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## DATES & DEADLINES

- **Kindergarten Readiness Grant** applications due by **September 14**.
- **Summer Reading** reports due by **September 15**.
- **Summer STEM Grant** reports due by **September 15**.
- **FRW registration** opens soon: **Sept 15 – Oct 15**
- **Outreach for Underserved Children application** now open: **Aug 15 – April 30**

## WELCOME

By Kristina Taylor

Temperatures are dropping, the smoke is clearing (I hope!), Summer Reading programs have come to a close and those lively children are back in school. Yup, across Idaho the fall season is just around the corner and librarians are asking each other and themselves, "Now what?" Well, there's lots of "now what" ideas in this issue of the Scoop. Please enjoy and read on!

## Jennifer Redford joins ICfL staff & RTM team!



We're excited to welcome Jennifer Redford, who comes to us from the Boise Public Library! Hillcrest Branch, as ICfL's new Youth Services Consultant. Many of you have worked with Jen through SPLAT or have attended training or workshops sessions facilitated by her.

She brings a wealth of experience and creativity to the position, and we are truly fortunate to have her join the Read to Me team!

Jennifer officially starts September 10, and we'll have a full write-up about her in the October issue of *The Scoop*.

## LIBRARY TO LIBRARY

### Summer STEM Fun!

In May of this year, 60 public, school and academic libraries throughout Idaho received a \$500 grant each to conduct STEM outreach efforts during the summer. This grant was made possible through generous support by the Idaho STEM Action Center.

All the reports are not in yet, but based on last year's reported numbers, we anticipate that over 10,000 Idaho children enjoyed and were engaged in all kinds of STEM fun this summer. Check out some of the photos we have received so far:



Summer STEM at the Payette Public Library



Summer STEM at Ada Community's Hidden Springs Branch Library

### "Scratch to Win" brings teens in!

The American Falls Library tried a new summer reading program for teens this year, and according to youth services librarians **Debbie Walmsley** and **Deena Ostler** it was a big hit! Any time a teen checked out a book they received a scratch ticket. Winning tickets qualified teens to choose prizes.



"There were teens coming in every day to check things out so they could get a scratch ticket," said Deena. "Scratch stickers can be ordered on Amazon, and the tickets were easy to create." Non-winning tickets could be put in a Second Chance drawing for larger prizes, such as Kindles and other high-interest items.



## KINDERGARTEN READY

### Portland's Kindergarten Sneak Preview

It's back-to-school time throughout the country. Of the four million new kindergartners this year, nearly one-third will never have been in a preschool classroom before. In the United States, publicly funded preschool serves about only 44% of four-year-olds and 16% of three-year-olds.

"Many districts make efforts to ease the entry into kindergarten — maybe an open house or meet the teacher event — but few districts have as extensive a program as Portland's," says Lisa Stark, correspondent for Education Week. "At about \$14,000 a school, supporters say it's a relatively affordable way to help families hit the ground running on that first day of kindergarten."

Find out more about what the Portland School District is doing to help their youngest students...

*[Continue Reading](#)*

See our *[Featured Article](#)* to learn more about what Idaho public libraries are doing to support students and teachers as they head back to school.

### Smarty Ants® – Preview Password for September

An exciting new pre-kindergarten literacy initiative from the Idaho State Department of Education and Achieve3000 brings free, research-based foundational literacy learning to all four-year-olds in Idaho.

Libraries can help support families explore this new interactive tool to help prepare their children for Kindergarten. "Fun games and activities keep students engaged and help them develop a love of reading" (Achieve3000). Each month, Achieve3000 is providing ICfL with a log-in for library staff to preview Smarty Ants and learn all about it before deciding whether to promote the tool to their families.

Get the log-in info and instructions for September [here](#).

### Integrating Technology in Early Literacy, 2018

This is a [data visualization and U.S. map of innovative early childhood programs](#) around the country that are using technology to engage young children and their families.

