

The Scoop

Fun, inspiring and innovative ideas
for library youth services

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DATES & DEADLINES

- The ICfL will be closed on December 26 and January 2.
- Registration is currently open for [Jump Start Kindergarten 2022-2023](#)
- Apply now [Outreach for Underserved Children 2022-2023](#) requests

WELCOME

By Staci Shaw

Welcome to the last issue of 2022! It's been another year for the record books, but at least libraries have been able to resume in-person programs, conferences, and services. Several "words of the year" have been released for 2022:

Merriam-Webster Dictionary:

GASLIGHTING: The act or practice of grossly misleading someone especially for one's own advantage.

In an age of misinformation and disinformation, "gaslighting" has emerged as the best way to represent the "fake news," conspiracy theories, and Twitter trolls. The term comes from a 1938 play in which a man attempts to make his wife believe she is going insane and can't trust her own perceptions.

Other Merriam-Webster words of the year: oligarch, omicron, codify, LGBTQIA, sentient, loamy, raid, and Queen Consort.

[Read more about Merriam-Webster's words...](#)

Oxford Dictionary:

GOBLIN MODE: A slang term for a "type of behavior which is unapologetically self-indulgent, lazy, slovenly, or greedy, typically in a way that rejects social norms or expectations."

When COVID restrictions began to ease earlier this year and people started venturing out, some folks struggled or rejected the return to normalcy and continued living unapologetically in "goblin mode."

Other Oxford words of the year: metaverse, #ISTandWith.

[Read more about Oxford's words...](#)

Idaho Libraries' Word of the Year

What is your vote for "Word of the Year" in Idaho library land? Submit your votes, then join us on Zoom to **Bid Adieu to 22!**

Date: Friday, December 30

Time 1:00 p.m. MT / 12:00 p.m. PT

[Survey link and more details ...](#)

LIBRARY TO LIBRARY

New Bookmobile Serves Underserved Communities in Ada County

“Many people love trips to local libraries, but not all Ada County communities have easy access to one. To help change that, Ada Community Library has gone mobile. The new bookmobile is a full-service library on wheels, intended to serve unincorporated and underserved parts of Ada County.”

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TWEENS & TEENS

Registration Opens Next Week for the First Ever Teen Convening

The first ever Teen Convening will be held on March 1-2, 2023, at the Riverside in Boise. This two-day event will bring together public and school library staff who serve teens. After participating in this training, attendees will:

- Develop skills to help tweens and teens plan and engage in futures thinking activities
- Understand key teen mental health concepts and resources
- Learn how to use gaming to help tweens and teens build social-emotional skills

Registration is free and is open to all library staff who work in a publicly funded school or public library. **Registration is limited to one library staff per library location** (branch and school district libraries can send one person from each branch or school). Travel to and from this training event, lodging, and per diem are also included with registration for library staff traveling more than 50 miles from their library's location. Check out the ICfL's non-employee travel guidelines for more information on travel reimbursements: <https://libraries.idaho.gov/non-employee-travel/>.

Here is a general agenda for this event:

Day 1 (March 1): 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

- Registration / Breakfast
- Keynote and morning workshop: Peter Bishop - Futures Thinking for Teens
- Working lunch
- Afternoon info sessions on teen mental health and resources

Day 2 (March 2): 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

- Breakfast / Networking
- Keynote and morning workshop: Josh Bund - Gaming and Social-Emotional Learning
- Working lunch
- Gaming resources and testing

This will be a fun two days full of learning and connecting with other teen services folks from around the state. **Registration will open at 12:00 p.m. MT / 11:00 a.m. PT on Monday, December 12.** Look for an announcement on LibIdaho and on the Idaho Teen Services listserv ([sign up here](#)).

