

# The Scoop

Fun, inspiring and innovative ideas  
for library youth services

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- Submit your **Jump Start Kindergarten summary reports** after your event!
- **LITT: On the Move** is on **May 12, 2023**
- Request now for **Outreach for Underserved Children** – application deadline is **June 15, 2023**
- **Kindergarten Readiness Grant** applications are due **August 24, 2023**.

## WELCOME

By Jennifer Redford

Hello, my friends! Welcome to the latest edition of *The Scoop*. Each month your Youth Services team gathers a bucket full of useful resources and sprinkles it over our library community. Our hope is that you find at least one thing in every issue that inspires you to try something new or connects you with the support you need. Each issue of *The Scoop* is truly a team effort. Since we have had a few changes to our team in the past months, I thought it would be a good idea to re-introduce you to the ICfL Youth Services Team:

**Amelia Valasek, Programs and Partnerships Supervisor:** Amelia manages the Youth Services team and supports us on the administrative/management level within the ICfL.

**Jeannie Standal, School Library Consultant:** Jeannie supports over 700 school libraries in our state.

**Staci Shaw, Youth Services Consultant:** Staci provides support for early learning in Idaho libraries and so many other things!

**Jennifer Redford, Youth Services Consultant (that's me!):** I provide support for libraries serving school-age youth and teens. I also support your summer reading programs.

**Kristina Taylor, Youth Services Project Coordinator:** Kristina focuses on supporting outreach and family engagement in libraries.

**Josie Bradford, Youth Services Program Specialist:** Josie was recently promoted to this position, which will allow her to take a more active role in supporting and assisting with the administration of YS programs. Congratulations, Josie!

**Tina Schilling and Brendy McConnaughey, Admin Assistants:** Tina has been with our agency for years, and Brendy just started this week! They both work to attend to ALL the details of supporting our programs, including coordinating mailings, events, and so much more. Their work frees up the rest of the team to meaningfully serve libraries.

# LIBRARY TO LIBRARY

## Nez Perce's *Hitéemenwees* Research Library Open House in Lapwai

Collection Specialist Harry Slickpoo Jr. provided the ICfL with an update on the Nez Perce Tribe's *Hitéemenwees* Research Library Open House, which was held on April 20, 2023:

"It was a great turn out for the Open House. There were about 55 participants, story time with the Circle of Elders, Elder's Technology Session learning Zoom Meetings, and then the Open House event. In addition, children's books and a Kaya doll, an American Girl doll created with the assistance of tribal members in recognition of the Nez Perce Tribe, were given to participants. The Wetxuwitin Round Dance Song was performed and Nez Perce language dictionaries were also given away."

Harry is doing a great job in his new position as Collection Specialist for the *Hitéemenwees* Research Library. He posts to social media for the library – follow [#Hitéemenwees](#) on Facebook for updates on the library's progress!

Harry is also a Nez Perce language instructor. He posts a [#NezPerce](#) [#WordOfTheDay](#) on TikTok each day!



## Let's Talk Turkey

Submitted by Jenni Tissell

The Clearwater County District Library hosted a one-day turkey hunting clinic in the small town of Pierce in April. Library Director Terri Summerfield thought local youth might benefit from a turkey hunting program, so she applied for a grant and got it! The library coordinated with First Hunt Foundation and hosted the event at the Idaho Youth ChalleNGe Academy for about 20 participants. Rex Summerfield (film producer for *Hunting With HECS*) discussed calling techniques, while Terri Summerfield educated the students about the species and locations of turkeys. The grant provided students with box calls and jake and hen decoy sets. First Hunt Foundation donated hats and slate calls, and Rocky Mountain Hunting Calls donated diaphragm calls. First Hunt Foundation President Rick Brazell gave instructions on their use. The interest was off the charts!



