

The Scoop

Fun, inspiring and innovative ideas
for library youth services

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- **Oct. 15:** ARP ESSER Summer Support and Summer School Libraries grant applications open
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WELCOME

By Kristina Taylor

It's officially fall ... and library conference season! Before you dive into other things, we'd like to kick off this issue with a request for feedback and recognition for the award winners at the annual Idaho Library Association Conference (see the [Book Look](#) section for the Idaho Book of the Year awards).

User Experience Survey for *The Scoop*!

The ICFL Youth Services Team publishes *The Scoop* each month, focusing on library services for children and teens. The newsletter is currently in its 19th year of production! As we move into year 20, help us improve reader experience by taking our [brief survey](#).

Congratulations to the 2023 ILA Award Winners!

Librarian of the Year – Erin Kennedy – Boise Public Library (Collister Branch)

School Librarian of the Year – Kiersten Kerr – Coeur d'Alene School District (Coeur d'Alene High School)

Paraprofessional of the Year – Jennifer Tiedtke, Meridian Library District

Trustee of the Year – Megan Larsen, Meridian Library District

Friend of the Year – Mike Davission – Prairie River District Library (Winchester Branch)

Legislator of the Year – Representative Jack Nelsen

Special Services to Libraries – Idaho's Fourth Estate – Journalists: Steve Kiggins, Brian Holmes, Bryan Clark, Ryan Suppe, Scott McIntosh

Gardner-Hanks Scholarship (\$400) – Kristina Taylor – Idaho Commission for Libraries

Idaho Library Association Scholarship (\$400) – Jennifer Tiedtke – Meridian Library District

Gardner Hanks + ILA Scholarship (\$400) – Erin Martin – Boise Public Library



Pictured above: ILA Award winners at the Idaho Library Association Conference in Twin Falls, Idaho.

LIBRARY TO LIBRARY

Happy Trails to Longtime South Bannock Director



We'd like to wish our friend Marcy Price the very best in her retirement! Marcy has been at the South Bannock Library District for her entire library career. She started in 1990 as a bookmobile driver and children's librarian, and in 1994 she became the director. The library district includes Downey Public Library, Lava Public Library, McCammon Public Library, a Bookmobile to reach the outlying areas, and – thanks to Marcy's hard work – a future branch in Inkom. Marcy's list of accomplishments include automating circulation, remodeling a donated building in Downey with community volunteers, building a new branch in McCammon, managing a complete expansion and remodel of the Downey library, and implementing many Read to Me programs over the years. Marcy secured many grants to help bring exceptional library service to her community.

"The Idaho Commission for Libraries has always been a great source with continuing education, grants, summer programs, and STEM summer programs and many more, and all of the staff is always willing to help make your projects successful," she shared with us. "I would like to thank everyone who I have met and worked with along the way, including my great staff (past and present) and my library board (past and present) who could see my vision for the library district. It has truly been a great ride!"

We know Marcy will continue doing great things in this exciting next chapter, and we wish her well.

Congratulations for Outstanding Bookmobile Librarian Award

Congratulations to the Meridian Library District's Audra Green, the recipient of the 2023 Karen Hake Outstanding Bookmobile Librarian Award, presented at the Association of Bookmobile and Outreach Services (ABOS) annual conference last week! For those of you who know Audra, you know how passionate she is about early literacy and outreach.

Here's what ABOS had to say in its [Facebook announcement](#): "The Karen Hake Outstanding Bookmobile Librarian Award is presented annually to a bookmobile manager, supervisor, or MLIS librarian in recognition of their continuous dedication and commitment to the bookmobile profession. Audra is a passionate advocate for library outreach and has dedicated her career to providing library services to underserved communities. In her role as Outreach Manager, she has overseen the expansion of the library's outreach programs and services, including the bookmobile, home delivery, and community partnerships. Audra has a proven track record of success in developing innovative and effective outreach programs that meet the needs of her community."