Need a Program Refresh? Try MIZZEN

Mizzen by Mott is an innovative tool designed to help you plan and deliver engaging courses, lessons, and activities during out-of-school time. With high-quality content, organizational tools and pro tips from education experts, Mizzen makes it easy for you to create exciting learning opportunities for tweens and teens. If you're teaching, coordinating, or managing an afterschool program that serves kids in grades K-12, Mizzen can help you deliver an even more meaningful learning experience. [Learn more and create a free account here.](#)



Article Roundup:

Check out this collection of recent articles about teens:

Teen Brains Aged Faster Than Normal from Pandemic Stress

Check out this article from "The Washington Post" about a study which measured the brain age of teenagers before and after the pandemic. [Click here to access the article.](#)

Connection, Creativity and Drama: Teen Life on Social Media in 2022

The Pew Research Center has taken a deep dive into teens and social media. [Check out the findings of their research here.](#)

Teens, TikTok, and Your Library: The Library Marketing Show

Angela Hursh from the "Super Library Marketing Show" recently discussed how to use TikTok insights to measure how your library's TikTok account is reaching teens and reviews the Pew study from above. She gives kudos to a library at the end of each show and in this episode, she featured the Meridian Library District. [Check out this episode here.](#) You might also be interested in a related article on the Super Library Marketing blog: The 2023 Guide to Social Media for Libraries. [Read the blog post here.](#)

National Organizations Call for Doctors to Regularly Screen Adolescents for Mental Health Issues

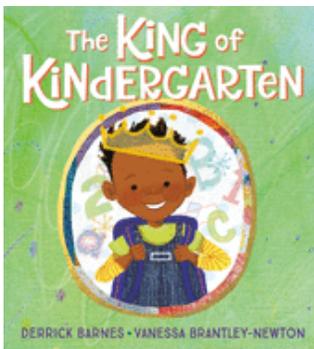
In a recent issue of "Idaho Ed News," Carly Flandro reviewed recent guidance from professional medical organizations to screen teens for mental issues. [Check out her article here.](#)

There's an App for That? Tackling Teen Mental Health with Digital Solutions

Stephen Schueller recently reviewed the "One Mind PsyberGuide Teen Mental Health App Guide," which explored the different mental health apps that are geared toward teens. If you want to find out more about mental health apps for teens, check out his article, Connected Learning Alliance, and get free access to the Guide. [You can read Stephen's article here.](#)

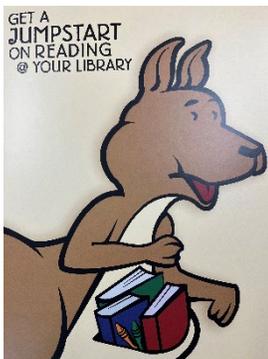
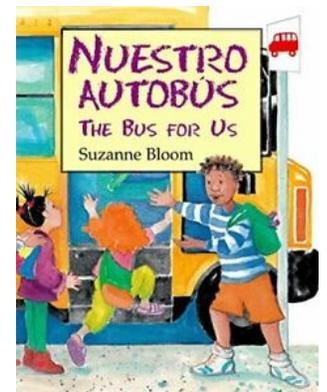
KINDERGARTEN READY CORNER

Jump Start Kindergarten Is Open – Some Returning & Some New Materials



Is this the year libraries will return to Jump Start Kindergarten with pre-COVID numbers?! ICfL staff are banking on it. Due to the wavering request numbers over the past three years, the inventory of last year's books was too high to move on to new titles this year. Therefore, our titles for this year's Jump Start Kindergarten program will be: *The King of Kindergarten*, by Derrick Barnes, and *Nuestro Autobus*, by Suzanne Bloom.

Next year, we will have new titles!



However, we do have a new program material for this year – we have brought back the two-pocket, Jump Start kangaroo folders! We have 10,000 of these folders available this year. Library staff can request the folders to use in concert with all the library handouts that will be provided to students and caregivers.

We also still have copies of the younger sibling book, *DJ's Busy Day*, published by Too Small to Fail. Start talking to your local elementary school librarians about a kindergarten registration collaboration. Check out all of our great resources and the request form at the [Jump Start Kindergarten webpage](#). If you have any questions this winter as you prepare for spring, please contact [Kristina Taylor](#).

Newborn Kits Available from Idaho AEYC

In case you missed seeing this last month, the Idaho Association for the Education of Young Children (AEYC) have assembled kits for parents/caregivers of newborns and are making them available to Idaho libraries to distribute at lap-sit storytimes, outreach, or other programs for babies. The kits are literacy-

focused and contain a couple of board books, some information about the Idaho AEYC, some ICfL support materials, and a onesie with “future reader” on the front. Libraries can add to the kits with information about programs, getting a library card, etc. The kits are also available in Spanish. There is no cost for these kits, and the Idaho AEYC will ship them to your library.