The related Action Toolkit for Community Leaders ([www.newamerica.org/in-depth/family-engagement-digital-age/early-learning-digital-age/](http://www.newamerica.org/in-depth/family-engagement-digital-age/early-learning-digital-age/)) includes many resources and ideas on ways to support and implement family engagement programs focused on developing early learning skills with technology.

## YOUNG ADULT CORNER

### Teen Read Week 2018 – “It’s Written in the Stars...Read”



“It's Written in the Stars: READ” encouraging teens to think and read outside of the box, as well as seek out fantasy, science fiction and other out-of- this-world reads.

Register your library for ICfL support and earn books for your library collection.

Check the [Teen Read Week page](#) of the ICfL website on September 15<sup>th</sup> for more info.

### Get your teens involved – Teens vote for YALSA's 2018 Teen Top Ten

Teens' Top Ten is a "teen choice" list, where teens nominate and choose their favorite books of the previous year! Voting is open from August 15 through Teen Read Week, which is October 7-13, 2018! The Top Ten titles will be announced the week of October 15, 2018, so check back to see the winners!

See and share a [video of nominations](#)

Vote for up to 3 Books – THIS VOTING IS FOR TEENS ONLY.

[Voting takes place here.](#)



### What Public Libraries Do for Teens

What do public libraries do for teens? What resources and programs do they provide? Learn more by checking out this infographic, based on statistics from the Public Library Association's 2017 PLSD Statistical Report:

# What PUBLIC LIBRARIES do for teens

from the Public Library Association's 2017 PLUS Statistical Report

## BASICS/BACKGROUND

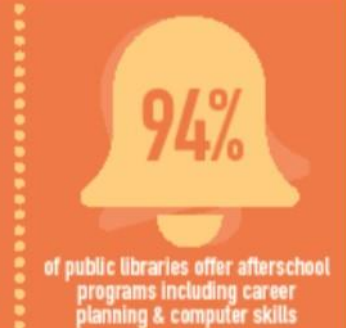
According to the 2015 US census, there are **OVER 41 MILLION** young people in the U.S. between the ages of 10-18



There are more **PUBLIC LIBRARIES IN THE U.S.** than McDonald's restaurants or Starbucks.



## EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS



## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



**46 PERCENT** of public libraries offer teens **LEADERSHIP ROLES** via Teen Advisory Groups

## RESOURCES

**97%** OF PUBLIC LIBRARIES offer a dedicated section for teen books and materials.



of libraries provide internet access



of public libraries have a special section on their web site for teens

## COMMUNITY SUPPORT



of public libraries **OFFER TECH TRAINING**

**70%** of public libraries provide support to youth serving organizations in their community

**73%** of public libraries made visits to schools to distribute resources & library cards



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## SCHOOL ZONE

### Great Resource: [NewseumEd.org](https://www.newseumed.org)



If information and media literacy are on your list of important topics to cover in the school library this year, visit [newseumed.org](https://www.newseumed.org) to find helpful resources, primary sources, lesson plans, and more to support your lessons. Help is available to explore First Amendment issues and identify trolls and other sources of fake news. Students can even explore old articles about big events in history. Check out the article called "Nellie Bly Interviews Susan B. Anthony" from 1896!

### Article: **Graphic Novels in the School Library? Yes, please!**

At several ICfL events this summer, there were conversations about the merits and demerits of investing in a Graphic Novel collection for the school library. There are so many questions around graphic novels: Are they real literature? Do they help or hinder kids' reading skills? Is reading a graphic novel real reading? Are they worth my book budget dollars? Sometimes the push back on graphic novels comes from outside the library with parents, teachers, and administrators; should librarians try to persuade them that graphic novels are good for the kids?

Maybe we can get to some of these answers by comparing the pros and cons of the graphic novel to the goals of the school library to see how they match up.

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### Book Review of "A Frog's Life"

September's [Non-fiction Book](#) of the Month is "A Frog's Life" by Irene Kelly and illustrated by Margherita Borin.