TWEENS & TEENS

There is Still Time to Register for the Idaho Teen Reading Challenge!

The third year of the Idaho Teen Reading Challenge began on October 1, and your library can register for the challenge through October 20. To complete the challenge, tweens and teens choose eight titles from 10 categories to read from October through April. This year's categories are: Found While Browsing, Judge a Book by its Cover, One-Word Title, Read Before You Stream, Retelling of a Classic, Sci-Fi/Fantasy, True Story, YRCA Nominee, Your Favorite Genre, and Free Choice.



Here's how the program works:

1. The reading challenge runs from October 1 to April 30. Teens will be challenged to read one book from eight different categories (eight books total) during that time. This year we are providing 10 categories to choose from.
2. [Register your library to participate in the program](#) and request bookmarks, tracking forms, and reading journals.

3. After you receive program materials, you will give teens a form to keep track of their books. You can also hand out bookmarks and reading journals.
4. When a teen has completed the challenge, they can return their tracking sheet to your library.
New this year: We will send you a custom vinyl sticker to hand out to teens when they finish the challenge. Also, each teen from your library to complete the challenge will earn you an entry into a drawing for free books for your library!
5. In May, the ICfL will send you a form to report the number of teens who completed the challenge at your library and to provide program feedback.

We will accept registrations through Friday, October 20.

Watch a recording of the [30-minute info session](#) or check out the [Idaho Teen Reading Challenge webpage](#) to learn more about this year's challenge.

Nourishing Minds Initiative

Is teen mental health something you are thinking about? Would you like to gain skills in building positive teen well-being? As a part of the *Nourishing Minds* initiative [funded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services](#), the Seattle Public Library is seeking six U.S. public libraries to participate in a series of activities over the next year that will give library staff the opportunity to:

- Build strategies for proactively creating services in support of teen mental health.
- Move away from a crisis approach to teen mental health.
- Attend a series of participatory design training sessions and build skills in support of teen mental health.
- Receive coaching from Meridian Library District (Idaho) and Charles County Public Library (Maryland) staff.
- Facilitate a programming series and library space to support teen mental health.

Those selected to participate will receive a \$6,000 stipend to learn about and provide services in support of teen mental health.

Onboarding of selected library staff begins in November 2023, learning sessions begin in early 2024, and libraries selected will facilitate mental-health-centered programs from February through July 2024.

[Apply here!](#) To learn more, check out this [FAQ sheet](#).

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Early Learning Support Materials

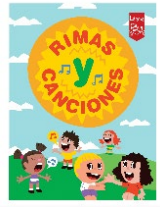
Check your displays! If you still have any of the obsolete materials shown below, you can order updated options through the ICfL’s [new online market](#). The support materials are available at no cost to Idaho libraries and nonprofits.



“Music for Babies” and “Rhymes for Babies” should be replaced with “Rhymes, Songs, and Fingerplays.”



“Rimas y canciones de cuna de nuestra familia” should be replaced with “Rimas y canciones.”



These “Great Books” bookmarks are outdated. While the books listed on them are still great, the better option is to hand out Bookworm bookmarks, which direct families to sign up for the ICfL’s age-specific monthly newsletter with book suggestions, activities, early learning tips, and more.



If you still have Tumblebooks and DayByDayID bookmarks, please recycle them. These were part of a Library Services and Technology Act grant from many years ago and are no longer relevant.

Storytime Tip: Sensory Storytimes

From the Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC):

“Have a visual schedule. Visual schedules tell participants what to expect during storytime. This is especially important for children with developmental delays, who often find transitions difficult. Each element of your storytime should have its own easily identifiable graphic.”

[Read More Sensory Storytime Tips](#)

SCHOOL ZONE

The Need to Weed

Remember “Would You Rather,” that game where players choose between two unappealing options? Let’s play Would You Rather: Library Edition! Would you rather have shelves full of outdated material with inaccurate information, or only a few up-to-date, relevant titles?