To request kits, contact [Adrian Amo](#), Idaho AEYC, Ready! for Kindergarten Coordinator.



2023 PLA Early Literacy Calendar

The 2023 Public Library Association’s (PLA) annual early literacy calendar is available for download. You do not need to be a member to access it. The calendar is based on the Every Child Ready to Read® practices of reading, writing, singing, talking, playing, and counting. It contains 12 months of learning activities, book lists, nursery rhymes, and more. The calendar pages are also customizable, with each containing a designated spot to add your library’s logo and contact information.

The calendars are available in English and Spanish, for a cost of \$29.99 (for PLA members the cost is \$23.99).

[More Info](#)

Fine Motor Skills Activities

In order to write with a pencil, tie a shoelace, cut shapes with scissors, and/or type on a keyboard, there are little muscles in a child’s hands and fingers that must first be developed and strengthened. Librarians, parents and caregivers, and educators who understand this progression of muscle development can provide age-appropriate activities through play that are purposeful and engaging for children from birth to early elementary. Here are 45 activities you can incorporate into your library’s early learning programs and spaces or share with parents and caregivers (Early Impact Ltd, 2022).



[More Info](#)

SCHOOL ZONE

Get IBOB Questions Before the Price Goes Up!

On December 15, 2022, the cost of Idaho Battle of the Books questions for the 22-23 season will go up to \$30 per set. If you've not yet purchased questions for your school, be sure to visit the [Idaho Battle of the Books'](#) website, [download the invoice](#), and send a check to the address on the invoice. Contact IBOB at idahobattleofthebooks@gmail.com if you need a W-9. Questions will arrive in your email inbox after winter break. Let the Battles begin!



A New Resource Kit for Teachers from the Idaho State Historical Society

This is not an ICfL Program – please reach out to the Historical Society with questions.

In an effort to increase outreach and offer more support to Idaho teachers, National History Day (NHD) will offer a series of webinars in January; plus, the NHD will send out 50 teacher resource kits, including a \$100 Amazon gift card for classroom resources. This opportunity is applicable to all Idaho teachers, not just NHD teachers. To claim one of these kits, teachers must attend one of three webinars in January **and** agree to participate in or judge (recommended for new NHD teachers) one of the regional contests.



You can use this flier to help get the word out to teachers. Click on the image to the left to access the pdf.

State website: <https://history.idaho.gov/nhdi/>

National website: <https://www.nhd.org/>

Save the Date!



Summer Summit 2023 will be held July 18-19, 2023, in Boise, with a TBA topic session on July 20. Registration will open after spring break season, so keep an eye out in April for the announcement!

LITT: School Libraries



Join us on January 13, 2023, to talk about two of the digital tools we learned about at Summer Summit 2022: *biblionasium* and *podcasts* for all levels of K-12.

[More Info](#)

Course: Understanding and Supporting Students with Dyslexia

The Lee Pesky Learning Center offers a 15-hour course that meets the requirements for the Idaho Literacy Achievement and Accountability Act and teacher recertification. This course is also of interest to non-certified public and school library staff who strive to better serve students with learning challenges.

Webinar: **January 28 and February 11, 2023** (8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. MT, one-hour lunch break)

Webinar: **March 11 and April 22, 2023** (8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. MT, one-hour lunch break)

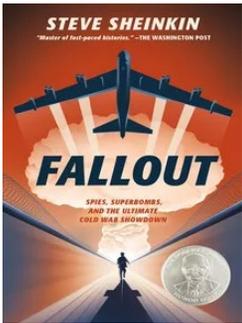
[Learn More / Register](#)

Low Hanging Fruit

December's issue offers resources for teaching media literacy.



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Nonfiction Book of the Month

Truth is stranger than fiction in this award-winner from Steve Sheinkin.

[Continue Reading](#)

Note: This will be the last entry of Nonfiction Book of the Month. If you'd like to know more about the nonfiction (and fiction) books that Jeannie likes, follow her on [Goodreads](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS

LITT: Marketing – Canva Tips & Tricks 2.0

Does your library use Canva to create handouts or bookmarks? Did you know that there is a LOT more that you can do with Canva? Join the LITT: Marketing discussion and learn new tips & tricks for using Canva and share some of your own!

