2018)
- Parker Solar Probe Launch (July/August, 2018)
- Lights On Afterschool (October, 2018)
- International Observe the Moon Night (October, 2018)

Register for the webinar and other STAR\_net offerings:

[Learn More / Register](#)

#### Free series of webinars on preschool storytime basics and enhancing storytimes with science, math, music, and art, from the Texas State Library

The webinars will be presented by Kim Lehman ([www.kimlehman.com/default.htm](http://www.kimlehman.com/default.htm)). Kim has 30 years of experience working with children in public libraries, schools, child care centers, and museums. As a former youth specialist for the Austin Public Library and Connecting Texas Libraries Statewide, Kim presented many storytimes and science based programs in library settings. Kim is a certified early

childhood educator, and a professional musician and storyteller on the Texas Commission on the Arts Touring Roster presenting both art and science programs for all ages.

All webinars take place from 3:00-4:00 pm EST. Topics include:

Preschool Storytime Basics - Tuesday, Jan. 10

Science and Math in Storytimes - Tuesday, Jan. 17

Storytime Crafts – Tuesday, Jan. 24

The Magic of Music in Storytimes – Tuesday, January 31

[Learn More / Register](#)

## KNOW THE NUMBERS

### Idaho Summer Reading Programs

Here is a very short summary of what was submitted from Idaho libraries on the 2017 Summer Reading Program (SRP) Reports:

	2017	2016	% increase / decrease
Number of libraries (main, branches, bookmobiles) offering SRPs (includes Mountain Home Air Force Base):	145	145	
Number of libraries not offering SRPs:	4	4	
Number of libraries that did not submit report:	2	0	
In-house participation (children and teens):	53,899	52,009	3.6
Outreach numbers (children and teens):	59,593	55,449	7.47
*Total number of children/teens impacted by library summer reading programming:	113,492	107,458	5.6
Number of children/teens who "completed" SRP (optional question):	21,711	20,000	
Number of children/teens who read at least 10 hours or 10 books (optional to track, beginning in 2015):	17,299	15,566	
Number of libraries reporting 10 hours or 10 books:	84	97	
Number of libraries formally evaluating their SRP:	68	78	12.8
**Number of libraries participating in at least one Bright Futures Outreach program (School Partnerships, Parent Outreach, and Reaching Underserved Children):	56	97	42.3

*\*When asked by entities to report the number of children and teens "participating" in summer reading programs in Idaho libraries, we count the number of in-house participants and the number of children and teens reached through library outreach programs (i.e. "Total Impact").*

*\*\*Prior to 2017, "School Visits" was a Bright Futures Outreach program, and many libraries participated in this program in order to receive backpacks and other materials to hand out at the schools. Beginning in 2017, the School Visits program was dropped as a Bright Futures program, and libraries could request backpacks for school visits and outreach directly through our website. Approximately 90 libraries requested backpacks in 2017.*

Hearty congratulations go out to all the hard-working Idaho library staff for another record-breaking year of participation in library summer reading programs!

## STEAM

### News and resources from the Idaho STEM Action Center:

#### Hour of Code: December 4 – 10, 2017

We challenge you to an "Hour of Code"! Every Idaho student, teacher, parent, and others who completes an "Hour of Code" through [Code.org](http://Code.org) may enter into a drawing to win a \$50 Amazon gift card or an iPad mini!

[Learn More](#)

#### Family STEM Awareness & Career Awareness Events Grant

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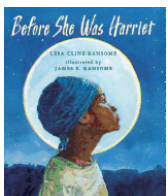
#### See CE News You Can Use for free STEAM webinars

Many of the webinars listed above are STEAM-related.