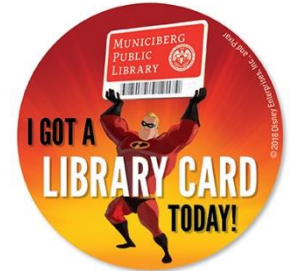
### September issue of "Low Hanging Fruit" newsletter

Help your teachers learn more about Banned Books Week with this issue of [Low Hanging Fruit!](#)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### September Is Library Card Sign-Up Month

September is the perfect time for public and school libraries to collaborate and work to get students signed up for library cards. Check out some great resources and information at the [Library Card Sign-Up Month](#) website. The artwork this year features The Incredibles!



### Banned Books Week 2018 – “Banning Book Silencing Stories”

“Get ready for Banned Books Week 2018 with tools from the

Banned Books Week Coalition! Banning books silences stories, so speak up for the stories that matter to you by participating in this powerful event! Visit [bannedbooksweek.org](#) for resources supporting the annual celebration of the freedom to read, which will be held September 23 – 29.” (see the full “Get Ready for Banned Books Week” [blog post](#) by Betsy Gomez)

What’s the history of Banned Books Week? Check out this American Libraries Magazine article, “[50 Years of Intellectual Freedom](#),” written by Office for Intellectual Freedom (OIF) staff celebrating the office’s anniversary.

- View the list of [Top 10 Challenged Books](#)
- [Download BBW promotional materials](#) (FB and Twitter art, Book Quotes, GIFs, Infographics, Posters, BBW You Tube video, Shelftalkers, etc.) and [more resources](#) to support your BBW event.

Have a registered Little Free Library in your area? [Enter to win](#) one of 80 packages of banned books being given away by the Little Free Library non-profit organization.

[Learn More](#)

## Lights on Afterschool: October 25

Launched in October 2000, *Lights On Afterschool* is the only nationwide event celebrating afterschool programs and their important role in the lives of children, families and communities. The effort has become a hallmark of the afterschool movement and generates media coverage across the country each year.

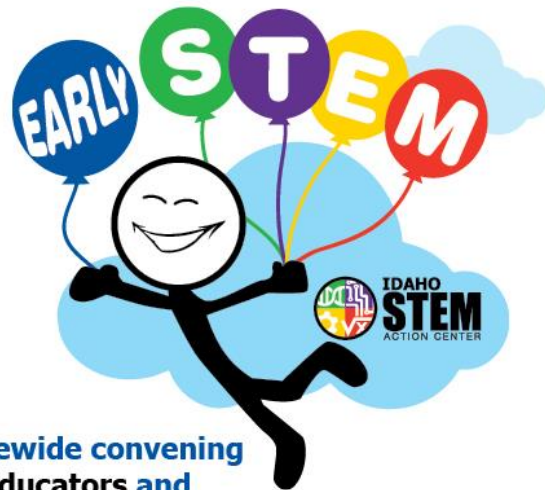
The Afterschool Alliance organizes *Lights On Afterschool* to draw attention to the many ways afterschool programs support students by offering them opportunities to learn new things—such as science, community service, robotics, Tae Kwon Do and poetry—and discover new skills. The events send a powerful message that millions more kids need quality afterschool programs.

[More Info](#)

## Save the Date - Early Years Conference add-on for Early STEM Educators



**Save  
the Date!**



Join us for a statewide convening  
of EARLY STEM Educators and  
help us shape the future!

**October 26th, 9am-4pm**  
**Riverside Hotel, Boise, Idaho**

(Idaho STEM Action Center will provide travel stipends to attend  
or to extend your stay at the Early Years Conference.)

**Stay tuned for additional information soon!**



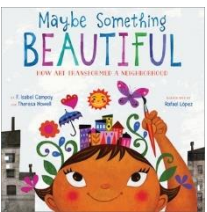
## International Observe the Moon Night: October 20

International Observe the Moon Night (InOMN) is a worldwide, public celebration of lunar science and exploration held annually since 2010. Tens of thousands of people participate each year, from 98 countries and 49 U.S. states (and counting!). On October 20th, your library is invited to join this worldwide celebration by hosting an InOMN event on one day this year to look at and learn about our Moon together. [Download free STEM activities, promotional materials, and more!](#)

A free webinar on Thursday, Sept. 6 at 4:00 pm will help librarians make the best of this annual event through hands-on activities, subject matter experts, NASA resources, and more. The webinar will also be archived for later viewing.