Oh, if it were only a game. Many school librarians find themselves in this situation, especially when it comes to nonfiction and reference materials. But when we consider one of the most important functions of the school library – to support the curriculum with accurate and relevant information – it’s clear that out-of-date titles should be removed from the shelf, even if that leaves the shelves looking bare. It is unfair to expect a student to complete high-quality classwork with low-quality resources.

There is no question that it is difficult and expensive to maintain a current reference collection, and only slightly less expensive to maintain a relevant nonfiction section. Every school in Idaho has access to encyclopedias and other reference materials at [Lilischools.org](https://lilischools.org), which can help defray the expense. There are also e-books and databases available to all Idahoans. For research, LiLI is a better resource for students than a Google search, and Lili for Schools is a more curated collection of resources that is suited to the research needs of most K-12 students.

Let’s play another round of Would You Rather: Would you rather have students use old materials that contain outdated, incorrect information, or teach your students how to search always accurate, up-to-date databases? A far easier choice.

Want to know more about LiLI.org, LiLI for Schools, and other digital resources available to your students at no cost to your school? Contact ICfL School Library Consultant [Jeannie Standal](#) or E-Resources Library Consultant [Marina Rose](#).

Learn How to Use Core Collections

Most school libraries have limited book budgets, which make good purchasing decisions all the more important. Core Collections, a new database at LiLI.org, helps librarians evaluate and prioritize titles to make the most of the dollars available. Join ICfL E-Resources Library Consultant Marina Rose to learn more about using Core Collections in this upcoming webinar:



Get to Know the Core Collections (LiLI Databases)

Thursday, October 19, 2023

12:00 p.m. MDT / 11:00 a.m. PDT

Register

Low Hanging Fruit

Check out the new and improved Low Hanging Fruit (LHF), an easy way to produce a newsletter from your library for the staff at your school. Each month, LHF features an article with a fun theme that connects the classroom to the school library; links where readers can learn more about the topic; a practical application to try with students or on your own; and a LiLi source to investigate the topic further. A new Page 2 option allows librarians to let others know about all the cool things happening in their library!



Low Hanging Fruit is now created on Canva!

[Learn More](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS



Read to Me Rendezvous, November 14 and 15, 2023: "Foundations and FUNdamentals"

The Rendezvous this year is focused on helping **new and novice library staff** establish an early learning foundation based on the cognitive, social, emotional, and physical development of children younger than age 6. The conference will also focus on fundamentals of offering high-quality early learning programs that include literacy, math, music, and science concepts.

Location: Boise

Cost: There is no registration fee, and the ICfL will provide lodging and travel reimbursement for [those who are eligible](#).

Who should attend: Public library staff who have not received Every Child Ready to Read® training, and/or who have no or limited experience with conducting developmentally appropriate storytimes.

Registration Deadline: October 21, 2023 (Seating is limited. If all seats are reserved before October 21, registration will close early.)

Topics include, but are not limited to:

- Brain development in young children
- Early literacy skills (Every Child Ready to Read)
- Creating safe and welcoming spaces for children and families
- Storytime basics
- Resources and professional development for library staff

Presenters: Jane Zink and Amanda Mills, Idaho Association for the Education of Young Children; [Dr. Betsy Diamant-Cohen, Mother Goose on the Loose](#); [Dr. Ericka Zippert, University of Pittsburgh](#)

This event is sponsored by the Idaho Commission for Libraries and is funded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services, under the Library Services and Technology Act.

[Learn More / Register](#)

CHECK IT OUT

Idaho Launch

The [Idaho LAUNCH grant program](#) aims to prepare Idaho's students for Idaho's workforce needs. Idaho LAUNCH provides grants for education and training programs. You can help Idaho students access the application from the library to receive funding for their future.

Want to help spread the word about Idaho LAUNCH? Check out the [media kit](#) to download fliers, logos, social media posts, and more!

