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**Idaho Family Reading Week Event Ideas:**

**A variety of ideas gathered from libraries who registered their events with ICfL this year**

**(from School and Public Libraries)**

* It will be an evening program with stations: snack, game, craft, and a photo booth. Each child that comes will get a book to take home.
* The evening will start off with a Readers' Theater presentation of "The Library Dragon" read by middle/high school students. Next will be a game of "I spy ..." to introduce our new STEM & Make It! kits. Followed by a brief presentation of other materials and services offered. We will be giving away books and hold a drawing for four I Spy board games. We may also offer a time for parents to sign-up for library cards.
* We plan to host an open house event where parents and children can go on a scavenger hunt to explore the library and learn about services our library offers. They will also receive information on applying for a library card and the opportunity to obtain one.
* Each day will include a different theme with the intention to showcase our diverse collection of Children's books. Monday: Lego night, this theme was chosen because of its popularity among young children and KPL has numerous books to choose from for creation inspiration. The attendee's will be encouraged to bring their Lego's and construct anything of their choice. Tuesday: Dinosaur night, to showcase KPL's Children's non-fiction collection. Children will be encouraged to bring their dinosaur apparel and toys! Wednesday: Hide and Seek night, come in and explore the library's collection of puzzle books, such as Where's Waldo and Art Up Close. Friday: Poetry Night, Children will be encouraged to read their own personal poetry or read poetry from their favorite poets. KPL will also use this time to inform parents of the recent updates and resources available at the Library, specifically new laptops and tablets.
* Dinner & a Book: Families will be invited to eat dinner at the library with engaging storytelling and family crafts. Book and a Cookie night: a Story Walk outside, a Book Walk and drawings inside with program and resource displays. All children will receive a book to take home and everyone gets a cookie.
* Harvest Family Fun Read with a spaghetti feed. We will have therapy dogs for the students to read to, reading ideas for families, scavenger hunt in the library, and family photo booth.
* We are hoping to have a Family Pajama Party or Family Fort Night. We will begin with a story and break out into cozy reading. We might tie in the theme with finding a special place to read together as a family or creating one (with a family fort).

**More Ideas…**

* We are going to host a Fantastic Beasts party in preparation for the release of the new movie. We have copies of the book available in the library for check out and we're hosting a Harry Potter event with a Fantastic Beast scavenger hunt and magically themed games and crafts all through the library. This will showcase our large collection of Harry Potter and other fantasy-based books in the library.
* Pirate Literacy Night is being held in conjunction with our Book Fair. All students and their families are invited. We will have stations for parents and students. Parents will be given information on how to improve their children's reading skills and students will be doing literacy related activities and have guest readers.
* School gym will be one big virtual library with tables displaying all the different subjects and resources found in our library. Families will come see displays and pick a book to read together.
* We will celebrate family reading by challenging families to read the book The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane together during the month of November. We will be giving free copies of the book out to the first 120 families. Each family member that reads the book together will earn a book prize. We will have a Family Reading Celebration on 11/29.
* We want to have our students (PreK-4) attend a "Book Walk" (think cake walk) where teachers will read six books and then book walks will be held with 8 books won in each grade.
* Partnering with the Valley of the Tetons Library and the Teton School District ELL Family Night to present how to close the reading gap through consistent reading at home, visiting the public library and early literacy tips. I will be reading the story Waiting for the Biblioburro by Monica Brown while a translator echoes in Spanish. I'll show the ICfL Spanish version of the short video on the importance of reading at home and a video about Luis Soriano Bohorquez who is the subject of the story. I will have the free booklets with finger plays and songs among other handouts to give away. Valley of the Tetons will distribute free books to families. The rest of the event will be focused on Thanksgiving traditions and hosted by the ELL Coordinator.
* We plan to use the book Beauty and the Beak. We have a 3D printer that we will have running to show them the process. We also will have 3D printed book marks to hand out to each child that attends. As a bonus, we have having a library scavenger hunt that involves all of the elementary schools in our district. This will encourage them to learn how to utilize their library. They can bring their completed scavenger hunt to family night and they will be entered to win a kindle and other prizes.
* Family Read Week will end on November 16th with our Breakfast, Books, and Buddies event. At this event, our school community gathers in the gym to enjoy breakfast and read books amongst our peers, families, community members, and school staff.
* Incorporating family reading story time during parent teacher conferences.
* Preliminary plans include a literacy event in conjunction with Native American Heritage week.