## TWEENS & TEENS

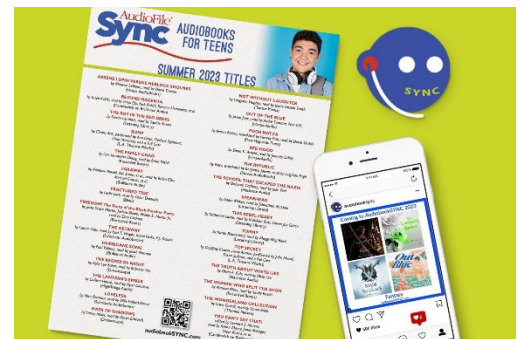
### Submit Your Idaho Teen Reading Challenge Final Report

The 2022-2023 Idaho Teen Reading Challenge ended on April 30, 2023. If your library participated in the challenge, you can fill out your final report at <https://forms.office.com/g/sppAYe8kj8>.



### Free Teen Audiobooks from Sync

AudioFile launched its 2023 season of [Sync](#) audiobooks for teens at the end of April. This free program is designed for teens ages 13+ to have access to books throughout the summer months. It pairs two free audiobooks each week based on a theme. Teens use their Sora app to borrow the books. Once downloaded, these titles do not expire. See the Sync website for a promotional toolkit, list of titles, instructions for downloading titles to Sora, and FAQs.



[More Info](#)

## KINDERGARTEN READY CORNER

### Cruise into Kindergarten, Pennsylvania Public Libraries



As part of the Pennsylvania Public Libraries' "[Cruise into Kindergarten](#)" initiative, the group developed a professional support website for library staff. It was shared by our friend Heather Warren Smith at the Pennsylvania state library agency.

This is a very comprehensive website for all things pertaining to early learning programming in libraries. It houses information about Every Child Ready to Read; the importance of play; outreach tips and resources; programming resources; and resources to support family engagement.

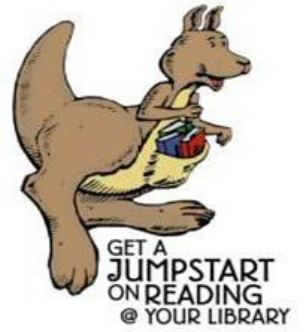
Though some of the content was developed specifically for Pennsylvania libraries and families, much of it is beneficial for any library working with young children. Take a few minutes to explore!

[Learn More](#)

## Jump Start Kindergarten – Report Reminder

Don't forget to complete your Jump Start Kindergarten Program Summary Report within two weeks of wrapping up your Jump Start event!

You can find the Program Summary Report form at the bottom of the [Jump Start Kindergarten webpage](#). Questions? Please contact [Kristina Taylor](#).



[More Info](#)

## Kindergarten Readiness Grants for 2023-2024

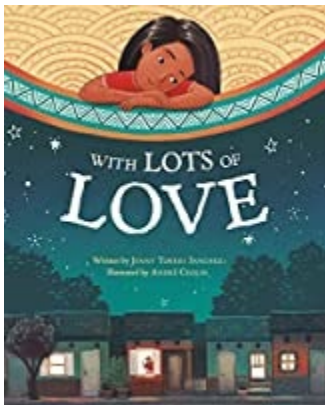
The ICfL will open applications to fund kindergarten readiness project proposals on July 1, 2023. Applications are due August 24, 2023.

[Learn More](#)

## Jumpstart Read for the Record 2023

[Jumpstart](#), a national coalition working to support kindergarten readiness, announced that its Read for the Record event will take place on **October 26, 2023**. The annual event is the world's largest shared reading experience, bringing together schools, libraries, child care and preschool centers, and community organizations to celebrate the joy of reading and create awareness about the importance of early literacy.

Each year, teachers, librarians, and community partners pledge to read a featured title to as many children as possible. Hundreds of thousands of children participate. Jumpstart announced that the 2023 title will be *With Lots of Love* by Jenny Torres Sanchez.



[Learn More / Register](#)



## SCHOOL ZONE

With summer comes the annual School Zone hiatus. Before you head out for warm weather fun, here are a few last items to consider while wrapping up the 2022-2023 school year.

### Virtual Summer Summit 2023

Disappointed to find that the in-person Summer Summit 2023 was full? Consider registering for the virtual option! The virtual Summer Summit event is participatory and interactive. There is plenty of time for chatting, networking, and discussion of current issues with other virtual participants. If you are expecting a passive experience where the virtual audience merely observes speakers, you will get much more than you bargained for! And virtual participants use only one day of precious summer vacation – no travel required, and the program materials come to you!