Idaho LAUNCH is a program of [Next Steps Idaho](#). An initiative of the State Board of Education in partnership with Idaho's employers, Next Steps Idaho is designed to help Idaho youth understand and pursue the many education and career opportunities available to them.

Novelist Plus



Use [Novelist Plus](#) or [Novelist K-8 Plus](#) on [LiLi.org](#) to find reading recommendations and explore articles on working with youth. Once you're logged in with your zip code and city, you can access a wealth of resources under the "Quick Links" tab at the top of the screen. Contact ICfL E-Resources Library Consultant [Marina Rose](#) with questions or for more information.

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

ARP ESSER Grants – Year 2

Thanks to everyone who was able to attend the Year 2 American Rescue Plan (ARP) Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Grant Info Session. [Here is a link to the recording](#), and [here are the slides from the presentation](#).

The application for Year 2 of the Summer Strategies grant is now open. Applications for Year 2 of the Summer Support and Summer School Libraries grants open later this month!

- [Summer Strategies Grant](#) (up to \$20,000 to support strategic planning for summer programs) – The application is open now, with an October 25 deadline.

- The [Summer Support Grant](#) (up to **\$2,000** to support your summer programs) – The application opens on **October 15**.
- [Summer School Libraries Grant](#) (up to **\$7,000** to keep your school library open during the Summer) – The application opens on **October 15**.
- [OST Programming Grant](#) (up to **\$3,000** to support your out-of-school programs for school-age kids and teens) – This grant application is now closed. Applicants will be notified of their award in mid-October.
- [OST Planning Grant](#) (up to **\$15,000** to support strategic efforts to serve youth in your community) – This grant application is now closed. Applicants will be notified of their award in mid-October.

Please reach out to [Jennifer Redford](#) with questions about these grants. A huge thank you to all the libraries that have already used this funding to serve their communities!

Idaho Children's Trust Fund Annual Grant is OPEN

Our partners at the Idaho Children's Trust Fund have opened applications for their annual grant cycle. Please be sure to read all application information carefully.

The Idaho Children's Trust Fund offers grant funding in the \$1,000 to \$7,500 range to programs that seek to prevent child abuse and neglect by increasing protective factors to strengthen families and promote well-being.

Timeline:

- October 3, 2023 – Annual Application Packet Available
- November 10, 2023 – Annual Grant Applications due to ICTF
- January 2024 – Annual Grant Award Decisions
- April 2, 2024 – New Annual Grantee Project Start Date
- March 31, 2025 – Project Period Ends
- May 17, 2025 – All Funds Paid Out

How to Apply

Send one PDF copy of application electronically to kim.hemmert@ctf.idaho.gov by 5 p.m. on November 10.

[Learn More/Apply](#)

SUMMER READING NEWS

2024 Program Manuals

Program manuals for the Collaborative Summer Library Programs (CSLP) 2024 theme, "Adventure Begins at Your Library," will be shipped to Idaho public libraries in early November. Membership in the Collaborative Summer Library Program is provided to all Idaho public libraries through federal Institute of Museum and Library Services funding administered by the ICfL. These resources are available for your use, at your discretion. You are not obliged to use CSLP themes, artwork, or materials.

Shop for 2024 now!

The [CSLP Shop](#) is now open with bags, T-shirts, posters, and other items featuring new artwork for 2024.

And You Might Want to Hang on to Your 2023 Manual

Ever find yourself in need of a ready-made programming solution? Maybe you're planning an event series that would be enhanced by a coordinated theme? Or perhaps you have a new staff member who would benefit from a bank of planning guides? Or possibly ... you just need additional inspiration? Whatever the case, remember that through your affiliation with the ICfL – a CSLP member library – **you can use the CSLP program manuals beyond summer.**

In fact, CSLP encourages libraries to retain materials for future use. This includes incorporating past programming materials into winter reading programs, everyday storytimes, and library events. For more information, visit the [Rules of Use page on the CSLP website](#).