[Learn More / Register](#)

## Participate in Jumpstart's Read for the Record: October 25

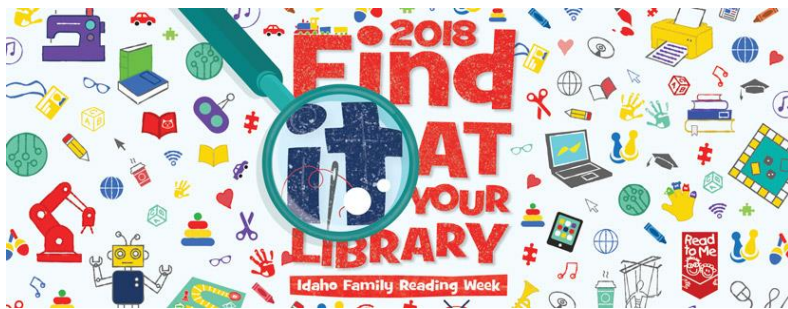


On Thursday, October 25, 2018, children and adults will gather to read, learn, and laugh as they join together for the world's largest shared reading experience. This 24-hour celebration builds awareness, creates impact, and raises funds to bring Jumpstart to communities across the country. It's easy to participate! Join in on October 25, 2018 by reading "Maybe Something Beautiful," by F. Isabel Campoy and Theresa Howell, and illustrated by Rafael López. Then count up the number of children you read the story to and submit that number on the Read for the Record website.

[Learn More](#)

## TIPS AND TOOLS

### Idaho Family Reading Week registration opens soon!



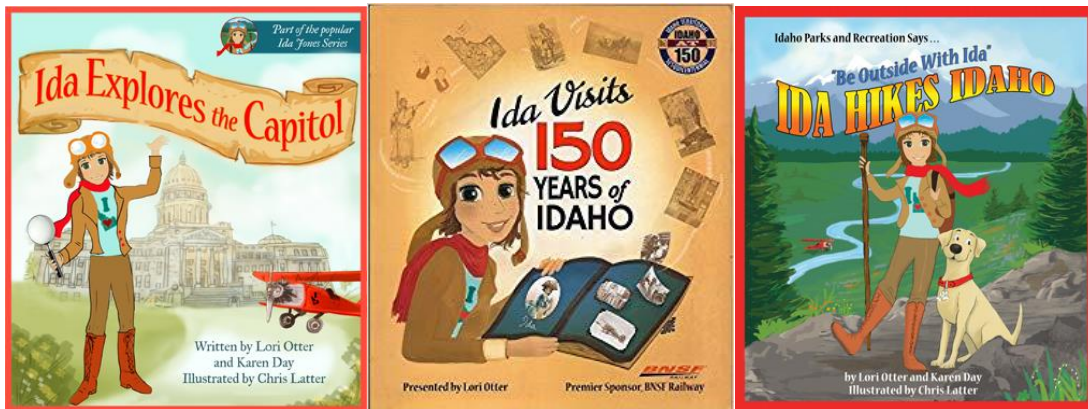
Showcase all the great resources your library has to offer with "Find It at Your Library," this year's theme for Idaho Family Reading Week. The official week is November 11th - 17th but events can take place anytime in November.

Publicly funded school and public libraries can register online to receive materials to help

support a Family Reading Week event. Partnerships between public and school libraries is encouraged!

The first 100 libraries to register will receive six new hardcover nonfiction books. Let's help our families and children discover all the great resources our libraries have to offer!

This year, we are excited to announce, we will have 5,000 copies of three of First Lady Lori Otter's *Ida* books for student give-aways which both school and public libraries may request during registration.



Registration is open from September 15 – October 15. Postcards with more information will be mailed out to all Idaho public libraries and elementary schools the week of September 10<sup>th</sup>. Keep an eye out for this colorful postcard featuring our themed FRW artwork.