Do you have a specific Canva-related question or need? [Fill out this survey](#) and we will gather info to help you out during the discussion.

Date: Tuesday, December 13, 2022

Time: 2:00 p.m. MT / 1:00 p.m. PT

Where: Zoom

[Learn more and add this event to your calendar here.](#)

Adieu 2022! End-of-the-Year (Virtual) Celebration

It's been a loooong year in library land. Let's celebrate all that you have done this year – even if all you could do was keep the library open. This virtual end-of-the-year celebration is a time to come together and commemorate or commiserate another notable year in Idaho libraries. We will look back on our predictions from last year, share our hopes for the future, and – of course! – vote on the 2022 Word of

the Year. [You can submit your nomination for Word of the Year here.](#) This event is always a lot of fun and a great way to end the year.

Date: Friday, December 30, 2022

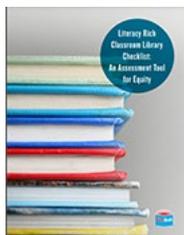
Time: 1:00 p.m. MT / 12:00 p.m. PT

Where: Zoom

[Learn more and add this event to your calendar here.](#)

CHECK IT OUT

Literacy Rich Classroom Library Checklist by Susan Neuman



[First Book](#), the largest online network of educators serving children in need, in partnership with literacy expert and education researcher Susan Neuman, recently launched a new tool to assess and bolster the quality and equity of classroom libraries. The [Literacy Rich Classroom Library Checklist](#) offers a complete assessment of a classroom library's book collection and design features to maximize student engagement and ensure the inclusion of equitable resources that reflect the needs and interests of children in need. Classroom libraries that meet their full potential in supporting student learning take into account the presentation of the physical space, the quantity, quality, and diversity of books offered, and the frequency of use.

[Learn More](#)

Create a Community Video with Jim Gill

Based on Jim Gill's book, *May There Always Be Sunshine*, Jim has worked with school districts, libraries, and other community/educational programs to create video books that connect literacy development with social emotional development.



If your school or public library is interested in partnering with Jim to make a community video book, contact him directly with information about your program, the target age group, and approximately how many children might be involved. JimGill@JimGill.com

Help Spread the Word About RSV

You and your library patrons are probably hearing and reading about an **increase in RSV cases**. Respiratory syncytial virus, or RSV, is a common respiratory virus. It usually causes mild, cold-like symptoms; but it can cause serious lung infections, especially in infants, older adults, and people with serious medical problems.

The Network of the National Library of Medicine has [free evidence-based resources](#) to help you and your patrons better understand and prevent the spread of RSV, including a [printable flyer-size infographic](#) about RSV prevention and a [smaller version of this infographic](#) to embed on a website or use on social media.

Outreach for Underserved Children Program - Ready for Your Requests!



The Outreach for Underserved Children program provides resources to enhance public library outreach visits, with the goals of reaching those 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 – June 15 each year, with two school year requests and one summer request.

Now is a great time to plan your outreach efforts and request books and other support materials from the ICfL's Outreach for Underserved Children Program.

To better serve your underserved communities, the ICfL has stocked its underserved children's bookshelves with plenty of new, bilingual paperback books in many languages. Books in the following languages are available for smaller request amounts (as they are harder to find) and can be requested through the [Outreach for Underserved Children request form](#):

- Arabic
- Chinese (Mandarin)
- Dari
- French
- Pashtu
- Persian
- Russian
- Swahili

Learn more about the Outreach for Underserved Children program and request materials:

[More Info](#)



Four Idaho Libraries & Laundromat Literacy Centers Available!



Learning in everyday spaces

As promised back in April, the ICfL has four new “Family Read, Play, Learn” literacy centers available to Idaho public libraries that are ready to launch this new outreach program with a local laundromat partner. The Idaho Libraries & Laundromats interest form is on the ICfL website (scroll to the bottom of the project page below) and open to accept requests from interested library staff. Currently, 17 sites are in place (or in the works) around the state, working alongside 17 public libraries. Help us bring four more laundromat literacy centers to Idaho! If you’d like to discuss this project before applying, please contact either [Kristina Taylor](#) or [Staci Shaw](#) any time.