Can't Get Enough CSLP?

[Sign up for the CSLP newsletter!](#)

Save the Date: Two Virtual Events to Help You Plan for Summer 2024

Idaho Summer Programs Virtual Planning Meeting

Are you ready to start thinking about summer 2024? Join colleagues from around the state to share ideas and learn about resources for next year's summer programs. During this two-hour virtual event, we will debrief summer 2023, check out new CSLP materials for 2024, learn about additional support for your summer services, and – most importantly – connect with each other.

Date: Thursday, October 26

Time: 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. MDT / Noon to 2:00 p.m. PDT

Where: [Zoom](#)

Can't make it? No problem! This virtual discussion will be recorded.



CSLP Summer Symposium in December

The CSLP will host its third annual Summer Symposium on **Thursday, December 7**. This half-day virtual offering is for public library staff to connect, learn, and collaborate as we plan for summer library programming around the upcoming theme of **Adventure Begins at Your Library**. Symposium speakers and topics will be announced soon.

You can also [view archived recordings](#) from previous Summer Symposiums.



2026 Theme and 2027 Program Announcements

Last month, the CSLP staff, board of directors, state representatives, and committee chairs gathered virtually for its 2023 annual meeting! Representatives voted on the 2026 slogan and 2027 theme:

- The slogan for the 2026 dinosaur theme will be **“Unearth a Story.”**
- The theme for the 2027 program will be **Mystery / Detective / Suspense.**

Here is the official list of themes and slogans through 2027:

2024 slogan: Adventure Begins at Your Library – La aventura comienza en tu biblioteca

- Program theme: Adventure

2025 slogan: Color Our World – Colorea nuestro mundo

- Program theme: Art

2026 slogan: Unearth a Story – (Spanish translation on the way!)

- Program theme: Dinosaurs

2027 theme: Mystery / Detective / Suspense

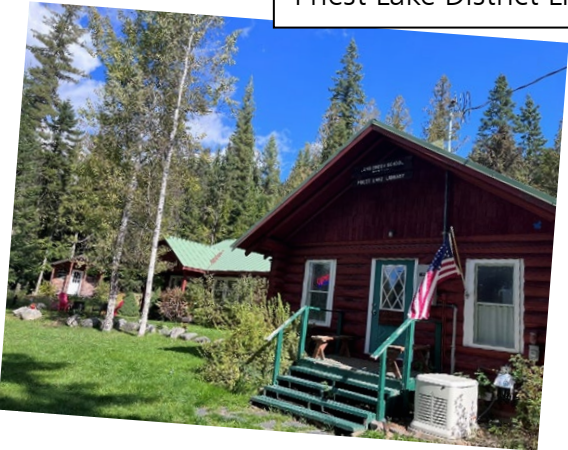
FEATURED:

On the Road Again!

The ICfL's Youth Services staff members were excited to get on the road again for a North Idaho site visit extravaganza this fall! Here are a few highlights!



Latah County – Deary Branch



Priest Lake District Library



Tri-Community Library – Fernwood

We didn't have time to stop at every library along the way, but we did get some great photos of Idaho libraries!



St. Maries Public Library



Latah County – Troy Branch



Latah County – Bovill Branch



Left: Harry Slickpoo Jr. of Nez Perce Hitéemenwees Research Library and ICfL Youth Services Project Coordinator Kristina Taylor at the Nez Perce National Historical Park.
Above: Children's moccasins in the vault.

Maker space and children's area (**below**) and 3D printer Wall of Fame (**right**) at Benewah County's Tri-Community Library in Fernwood.

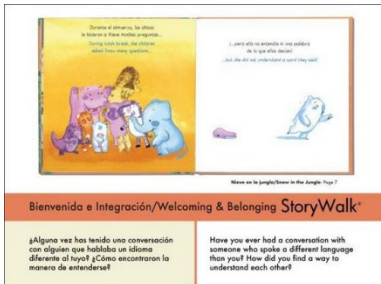


Student photo project of regional powwow dancers at Wallace Junior/Senior High School Library.