[Learn More / Register](#)

## Outreach for Underserved Children application now open!

The Outreach for Underserved Children program (the newly titled "Year-Round Underserved" program) provides resources to enhance outreach visits, reaching those children who cannot get to their local library and increasing the number of families with access to books in their homes during the school year.

Due to increasing requests/popularity of this program, the affordability of certain types of books, and ICfL's desire to stress formal partnerships and meaningful interaction between library staff and parents/caregivers, Outreach for Underserved Children now has new limits on book requests and some new requirements for this year. Please review these program changes on the ICfL website before applying.

**Application period for this program:** Aug 15 - April 30 each year

(for program events held Sept 1 - May 31)

[Learn More/Apply](#)

## Sources of Free or Discounted Books for all types of educators!

[Sources of Discounted/Free Paperbacks](#) (list for librarians/teachers)

## More ideas for discounted books - Laundromat Library League

Contributed by April Blankenship, Branch Manager,  
Kamiah Community Library

"I was looking for places to stock boxes of books in our community for people to access when we're not open and found [Laundromat Library League](#). It's a group that's based back east but growing more locations out west and I wondered if we could share it with other Idaho libraries who need this kind of outreach (or for their Friends to take and run).

Here's a recent photo of our laundromat box (right).

Their website provides all the info on how to get started and they have created the signs and labels needed. It's very low-effort outreach, especially if a Friends group takes it on. They offer low-cost shipping on boxes of books if needed but I've been stocking mine with donations and teachers weeding their classrooms.

The lady who coordinates the website emails updates, and she let me know she'll be up in Latah County in early October or late November. She offered her help in reaching out to laundromats. Her name is Arlene Rengert, [arengert@gmail.com](mailto:arengert@gmail.com)."



## Pilcrow Grant: Books to build your children's collection

If you work in a rural public library, consider applying for free books through the **Pilcrow Foundation Rural Public Library Children's Book Grant** program.

The Pilcrow Foundation was founded in 2013 to continue the work of The Libri Foundation. Its mission is to provide new, quality, hardcover children's books to rural public libraries across the United States. It provides a 2-to-1 match to rural public libraries that receive a grant through its Children's Book Project. The Pilcrow Foundation offers three rounds of grants each year. The application deadlines are: March 1, May 1, and **October 1**.

[Learn More/Apply](#)

## Special Offer from Scholastic Digital

Scholastic Digital's "Give Back Initiative" provides public libraries and schools a **dollar-for-dollar match toward the purchase of any of Scholastic's digital resources**, including BookFlix®, TrueFlix®, FreedomFlix™, ScienceFlix®, Scholastic GO!™ or Scholastic Teachables, at list prices. The match is available by application only. Applications must be completed and received by September 30, 2018, in order to be eligible for this program. All eligible applications will receive this match grant.

*This information is provided as a convenience to Idaho libraries and does not constitute an endorsement by the Idaho Commission for Libraries.*

[Learn More/Apply](#)

## Graphic Novels for Fall: Free Webinar

Tuesday, September 11, 2018

1:00 – 2:00 PM MDT, 12:00 -1:00 PM PDT

From manga to memoir, graphic novels offer engaging and diverse stories for readers of all ages. Join moderator Tammy Ivins along with a panel of insiders who will share some of the hottest graphic novels hitting the shelves this season. Even if you can't make the live webinar, register to receive the archive link! Sponsored by Library Journal/School Library Journal.



[Learn More / Register](#)

## SUMMER READING NEWS

### Submit Summer Reading Reports by September 15

We ask that every Idaho public library submit the number of children and teens that participate in your summer reading program each year.

If you are **not hosting a program** this year, you only need to answer **one question** on the report. We also ask you to report outcomes for **all Bright Futures programs in which your library participated**. If you did not participate in any Bright Futures programs you can skip over these sections.

Reports are due **September 15** and the link can be found at <http://libraries.idaho.gov/landing/summer-reading>. See a **preview** of the data you will be asked to submit: [Word Document](#)

**Bonus:** Submit your report on time (or get an approved extension from Staci) and be entered to win a 2019 summer reading t-shirt (provided compliments of CSLP)!

