



2023 Summer Learning Workshops Takeaways

This document is designed to be a working document to help Idaho libraries plan, organize, and implement summer learning and summer reading programs. Please contact Jennifer Redford jennifer.redford@libraries.idaho.gov if you have any suggestions to add to the list.

Partnerships

- [Food banks](#)
- [Department of Parks and Recreation](#)
- Local school districts

Incentives

Prizes

- Baskets donated from local businesses
- [Brag tags](#)
- Gift cards so participants can pick out their own books
- Specially designed library cards
- Lanyard with library card holder and pins for different challenges
- Buttons from button maker for different challenges
- Vinyl stickers
- Gift cards to local shops
- Reading Lights
- Door hangers – Don't disturb I'm reading!
- Prize for school/s with the most SR participants – free books for school
- Earn points for every minute read that can be used at a library summer reading "store"

Funding for Prizes and Incentives

- Consider asking your Friends of the Library if they can help out with Summer reading giveaway books
- [Walmart Grants](#)
- Fred Meyer – sometimes they donate books for summer reading

Summer Reading Book Giveaways

Places for good deals:

- [First Books Marketplace](#)
- [Reading Warehouse](#)
- [Bargain Books Wholesale](#)
- [Book Depot](#)
- [Scholastic](#)

Consider having children or teens help with your book selections, they know what's cool and will feel more invested with the program.

All Together Now Theme Ideas

- Seed bombs
- Community garden
- Focus on friendship, kindness, music
- All programs are for all ages during the summer
- Parent and child reading challenge together

Programming Ideas

Southwest Idaho

- [Children's Museum of Idaho](#)
- [Idaho Reptile Zoo](#)
- [Aquarium of Boise](#)
- [Dr. Picklestein](#)
- [Idaho Geological Museum](#)
- [Ballet Folklorica Mexico Lindo](#)
- [Hispanic Cultural Center of Idaho](#)
- [Morley Nelson Snake River Birds of Prey](#)
- [Idaho Search and Rescue Dogs](#)
- [Department of Parks and Rec: Boat safety classes](#)
- [Boise State University - First Robotics Program](#)
- [Treasure Valley Children's Theater](#)

- [Reuseum](#)
- [501st Legion Star Wars Idaho](#)
- [Foothills Learning Center](#)
- [Trica: Treasure Valley Institute of Children's Arts](#)
- [Shakesperience](#) *during school year
- [Idaho Commission on the Arts](#)
- [Boise Philharmonic](#)
- [Discovery Center of Idaho](#)
- [Deer Flat National Wildlife Rescue](#)
- [Music Adventures with Paige Moore](#)
- [Boise Bicycle Project](#)
- [Boise Rock School](#)
- [Bricks and Minifigs Boise](#)
- [Boise Watershed](#)
- [Boise Urban Garden School - BUGS](#)
- [Zoo Boise](#)
- [Morrison Center BSU](#)
- [Star Outreach](#)
- [Brown Like Me](#)
- [Idaho Armored Combat](#)
- [Idaho Steelheads](#)
- [Mexican Consulate](#)
- [Caldwell Fine Arts](#)

Southeast Idaho

- [College of Southern Idaho](#)

North Idaho

- [Birds of Prey Northwest](#)
- [Extreme Science – Spokane Washington](#)
- [Appaloosa Museum & Heritage Center](#)
- [Nez Perce County Historical Society and Museum](#)
- [Winchester State Park](#)
- [Clearwater County Sheriff's Department](#)
- [Gary Bush – History of Lewis and Clark](#)
- [WSU Raptor Club](#)
- [Judy's Trail: Palouse Land Trust](#)

Not location specific - What's in your community?

- Local fisheries
- 4-H clubs

- local celebrities, major, chefs
- Local community helpers: police departments, K-9 dogs, EMT services, meteorologists, bus drivers, firefighters, postal carriers, construction workers, dentists, nurses, etc.
- Beekeepers
- Local clubs
- Local Department of Parks and Recreation
- Local tribes
- Service dogs - Reading Buddies
- Local greenhouses
- Other city organizations
- Chamber of Commerce
- Nursing Homes - read with a foster grandparent
- High Schools - read with an older buddy

Larger Groups:

- [Idaho Out of School Network - Think Make Create Mobile Labs](#)
- [Idaho Public Television](#)
- [Idaho Department of Fish and Game](#)
- [Nasa Ambassadors](#)
- [Play Date Band](#)
- [Corban Maxey](#) - Lives in Emmett
- [University of Idaho Extension Program](#)
- [Teaching Artists](#)
- [David Rush - world record breaker \(STEM\)](#)
- [Idaho Power](#)
- [Idaho Transportation Department](#)
- [Eddie Eagle Gun Safety](#)
- [Micah and Me: Portland's Kindie Dance Party Band](#)
- [United States Forest Service](#)
- [Idaho Office for Refugees: Refugee Speakers Bureau](#)
- [Junior Rangers](#)
- [Jason Fun STEM Magician](#)

Advertising

Reader boards are a great way to get people to come into the library. They don't have to be fancy. They can simply say, sign up for summer reading today.

Consider having a script that can be read at local schools

SR Events

In-library events

- Family night

- SR kickoff parties
- Flower crowns

Passive Programming

- Handprints around the library
- Plan a dream summer vacation or write a letter to a friend

Outreach Programs

Other Resources

[National Summer Learning Association](#)

[Junior Master Gardener - Literature in the Garden](#)

[Public Library Innovation Exchange - PLIX](#)