[Learn More](#)

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

Congratulations to the ARP ESSER Grant Recipients

In the past few months, the ICfL has awarded \$561,000 in ARP ESSER funds to Idaho libraries. Students spend 80% of their time outside of school, and libraries are uniquely poised to help mitigate the impacts of lost school time and unfinished learning due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This funding will help libraries around our state better serve youth in their communities and meet the unique needs of school-age kids and teens.

[Continue reading ...](#)

SUMMER READING NEWS

Order Your Summer Reading Posters by Dec. 10

Summer reading program manuals were shipped to public libraries the earlier this month. Please look for yours and open it immediately for important information!

Note: ICfL shipping records show that every library that submitted its 2022 summer reading report was shipped a manual, and no manual packages were returned to the ICfL. If you can’t find your manual package, please check around the library and with other staff.

Order your library’s free summer reading posters from the ICfL by December 10:

<https://form.jotform.com/icfl/CSLP-poster-requests-2023-idaho>

If you don't choose which four posters your library wants, one of each of the children's, teen, adult, and early literacy will be ordered for you.



Some fun facts about Idaho Summer Reading 2022:

Here are some stats from the reports Idaho public libraries submitted:

- 127 libraries, branches, and bookmobiles hosted a program; two did not.
- 40,063 children and teens participated in library (in-house) programs, an increase of nearly 6% over 2021.
- Through outreach programs in the community, libraries reported reaching an additional 37,035 children and teens, an increase of more than 16% from outreach numbers in 2021.
- The total number of children and teens served with some kind of library summer reading program or service totaled 77,098 in 2022, an increase of 10.5% from the previous year.
- 70 public and school libraries received a summer STEM grant, which was made possible through a partnership with the Idaho STEM Action Center.
- Approximately 7,000 books were purchased with the donation from the Scottish Rite Masons of Idaho and distributed to all Idaho public libraries that submitted a 2021 summer reading report.

Congratulations!

Every library that submitted its 2022 Summer Reading Report by the deadline of September 15 was entered into a drawing for a free CSLP 2022 "Oceans of Possibilities" T-shirt. Congratulations to the following drawing winners (we drew three this year):

Kim Ward, Pierce Public Library

Amanda Berardinelli, Garden City Public Library

Jaime Yob, Priest Lake District Library

Thanks to all the libraries that submitted their reports on time! The ICfL must report to the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) each fall, submitting data and descriptions of how Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) funds were used. The summer program support that the ICfL provides to

public libraries is funded with LSTA dollars, and we greatly appreciate having the reports on time so that we can compile the data and write our reports by our deadline.

Nominate Your Library for the 2023 Summer Learning Awards

Each year, the National Summer Learning Association (NSLA) recognizes programs that provide high quality summer learning opportunities to young people in communities across the nation. Program candidates for the Summer Learning Awards demonstrate excellence in accelerating academic achievement and promoting healthy development for low-income children and youth between pre-kindergarten and 12th grade.

Think your program has what it takes to be recognized as a national leader? [Apply here](#). Applications must be submitted by December 16, 2022, at 3:00 p.m. MT (5:00 p.m. ET).

2023 Summer Reading Program Manuals Delivered!

Program manual packages were shipped to public libraries in November, so if you haven't opened yours yet, please ask around the library to locate your package. They will arrive in white Tyvek envelopes with this label →



The ICfL purchased manuals for every public library that submitted its 2022 summer program report, and your library will receive the manual format you requested back in July. If your library did not request a specific format, you'll receive the USB format. No matter which format you requested, all public library staff will have access to the manual **online**.

Community or volunteer libraries can contact Jennifer.redford@libraries.idaho.gov.

Online Manual:

With your manual package, you will receive instructions for accessing the electronic manual and artwork on the www.cslpreads.org website. Each member state has been issued a unique state code for all of its public libraries to use. Idaho's code will be provided in the instructions enclosed with your manual package and is also included on the USB tags.



Please **do not share your manual or Idaho's online manual code** with non-public library staff, community partners, or businesses. You can, however, share specific pieces of *copyrighted* artwork with these entities for use on their websites, newsletters, etc. There is a folder on your USB and online labeled "copyrighted images" under "theme art." For other acceptable uses, see [CSLP Rules of Use](#).