## FEATURED:

### Back to School – Tips & Ideas

Summer Reading programs are over and the kids are back in school. How can public libraries continue to support a child's education and how can school libraries start fresh with this same endeavor? Here are a few ideas from around the state and the country.

## Library Orientation ideas:

(From School Library Journal, Aug. 23) "I've tried to steer away from a traditional orientation where students hear the do's and don'ts in the library. It's not that they aren't important, but is that really the message I want to send about reading with the first words that come out of my mouth?"

## *Continue Reading*

## Library to School/Teacher Outreach ideas:

School libraries are often limited by resources and budgets. How can public libraries get the word out and share the resources they have with their local schools? Some public libraries attend their school's Teacher In-Service Day to share information about their library's resources. Learn more about Meridian Library Districts' efforts and tips to make this outreach effective:

(From Emily Brock, Meridian Library District, Sept. 4) "As part of our strategic goals here at the Meridian Library District, we aim to reach more of the educators in our community to help support their classrooms. We know that we have many resources here at the library that can benefit a teacher... We started thinking about ways that we could bring the library to them. How could we reach teachers where they are? We decided that teacher in-service days were the perfect target... We began contacting school principals in late May... While we had an initial interest of about a dozen or so schools... we only had three schools take us up on our offer. Still, reaching 25 teachers in this way is a better result than our previous efforts, which reached far fewer.

Tips that made this as effective as it was:

- We contacted principals directly. They have the power to add to the schedule.
- We offered a clear overview of what kinds of resources we could bring, tailored for the age ranges of the schools.
- We made ourselves as accommodating as possible. Make it easy to say yes. Teachers are very, very busy, especially at the beginning of the school year.
- Find out exactly when in-service dates are. Be specific in the ask.

Possible improvements for the future:

- Try to reach out to schools earlier and more regularly.
- Offer an option of a short presentation or a table in a staff area. Perhaps if other schools had realized that was an option, they would have said yes.
- Bring chocolate."

Other libraries host their own event at the library.

(From Mary Allington, Ada Community Library, Aug. 30) "[Ada Community's] Hidden Springs Branch sends out a letter before school starts to all the staff introducing the library staff that will be working with them for the upcoming year. In the letter they provide the educational backgrounds of their staff, highlighting what [they] can provide for them during the year such as: class visits, Caldecott and Newbery presentations, book talks, lock box challenges in the classroom, etc." They also make library cards for new

families and partner with the school's PTA to help provide them with materials for book clubs and other materials needed for assignments through a designated teacher request form at the library.

### School-Public Library Collaborations:

Coordinate an [Idaho Family Reading Week](#) or [Teen Read Week](#) event together and register with ICfL for support materials.

[Check out this list](#) of school-public library collaboration examples from across the country, gathered by the Association for Library Service to Children.

### [Creating a Welcoming Environment for ELLs and Immigrant Students:](#) (From iColorín colorado!)

Strategies and Resources: What can educators do to make English language learners and immigrant students feel welcome within the school community? Here are some of our most popular resources on the topic, along with other recommended links.

**Parent Tips: Help Your Child Have a Good School Year:** (From iColorín colorado!) This [bilingual tip sheet](#), also available as a pdf, outlines 10 things that parents can do at home to help their child have a good school year. Share these tips at parent night and conferences!

Have more ideas? Please share them with us via email!



## CE NEWS YOU CAN USE

### **Continuing Education Survey for ICfL – please submit**

Each year the Idaho Commission for Libraries invites our customers to share their experiences and thoughts about continuing education and to help us improve our service to better meet you and your staff's learning needs.

If you have 5 minutes to complete a short survey, we would greatly appreciate it.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/IdahoCE2018>.

The survey will close September 30, 2018.

### **Library 2.018 Free Web Conference – themed: Social Crisis Management**

We're so excited to bring you another Library 2.018 free web conference on Wednesday, October 17, 2018! This time, the conference topic is "Social Crisis Management in a 21<sup>st</sup> Century World."