[Learn More / Register](#)

### Primary Sources for the Lewis and Clark Expedition

Looking at you, fourth grade! The Library of Congress (LoC) has developed a new primary source set called The Louisiana Purchase and the Lewis and Clark Expedition, which includes an analysis tool and teacher guides. Anyone who isn't already familiar with the variety of primary source sets from LoC should take a few minutes (or maybe more) to explore this section of the vast website.

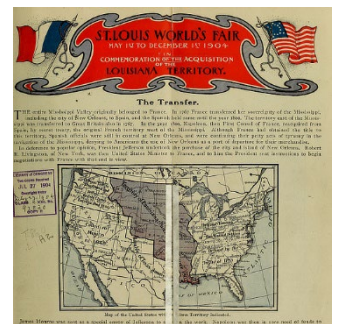
[Learn More](#)

### Low Hanging Fruit

It's the annual summer reading edition of Low Hanging Fruit! Don't let your own summer reading get lost in the excitement of programs for the kiddos. Participate in one for grown-ups or make your own!

Low Hanging Fruit will be new and improved in the 2023-2024 school year to make it easier to customize featured templates for your library!

[Continue Reading](#)



## Preview: What to Expect in September

### Bucks for Books Awards

We expect to bring you another year of the Bucks for Books Award funded by the Idaho Lottery. Watch for the application announcement when school starts. Bucks for Books is a fun and easy way to put books on your library's shelves.



### Congratulations to SLA Mini-Grantees!

The School Library Access (SLA) Mini-Grant training is scheduled in September for the 2023-2024 grant year, which is a new development. If your elementary or secondary school was awarded an SLA Mini-Grant for next school year, please check your award notice for your regional training date and make arrangements with your administrators to attend. See you in September!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Reminder: Idaho Family Reading Week 2023 Theme Announcement ...



*This is not the official artwork for IFRW, but it is what inspired the 2023 theme and slogan.*

Planners out there, rejoice! No need to wait until the end of summer reading to start planning your Idaho Family Reading Week (IFRW) activities, events, presenters, or partnerships. IFRW will be November 6 to 12, 2023, and the theme is ART! Specifically, IFRW will use the slogan "Art Is All Around Us!"

Each year, ICfL staff select an IFRW theme, create programming and activity ideas, and provide supporting literacy materials for 100 libraries.

This year, the supporting literacy materials will be a bit different. Themed hardcover books will not be provided, but 10,000 custom-printed copies of *The Dot* by Peter H. Reynolds will be! The goal is for each child participating in an IFRW event to walk away with their very own copy of the book. (There will also be some giveaway books for older kids.)

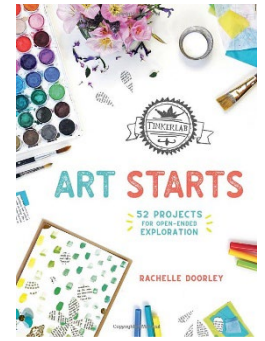
*The Dot* has inspired International Dot Day, and many engaging library activities already exist around this title. There's even a [grant from the Reynolds Center for Teaching, Learning, and Creativity](#) that Idaho libraries can apply for by August 1, 2023. Funds could be used for a Dot-inspired IFRW event!

Check out these resources to get excited:

- [International Dot Day](#)
- [IDD Educator's Handbook](#)

Libraries participating in IFRW will receive one copy of *TinkerLab Art Starts: 52 Projects for Open-Ended Exploration* by Rachelle Doorley to inspire activities, along with Demco coloring bookmarks and blank art journals for participants.

Keep an eye out for more IFRW information in the July and August issues of *The Scoop*! Questions? Contact Youth Services Project Coordinator [Kristina Taylor](#).



## May 8 - 12 is HOPE Week

HOPE Week is dedicated to helping children reach their full potential by creating Healthy Outcomes from Positive Experiences (HOPE). Sponsored by the Idaho Resiliency Project, you can find loads of supportive resources at <https://www.idahoresilienceproject.org/hope-week-resources>.