FEATURED:

Idaho Family Reading Week Was Wild and Wonderful!

Bees, Bunnies, and Bears! You Know How It Goes . . .

Idaho libraries (and the children and caregivers they served) had a ton of fun during Idaho Family Reading Week. In fact, most of November was “Wild and Wonderful” as 100 Idaho libraries (79 public and 21 school libraries) implemented some truly wild and creative program activities. ICfL staff heard how much librarians loved and embraced the theme! Thanks again to our statewide partners, Idaho Fish & Game and the Idaho Association for the Education of Young Children, for the wonderful resources they provided to libraries and families: WILD About Early Learners training, guide, and posters, Wildlife Express “Idaho Emblems” magazine, and the Kids of Idaho Love to Learn activity kits!

Check out a sampling of fun photos and literacy activity descriptions from a few libraries below:



(Left) “Nearly 300 people attended the Bruce the Bear themed literacy night on November 11, 2022! Bruce the Bear had a wonderful time reading, attending storytime, picking a book to take home, and lots of other activities that earned kids a passport sticker. Kids and grown-ups alike got pics with Bruce and a big time was had by all!” – **West Park Elementary Library, Moscow**

(Right) “Our event took place in a snowstorm, but all of our teachers were there, bundled up, to encourage a love of reading in their students. It was so fun to see how excited the kids were to get their books! We had such great support from our parents in that they would still come out on a stormy night (110 cars!) to get books for their kids.” – **Adams Elementary School Library, Rexburg**





(Left) **Lewiston City Library** had a ton of fun at their Wild Night at the Library event with the Raptor Club.

Birgit the bird sang songs to the children and their stuffed animal sleepover crowd at **Ada Community Library** in Star.

(Right) “[The library] had a guest ranger from Farragut State Park do a special Storytime presentation which was followed by a mountain blue bird craft, exploration of gems and stones using a scale, and magnifying glasses, a fishing game, an Idaho wildlife and state symbols crossword. Plus, there was potato chip tasting, a voting station, and free boxes of "potato spuds" with a recipe, and the ingredients for "Pota-Doh" to take home, in addition to the free books, bookmarks, and activity kits provided!” – **Community Library Network, Rathdrum**



(Left) “Participants were given passports and collected stamps as they visited different stations to learn about the wild wonders in Idaho. Each station had an activity, STEM information about the topic, and a display of books that could be checked out about the topic. We had a drawing for an animal tracks T-shirt . . . When they finished with their passports, they each received a book and bookmark, and each family received a Wildlife Express magazine and Kids of Idaho Love to Learn Kit. We also had a display of early literacy skills and information . . . The families really liked the stations and all the activities we provided. There was a good variety of topics, and the kids were really interested in what they were learning. The free books and kits were a big hit. The kids always love to be able to select and keep their own book.” – **Aberdeen District Library**

(Right) “We had a beekeeper with our storytime. She read the book “Things About Bees” and told the children about beekeeping and brought a lot of stuff to show the children.”
– **Garden Valley District Library**





(Left) “During the week . . . we put up animal footprints around the school. When the students followed the prints, they led to a poster of the animal. For every animal book checked out and read with a family member, students were given a ticket to enter into a daily drawing for free books. During our bookfair/read night, we had a mini petting zoo for the kids and parents! We also had Cinnabun the bunny spent the day at the library!” – **Mary McPherson Elementary, Meridian**

Thank you everyone for your enthusiastic participation in Idaho Family Reading Week this year! If you haven't already, please submit your **program summary report by December 15** (see program website link below). Be sure to complete the school library report if you are school librarian and vice versa.

[More Info](#)

CE NEWS YOU CAN USE

~ by Annie Gaines, Continuing Education (CE) Consultant

Have you heard of the CE Digest newsletter? You can get weekly updates on upcoming free CE opportunities for Idaho library workers by subscribing to the CE Digest newsletter [here](#). For a preview of what the newsletter looks like or more information, visit [this page](#).

ICfL Support for CE

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 there's an online course or webinar from these providers you'd like to take, you can apply for access by completing the corresponding "course access request form" accessible from [this page](#). 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 that you might be able to squeeze into your very busy schedule!