We'll discuss different ways libraries are responding to challenges of social and economic disparity, ranging from homelessness and hunger to substance abuse and racial equity. You'll learn about programs and services developed to address some of these social crises and the outcomes.

The conference will be held online from noon to 3 p.m. Pacific Time and is free to attend. Please [register](#) to join the live conference and/or get access to the recordings.

Like our other Library 2.018 conferences, we will start off with a panel presentation and then break out into concurrent crowd-sourced sessions.

## ICfL Support for MLS or Teacher Librarian Endorsement

Are you working towards your MLS degree or maybe just considering doing so? Did you know that the Idaho Commission for Libraries offers grant funding to help with tuition? Through our IMLS-funded continuing education offerings, persons employed in an Idaho library can apply. This option is also available to library staff working on their teacher librarian endorsement.

Want to learn more? Visit us at <http://libraries.idaho.gov/cegrants> or contact Tammy.

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## DIVERSITY IN ACTION

### Libraries and Library Stories Around the World

See this list and description of great books from diverse cultures around the world that celebrate libraries, librarians and some unusual ways that children receive books from their library:

<http://www.colorincolorado.org/booklist/fun-library>

### Welcoming Refugees – Best Practices to Help the Displaced



There are two online spaces where libraries can share and research for information and best practices to serve patrons who are refugees, immigrants or displaced persons.

[Libraries Serve Refugees](#) brings together resources, stories and best practices from libraries across the country. You can find toolkits on various subjects including culturally responsive approaches.

Another resource for librarians serving refugees is [Project Welcome](#), an IMLS-funded project of the Mortenson Center for International Library Program and the American Library Association. The site includes both national and international library best practices. The site includes an [action guide](#) to help librarians learn, collaborate, connect and support this audience.

[Read the full article](#)



## KNOW THE NUMBERS

### Social Media Replacing Books

“A new study has alarming findings but is probably not surprising to anyone who knows a teenager: High-schoolers today are texting, scrolling and using social media instead of reading books and magazines.

**1 in 3 U.S. high school seniors did not read a book for pleasure in 2016.** In the same time period, 82 percent of 12th-graders visited sites such as Facebook, Twitter and Instagram every day.”

[Continue Reading](#)

### Advocates Sound Alarm Over Student Homelessness - by Kevin Richert of Idaho ED News

“More than 7,800 Idaho students were homeless last school year.

More than 40 percent of these homeless students attended public schools in Ada or Canyon counties, the epicenter of growth in the state.

In 2017-18, 452 Caldwell students were homeless, accounting for about 7 percent of district enrollment.

The problem is an offshoot of the state’s rapid growth, a Boise-based advocacy group said in a news release Tuesday.”

[Continue Reading](#)

### Reading Scores Drop Across the Board – by Kevin Richert of Idaho ED News

“Two years into [a multimillion-dollar program aimed at helping struggling students](#), Idaho reading scores dropped in 2017-18...

Reading scores fell across the board in 2017-18, from kindergarten through third grade. This table reflects the percentages of students scoring at grade level on the spring IRI.”

Grade	2016	2017	2018
Kindergarten	78.3	80.3	79.9
First grade	68.1	67.3	66.9



Second grade	68.9	69.9	68.5
Third grade	73.0	74.9	74.6

*Continue Reading*

## STEAM

### FabSLAM –

Never applied? Now's the time!



FabSLAM is a team-based digital fabrication challenge where youth learn, and practice design, iteration, and production skills primarily focused on 3D design and fabrication. Educators will receive three days of professional development training for this program, and will coach students through a multi-week digital fabrication challenge, including proper documentation of their process and encouraging multiple design iterations throughout the challenge. Teams will then present their work at the FabSLAM Student Showcase Event, where a panel of industry professionals will judge their work based on creativity, iteration, design, and other criteria.

**Eligibility:** Publicly funded and nonprofit organizations serving grades 5-9 are eligible to apply. Participating in a regional showcase event is a requirement for this program. Organizations that have participated in FabSLAM in previous years are not eligible for this opportunity.