“HOPE Week celebrates and encourages positive community experiences, which definitely includes the work libraries do every day,” says Maria Cottle, Meridian District Library staff member and HOPE Week proponent. “It would be awesome to see libraries around the Treasure Valley celebrate this week.”

Need more support? Check out the [Grants section](#) of this newsletter for more info about Idaho Resilience Project grants.

Questions? Contact the [Idaho Resilience Project](#)

[Learn More](#)

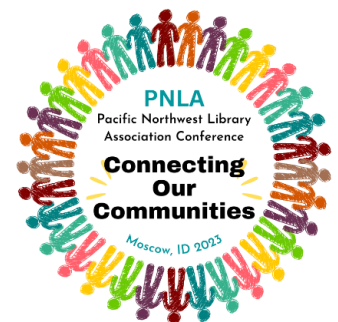
## CHECK IT OUT

### PNLA Conference Proposal Deadline Extended!

The Pacific Northwest Library Association (PNLA) Conference is coming to Moscow, Idaho this summer!

Never attended PNLS? Apply at least 30 days before the conference starts for one of the ICfL's Continuing Education [First Time Conference Grants](#), and we can help pay for library staff to attend this conference.

Even better, there's still time for you and your library colleagues to submit conference proposals. The conference proposal deadline is now Friday, May 26, 2023.



[Apply](#)

## Idaho Indian Education Summit Registration Open



In partnership with Lewis-Clark State College, this year's Idaho Indian Education Summit will be held on June 12-13, 2023, at Lewis-Clark State College. The summit's title is **Tribal Traditions: Designing STEM Through Place, Language, and Purpose**.

The two-day event will consist of plenary sessions and several breakout sessions focused on helping educators identify strategies and obtain knowledge they can use to promote equitable learning practices for American Indian students. Included in Monday's events is an optional guided, place-based traditional waterways activity. Participants will visit and learn about culturally significant places along the confluence of the Snake and Clearwater rivers through a narrated jet boat outing.

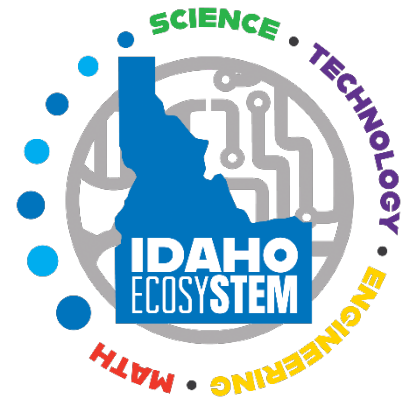
The ICfL's Continuing Education [First Time Conference Grants](#) can help pay for library staff to attend this summit.

[Learn More / Register](#)

## Help Improve Professional Development in Idaho

What type of professional development is valuable to you? If you could design an ideal training, what would it look like? The Idaho STEM EcosySTEM Educator Preparation, Training, and Support working group has created a survey to get a better understanding of professional development needs for formal and informal educators in our state. The group will share the results broadly to improve experiences for everyone. The survey should take about 10 minutes to complete. Thank you for your time and for all you do for Idaho's learners. **Survey link:**

<https://forms.gle/VLESx24YmxVepjRw6>



## Storytime Tip of the Month: Early Literacy Tips

A key component of storytimes are verbal messages directed at parents and caregivers about how they help their children build skills. The **Colorado Libraries for Early Literacy** shares short, simple messages you can add during storytime, as well as other great tips and tools.

[More Info](#)





# GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

## Forever Idaho Funds Libraries ... Oh! The Things You Can Do!

Nine Idaho libraries received funding from the Idaho Community Foundation's Forever Idaho Grant program last cycle. Below, read about a few of them and get inspired to submit your own library application in June or August, depending on what county your library is in. (Note: The information below has been updated from a previously published edition of The Scoop to correct grant details.)