## BOOK LOOK

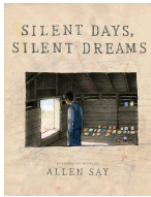
### New and Notable

#### Nonfiction Picture Books

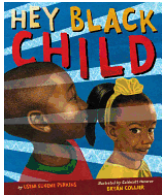


*Before She Was Harriet*, by Lesa Cline-Ransome. (Nov. 7) In a lush and lyrical biography of Harriet Tubman, an evocative poem and opulent watercolors come together to honor a woman of humble origins whose courage and compassion make her larger than life. *Starred Reviews: Kirkus, Booklist, SLJ, PW*



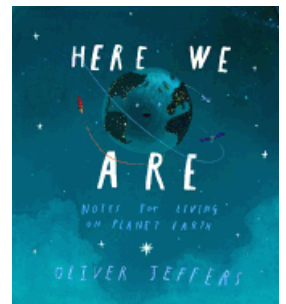


*Silent Days, Silent Dreams*, by Allan Say. (Oct. 31) A Caldecott Medalist brings his lavish illustrations and hybrid narrative and artistic styles to the story of artist James Castle. This fictional biography allows readers to experience Castle's emergence as an artist despite the overwhelming difficulties he faced. *Starred Reviews: Kirkus, PW, Booklist, SLJ*

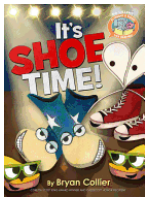


*Hey Black Child*, by Useni Eugene Perkins, illustrated by Brian Collier. (Nov. 14) Six-time Coretta Scott King Award winner and four-time Caldecott Honoree Collier brings Perkins' classic, inspirational poem to life in this adaptation previously published in *Black Fairy and Other Plays* in 1993. *Starred Reviews: Kirkus, SLJ, PW*

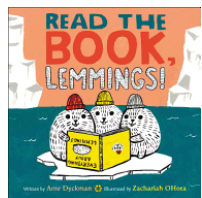
*Additional nonfiction picture books receiving starred reviews, coming out in November/December:*



## Pre- and Beginning Readers

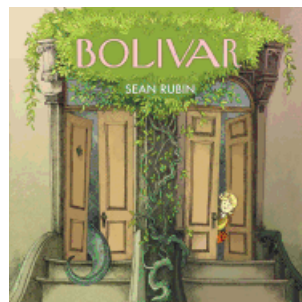


*It's Shoe Time!* (an Elephant & Piggie Like Reading! book), by Brian Collier (and Mo Willems). (Nov. 7) This lyrical beginning reader by multi award-winning artist Collier turns the closet on its heel and redefines what it means to be a pair. *Starred Reviews: SLJ, Booklist*



*Read the Book, Lemmings!* by Ame Dyckman. (Nov. 7) The team behind the *New York Times* bestsellers *Wolfie the Bunny* and *Horrible Bear!* is back with new Arctic characters in this hilarious learning-to-read adventure. *Starred Reviews: SLJ, PW*

*Additional books with starred reviews coming out November/December:*



## Middle Grades

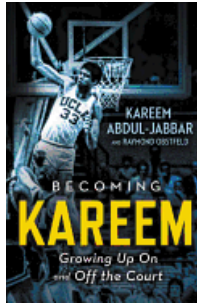


*Notations of Cooper Cameron*, by Jane O'Reilly. (Oct. 1) After the death of his beloved grandfather, 11-year-old Cooper Cameron invents rituals to cope with his fear that something else bad will happen. But as his OCD behavior affects his family, Cooper's determined to cure himself by journaling his observations. *Starred Reviews: SLJ, Booklist*

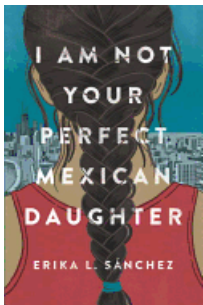


*The Secret of Nightingale Wood*, by Lucy Strange. (Oct. 31) A debut author pens a beautifully tangled story of friendship, fairy tales, and family secrets set in 1919. *Starred Reviews: Kirkus, PW, Booklist*

*Additional Middle Grade books receiving starred reviews, coming out November/December:*



## Teen/YA



*I Am Not Your Perfect Mexican Daughter*, by Erika L. Sanchez. (Oct. 17) "The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian" meets "Jane the Virgin" in this poignant but often laugh-out-loud funny contemporary novel about a teenage girl who loses her sister and finds herself amid the pressures, expectations, and stereotypes. *Starred Review: SLJ*

*Additional Teen/YA books with starred reviews, coming out in November/December:*



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