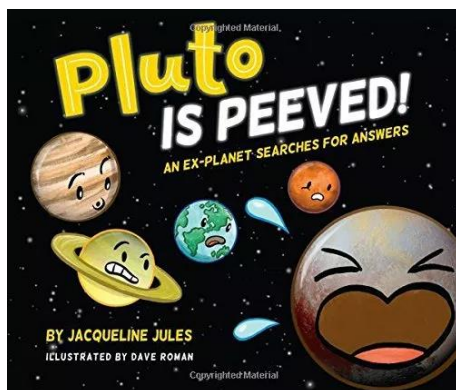
**Application deadline:** September 9, 2018. Grants award by the Idaho STEM Action Center.

[Apply](#)

### STEM Friday

**STEM Friday** is a round-up blog for science, technology, engineering and mathematics books for kids. It also features STEM Friday programs that schools and libraries deliver on Friday's throughout the country. There's lots to explore here and it's free and easy to sign-up for....I just signed up this month and found some great new featured books:





## BOOK LOOK

### Free virtual event with MARCH graphic novel creators

The American Library Association (ALA) invites library professionals and their patrons to a free virtual event with Andrew Aydin and Nate Powell, co-author and illustrator of the acclaimed graphic novel series *March*. During the event, Aydin and Powell will speak with attendees about the Civil Rights Movement and their experience telling Congressman John Lewis's story in *March*.

September 12, 2018



[Learn More / Register](#)

### Alternative Anticipated Children's Books of Fall 2018 List



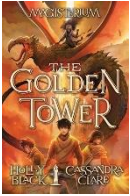
(From School Library Journal, Aug. 16) "No doubt by this time you've read PW's list of the [Most Anticipated Children's And YA Books of Fall 2018](#). Good strong books are on that list, many that I absolutely adore. That said, I couldn't help but notice a lot of gaps. Just one graphic novel. Three nonfiction. And, because a book is usually "anticipated" because its creator is already famous, there were a lot of familiar names without many debuts.

My idea: Let's put together a list of Fall 2018 books that may not be anticipated by the masses since some of the creators aren't as well known, but that I'm looking forward to because I just think they're the bee's knees. Instead of the "Most Anticipated Children's Books of Fall 2018" I'm calling this the **Alternative Anticipated Children's Books of Fall 2018 List**. And we'll say "Fall" is September-November, eh what?"

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## More September Releases

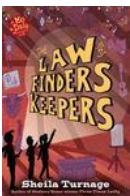
In addition to the Most Anticipated and Alternative Anticipated titles, here are a few more to look forward to!



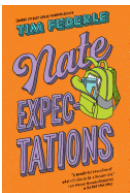
"The Golden Tower" (Magisterium #5), by Holly Black and Cassandra Clare (September 11). The final installment in the popular middle grade series, "Magisterium."



"Squirm," by Carl Hiaasen (September 25). This summer, Billy will fly across the country, hike a mountain, float a river, dodge a grizzly bear, shoot down a spy drone, save a neighbor's cat, save an endangered panther, and then try to save his own father.



"Law of Finders and Keepers," by Sheila Turnage (September 11). Pirates, family, and the truth about Mo's Upstream Mother collide in the conclusion to the Newbery Honor and New York Times bestselling "Three Times Lucky." Starred reviews: Kirkus, Booklist



"Nate Expectations" (Nate series #3) by Tim Federle (September 18). When E.T.: The Musical closes, Nate reluctantly returns home to begin high school and, with his best friend, Libby, makes a project of turning Dickens' Great Expectations into a musical. Starred review: Kirkus



"The Agony House," by Cherie Priest (September 25). A haunted house, a killer ghost, and a long-lost comic come to life in another spectacular package of novel and comics from Cherie Priest, Seattle author of "I Am Princess X." Starred review Booklist.



"Rabbit and Robot," by Andrew Smith (September 25). Stranded aboard the lunar cruise ship Tennessee, Cager Messer and his best friend, Billy, both sixteen, are surrounded by insane robots while watching thirty simultaneous wars turn Earth into a toxic wasteland. Starred reviews: Booklist, PW

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