### Eastern Owyhee County Library – \$8,000 grant:

"We used the money we received from ICF to replace all of our 'ancient' public-facing computers (8) as well as the circulation computer and my office computer. We bought all new Dell computers and purchased Norton Antivirus protection for all of them. The grant also covered the purchase of two wireless keyboards, mice, external CD drive, and paid labor costs for someone to install all the computers and programs. Some of those computers were 17 years old! Our newest ones were 9+ years old, so it was time for this upgrade!"

– Tammy L. Gray, Director

### Ada Community Library – Lake Hazel Branch – \$4,000 grant:

"This funding will help us provide Educational Opportunities as well as Health and Mental Health resources by creating a Memory Connections Resource Center in our Victory Branch Library that addresses the information needs of the Alzheimer's/Dementia community and their caregivers. The Resource Center will house books, manipulatives, games, puzzles, videos, etc. as well as print information from area agencies. The project will also include creating educational programs for caregivers and those afflicted by Alzheimer's/Dementia."

– Nancy Roberts, Victory Branch Librarian

### Garden City Public Library Foundation – \$5,000 grant:

"The ICF Forever Idaho grant played a critical role in keeping the Garden City Library's flagship literary outreach program, the Bells for Books bookmobile, on the streets of Garden City. This helped the Garden City Library reach its goal of inspiring lifelong learning, advancing knowledge, and strengthening the community of Garden City. In 2022, the bookmobile served 3,843 youth, 81 teens, and 479 adults in our community; this would not have been possible without the support of the ICF Forever Idaho grant and other private funding. We are truly grateful for the continued support from the ICF community!"

– Lindsey Pettyjohn, Director, on behalf of GCPL Foundation.

### Homedale Public Library – \$4,000 grant:

"The Homedale Public Library used the first part of the ICF Forever Idaho grant to buy two armchairs and an end table to create an 'adult area' for our patrons. It has been very appreciated by our older patrons,

and our biggest struggle is getting our teens to use their couch in the teen area and not the chairs in the adult area! In November of 2022 we became a district library! Since we do not receive tax money until 2024, we are using the remainder of our ICF grant to keep our library going over the next few months! The funds are very appreciated and were sorely needed as we are currently running the library on private donations and grants.”

– Sharla Jenson, Director

[Learn More/Apply](#)

## Idaho Resilience Project Grants

“This is a grant opportunity for anyone in the Ada, Boise, Canyon, Valley, Elmore, Adams, Washington, Payette, Gem, and Owyhee counties. This grant is from the Idaho Resilience Project for Idaho Health Districts Region 3 and 4. The grant is to encourage activities and programs that build resilience in vulnerable populations, focusing on 5- to 13-year-olds. Applications are due May 19, 2023, and funds from this grant must be spent by July 31, 2023, with a report due by August 15, 2023. One form is for requests under \$2,000, and one form is for requests between \$2,000 and \$10,000.” – Maria Cottle

[Learn More/Apply](#)

## ICfL Kindergarten Readiness Grants for 2023-2024

Grants in the amounts of \$1,000 to \$10,000 are available to Idaho public libraries to better prepare children to be successful when they start school. The grant program has three primary goals:

- 1) Ensure that more Idaho families with pre-kindergarten children have public library cards to gain access to the tools and resources needed to help children succeed in school, especially for families with limited access to preschool programming or who are not regular library users.
- 2) Increase the amount of early learning activities done in the homes of pre-kindergarten children across the state.
- 3) Increase the number of successful public library, school, and community partnerships that increase third grade reading proficiency by focusing on pre-kindergarten experiences, especially for underserved children.

## New for 2023-2024

The Idaho Legislature approved additional funding for this grant program! The funds will provide two types of grants:

- The standard **K Ready grant** the ICfL has provided for the past several years has the following required components:
  - Focuses on children who have not yet entered formal school
  - Includes a parent education/engagement component
  - Includes a plan for reaching underserved children and families