DIVERSITY IN ACTION

Free Bienvenida e Integración / Welcoming & Belonging StoryWalk®



I'm Your Neighbor Books is partnering with the publisher Child's Play Inc. and the nonprofit Welcoming America to offer a free StoryWalk designed to create conversations on immigrant welcoming and belonging. I'm Your Neighbor Books and Welcoming America focus on creating spaces where immigrants are welcomed and where we all belong. The two nonprofits do this work through children's book engagement. The Spanish/English bilingual picture book selected for the project is *Nieve en la jungla / Snow in the Jungle*, which explores the emotions of the character Nieve/Snow, who has migrated to a new place. Each of the Bienvenida e Integración / Welcoming & Belonging StoryWalk® signs has a page from the book and a bilingual conversation starter. Learn more and download StoryWalk® materials below.

[Learn More](#)

OUTREACH

ABOS & Let's Move in Libraries StoryWalk® Week

The [Association of Bookmobile and Outreach Services \(ABOS\)](#) and [Let's Move in Libraries](#) present **StoryWalk® Week, November 12-18**. This event celebrates the inspiring work of libraries that provide StoryWalk® programs – promoting literacy, reading, health, exercise, and movement in communities and neighborhoods across the United States and the world.

You are invited to take part by [submitting a photo of your StoryWalk®](#), ideally with library staff or patrons, to be featured in the StoryWalk® Week Celebration, which will take over ABOS and Let's Move in Libraries social media platforms the week of November 12-18. All entries will also be saved on the StoryWalk® Week 2023 webpage. Limit one submission per library. The deadline for submissions is Saturday, October 21.

"On the Move" (Mobile Services) LITT Chat

The next LITT: On the Move chat is coming up Friday, October 20, at 1 p.m. MDT / 12 p.m. PDT. Visit the [On the Move calendar page](#) for details.

You can find the chat notes from past discussions on the [LITT: On the Move page](#).



BOOK LOOK

Idaho Book of the Year Awards

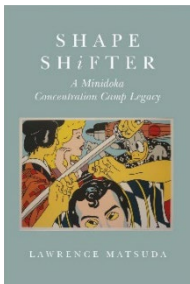
Congratulations to Idaho Book of the Year Award Winner!

Four Treasures of the Sky by Jenny Tinghui Zhang

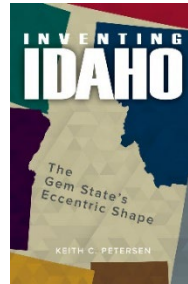
Summary from Goodreads: "Daiyu never wanted to be like the tragic heroine for whom she was named, revered for her beauty and cursed with heartbreak. But when she is kidnapped and smuggled across an ocean from China to America, Daiyu must relinquish the home and future she imagined for herself. Over the years that follow, she is forced to keep reinventing herself to survive. From a calligraphy school to a San Francisco brothel to a shop tucked into the Idaho mountains, we follow Daiyu on a desperate quest to outrun the tragedy that chases her. As anti-Chinese sentiment sweeps across the country in a wave of unimaginable violence, Daiyu must draw on each of the selves she has been – including the ones she most wants to leave behind – in order to finally claim her own name and story."



Idaho Book of the Year Honorable Mentions:



Shape Shifter, A Minidoka Concentration Camp Legacy
by Lawrence Matsuda



Inventing Idaho: The Gem State's Eccentric Shape
by Keith C. Petersen

Talk Back: We welcome your feedback on anything in *The Scoop*. Just email [Staci](#), [Kristina](#), [Jeannie](#) or [Jennifer](#) and we'll print your comments in *The Scoop*. You can also fill out [this form](#) to submit comments or stories from your library.

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