- Secures an active partnership with local school(s) and/or community organization(s) serving the targeted demographic (a letter of support from each partner is required)
- The **K Ready-Set-Go minigrant** is new and allows funding in smaller amounts to support the continuation or implementation of projects that have been validated as effective models in reaching underserved children and their families. Models must meet the objectives of the standard K Ready grant, include the four components required for the standard K Ready grant, and include an evaluation tool. Funds can support the following:
  - Continuation of a previously awarded K Ready grant (expansion, extension, or enhancement)
  - Replication of the My First Books program model
  - Establishing a Laundromat Literacy site or a Read, Play, Learn space at another “wait time” site
  - Facilitation of READY! for Kindergarten workshops
  - Another best practices model, approved through consultation with the ICfL

### **How do I apply?**

Anyone wishing to apply for either K Ready grant must first schedule a short consultation with [Staci Shaw](#). **A link to the application will be provided at that time.**

Applications for both types of K Ready grants are **due August 24, 2023**. The formal application link will **not be activated until July 1, 2023**. However, you may begin communicating with your community partner and gathering data for your need statement this month.

We have simplified and shortened the grant application. The grant consultation with Staci should decrease the amount of time needed for you to draft responses to the application questions.

More detailed grant information will be available on the ICfL [Kindergarten Readiness webpage](#) in the coming weeks. However, you may reach out to [Staci](#) now to schedule a grant consultation.

# SUMMER READING NEWS

## News from CSLP

Read the current Collaborative Summer Library Programs newsletter

### 2023 Summer Reading Public Service Announcement

Want to spread the word about this year's summer reading program? Check out these free video PSAs from CSLP:

[Full PSA English](#)

[Full PSA Spanish](#)



A PSA tab will also be added to the CSLP's online manual, where libraries can find shorter snippets of the PSAs, audio files, and more.

## Order Youth Explorer Passes Now

The ICfL is once again partnering with the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation to offer free state park passes to Idaho libraries hosting summer reading programs for children and teens.

The Youth Explorer Passes from Idaho State Parks will waive the entry fee for one vehicle for one day to any Idaho state park. The passes may be used for summer reading in a variety of ways: Distribute when children sign up for summer reading, give out as prizes for summer reading, or take to outreach events.

The passes do not expire, and they are identical from year to year. If you have leftover passes from last year, you can give those out this year. You can also order more!

[More Info](#)





# FEATURED:

## Congratulations to all the IBOB Regional Champions!

In addition to National School Library Month and National Poetry Month, April is Idaho Battle of the Books Regional Competition Month! And what a month it was! Thanks to the efforts of coaches, students, and volunteers from all corners of the state, there were nine IBOB regional tournaments held in all three divisions across five of Idaho's six education regions. Students formed teams, read 16 titles chosen for each division (eight for the high school division), and battled with other teams to see who could correctly answer the most questions. Top teams advanced to the regional tournaments after months of reading, practicing, and battling. Congratulations to the teams who took home the top prizes!



### Elementary Division:

#### Region 1 (North Idaho):



1<sup>st</sup> Place: The Sparks from Sagle Elementary School in Lake Pend Oreille School District.

#### Region 3 (Southwest Idaho):



1<sup>st</sup> Place: Gummy Books from Monroe Elementary School in Boise School District.



2<sup>nd</sup> Place: I.M. Bobcat from Collister Elementary School in Boise School District

### Region 5 (Southeast Idaho):



4<sup>th</sup> Grade Champions: IBOB Dogs from Edahow Elementary School from Pocatello/Chubbuck School District. Photo credit: Carly Flandro, Idaho Ed News



5<sup>th</sup> Grade Champions: Celestial Warriors from Washington Elementary School in Pocatello/Chubbuck School District.

### Middle School/Jr. High Division

#### Region 1 (North Idaho):



1<sup>st</sup> Place: The Pessimists from Sandpoint Middle School in Lake Pend Oreille School District.

#### Region 3 (Southwest Idaho):



1<sup>st</sup> Place: IBOBIN from Heritage Middle School in West Ada School District.



2<sup>nd</sup> Place: All Booked from Timberlake Middle School in Lakeland School District.



2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Just Quit Now from North Junior High School in Boise School District.



Region 4 (South Central Idaho):



1<sup>st</sup> Place: Order of the Phoenix from Wood River Middle School in Blaine County School District.



2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Wavy Legs ... Pagey from Wood River Middle School in Blaine County School District.



3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Not a Fairy Tale from Wood River Middle School in Blaine County School District.

Region 5 (Southeast Idaho):



1<sup>st</sup> Place: The Book Huggers from Franklin Middle School in Pocatello/Chubbuck School District.

## High School Division: Region 3 (Southwest Idaho):



1<sup>st</sup> Place: Angry Potatoes from Mountain View High School in West Ada School District.



2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Early Birds from Renaissance High School in West Ada School District.

**Not Pictured:** Region 6 tournament pictures were not available by the publication deadline – congrats to the Region 6 winners!

Want to play? Visit [idahobattleofthebooks.org](http://idahobattleofthebooks.org) for information on how to get a program started at your school and to see next year's title selections for each division! Want to [nominate a title](#) for consideration for a future IBOB season? IBOB is always looking for suggestions!

The IBOB Committee extends a huge thank you to all the students, coaches, volunteers, and committee members who participated in the 2022-2023 Idaho Battle of the Books season! Have a great summer, keep reading, and see you next year!

## CE NEWS YOU CAN USE

### Free Funding for Your Professional Development

Did you know the ICfL will cover the cost of online continuing education courses or webinars through [InfoPeople](#), [Library Juice](#), and [Amigos](#)? It's true! If you would like to take an online course or webinar from these providers, you can apply for access by completing the corresponding Course Access Request Form from the ICfL [Partner Training Opportunities webpage](#). To qualify for future CE funds for online learning, students must complete the follow-up survey and apply to access the course at least 15 days in advance.

Below are a few upcoming online courses you might be able to squeeze into your very busy schedule!

**Developmentally-Appropriate Books for Storytime** (Library Juice Academy), June 5 – July 2, 2023

There's more to choosing books for storytime than just knowing the collection. It's also important to understand how to choose books that foster school readiness and literacy skills, as well as books that



cultivate an understanding of diverse cultures and traditions. In this class, you will get hands-on practice connecting current and classic children's books to the developmental ages and stages of infants, toddlers, 2-year-olds, and preschoolers.

- [Details and course overview](#)
- [Course access request form \(Library Juice Academy\)](#)

### Basic Cataloging and Classification (InfoPeople), June 13 – July 10, 2023

Through practical information and hands-on exercises, you will gain an understanding of cataloging practices, rules, and tools, as well as the nuts and bolts of copy cataloging. The course will cover Resource Description and Access (RDA), the current cataloging rule, the Library of Congress genre/form headings project, and Book Industry Standards and Communications (BISAC) subject headings. MARC format and Dewey Decimal Classification system will be discussed as well. Tips on copy cataloging of newly emerging formats – such as e-books, graphic novels, and downloadable media – will be offered.

- [Details and course overview](#)
- [Course access request form \(InfoPeople\)](#)

### Introduction to Storytimes and Early Literacy Programming (Amigos Library Services), June 13 and 14, 2023

Whether new to planning and facilitating storytimes or looking for new inspiration, this introduction provides the fundamentals of storytime and early literacy program planning. Discover ways to help caregivers and community partners foster a love of reading through engaging events and services and stay up to date with the latest trends and opportunities in library services specifically for ages 0 to 5.

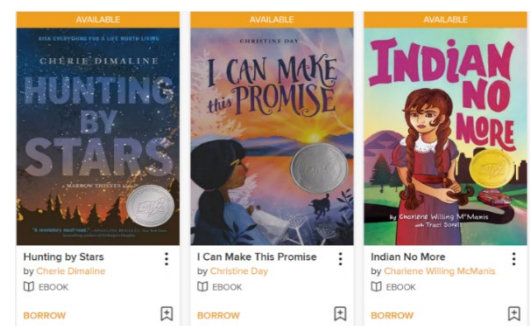
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## DIVERSITY IN ACTION

### New Indigenous Titles Available on IDEA

Idaho Digital E-Book Alliance (IDEA) is a statewide partnership between the ICfL, public libraries, and school libraries with the goal of expanding access while reducing barriers to digital e-books and e-audio content via OverDrive. New titles are added each month. Last month, a number of [newer books by Indigenous authors](#) were added to the collection.

[Learn More](#)



## Indigenous Voices Webinar Registration

The San Diego County Office of Education hosts an annual webinar focusing on authentic children's literature and Indigenous authors. Register today to join the "Indigenous Voices: Authentic Children's Literature in the Classroom and Library" webinar on May 23 and 24, 2023.

On Tuesday, May 23, you will hear from Andrea Rogers in conversation with Patricia Buckley, Traci Sorell, Nicole Neidhardt, Kim Rogers, and Laurie Goodluck. On Wednesday, May 24, you will hear from Karissa Valencia, Naomi Bishop, Jonathan Nelson, and Ria Thundercloud.

All webinars are free and will be recorded and sent to registered participants.

Register

## OUTREACH

### Last Call! – Outreach for Underserved Children Requests due June 15



The Outreach for Underserved Children program provides resources to enhance public library outreach visits, with the goals of reaching children who cannot get to their local library and increasing the number of families with access to books in their homes throughout the year. Outreach events may occur anytime during the year. Libraries may request books for their outreach efforts between August 15 and June 15 each year, with two school year requests and one summer request.

**Please note:** At its core, this program is about **outreach**, not about overall library or program promotion. While you can utilize an outreach event to promote summer reading or library card sign-ups for children as a secondary goal, that should not be the main goal of the outreach event. The main focus of the outreach event should involve parent, child, caregiver, or community **engagement** – connecting with community members you don't see using the library, and letting community members know the library is for everyone.

Since this program is about underserved children, all outreach events should also have a focus on demonstrating or sharing early literacy skills with children and their caregivers. This is outreach at its best!



The last Outreach for Underserved Children requests for this fiscal year are due on or before June 15, 2023. The events on the request form must be for this spring or summer (preferably early summer, so children have books in their hands from the start of summertime). Events that will take place after August should be requested on next fiscal year's form, which opens on August 15, 2023.

Learn More/Apply

# BOOK LOOK

## Children's Favorites Awards from CBC

The Children's Book Council (CBC) has relaunched the **Children's Favorites Awards Lists**. The books in these lists are read and voted on by thousands of children across the country each year. Download the 2023 lists for K-2, 3-5, 6-8, and Young Adults, as well as Teacher Favorites and Librarian Favorites.



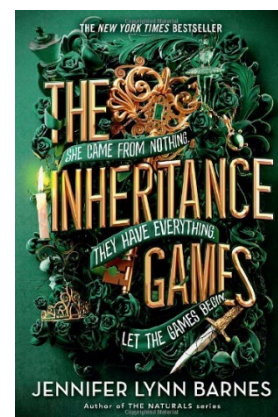
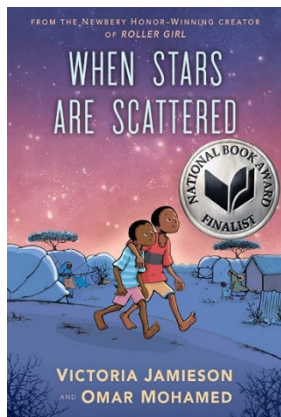
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## YRCA 2023 Awards Announced

Since 1940, young readers in the Pacific Northwest have participated in the Young Reader's Choice Award (YRCA). The award was established in 1940 by Harry Hartman, a Seattle bookseller, who believed every student should have an opportunity to select a book that gives them pleasure. The Young Reader's Choice Award is sponsored by the Pacific Northwest Library Association and continues to be the longest-running children's choice book award. It is also the only international award with young readers in both the United States and Canada participating in the program. Idaho currently does not have a YRCA representative – if you are interested in serving, email [yrcachair@gmail.com](mailto:yrcachair@gmail.com).

Here are the 2023 YRCA winners (and you can check out the [2024 nominees here](#)):

- **Junior Division:** *When Stars are Scattered* (Graphic Novel) by Victoria Jamieson and Omar Mohamed
- **Intermediate Division:** *The Paper Girl of Paris* by Jordyn Taylor
- **Senior Division:** *The Inheritance Games* by Jennifer Lynn Barnes



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