Creating Inclusive Storytime Programs (Library Juice Academy), January 2 - 29, 2023

In this class, you will learn how to create both high-energy and low-energy storytimes to meet the sensory, social-emotional, physical, and cognitive needs of children who have special needs. Class content will include strategies for reaching out to families who may struggle with attending traditional storytime programs, as well as best practices for promoting Sensory Storytimes in a socially and culturally sensitive way.

- [Details & course overview](#)

- [Course access request form \(Library Juice Academy\)](#)

Library Resources and Services for Patrons on the Autism Spectrum (Library Juice Academy), January 2 - 29, 2023

This course will provide librarians with a better understanding of autism spectrum disorder (ASD), effective means of communicating individuals with ASD, strategies for designing inviting and accessible library environments and programming, and suggestions for building relationships with community partners to better serve the needs of patrons with ASD.

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

Let It Go: Weeding Your Library's Collection (Amigos Library Services), January 17 - 19, 2023

Weeding the library's collection is a vital piece of collection development because it provides a more accessible and attractive collection to patrons. Gain techniques for collection assessment, evaluation criteria, weeding policies, and best practices for weeding the collection. Provide effective communication about the process to staff and patrons.

- [Details & course overview](#)
- [Course access request form \(Amigos Library Services\)](#)

Virtual Conferencing Equipment Available for Idaho Library Staff

Through a simple application, eligible Idaho libraries can receive a webcam and/or headset at no cost. Publicly funded public, school, academic, and special libraries are eligible. The virtual conference kits are for library staff to participate remotely in ICfL-sponsored continuing education activities, trainings, or other virtual learning and collaboration opportunities.

The virtual conference kits are available on a first-come, first-served basis to applicants who can show a need for them. The brief application may be accessed [here](#). If approved, the virtual conference kit will be mailed to the applicant library.

DIVERSITY IN ACTION

Bloom: Free books in 533 languages

Over the years several of you have contacted us about finding books in other languages, such as Russian, Swahili, Pashto, and more. Here is a free resource with books in over 500 languages, along with the ability to create your own book in that language.

[Learn More](#)

The screenshot shows the Bloom Library website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'Bloom' on the left, 'READ' and 'CREATE' in the center, and a search bar on the right containing the text 'search for books'. Below the navigation bar, the main heading is 'Bloom Library'. Underneath, it says 'Free Books in Your Language' followed by '12,627 books'. A section titled 'Find Books By Language' features a search bar with '533 Languages' and a grid of language categories. Each category includes the language name, its native script, and the number of books available. The visible categories are: Spanish (933 books), French (806 books), Russian (666 books), Kyrgyz (534 books), Hausa (474 books), Tok Pisin (375 books), and Thai (328 books). There is also a 'More' link on the right side of the grid.

Language	Books
español / Spanish	933 books
français / French	806 books
На русском языке / Russian	666 books
Кыргыз тилинде / Kyrgyz	534 books
Hausa	474 books
Tok Pisin	375 books
ภาษาไทย / Thai	328 books

STEAM

Do You Know About the Idaho STEM EcosySTEM?

Idaho is part of a group that shares strategies and resources with each other for creating a STEM workforce pipeline, training STEM teachers, and building the type of infrastructure that will allow for partners to work together for shared goals and needs.

The EcosySTEM includes a robust group of engaged partners including pre-K-12, post-secondary, and out-of-school education, business and industry, state agencies, legislators, and the Governor's office. There are three EcosySTEM hubs around the state, and libraries are involved in some level with all of them. Get involved or just stay in the know by [signing up for the Idaho EcosySTEM newsletter](#). You can also join colleagues from around the state at the next in-person convening on March 30-31 in Fort Hall.

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STEM Storytime in a Box



Idaho Public Television and the Idaho Commission for Libraries have partnered to create a program for library staff and early childhood professionals to increase their early STEM knowledge. With funding provided by STEM Action Center and support from Project Learning Tree and Ready! for Kindergarten, participants will receive resources to integrate early STEM into storytime activities. Idaho STARS credit available. There are still a few boxes left.

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BOOK LOOK

2022 YALSA Teens' Top Ten Titles Announced

The Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA), a division of the American Library Association, has officially announced the 2022 Teen's Top Ten winners. The Teens' Top Ten is a "teen choice" list, where teens nominate and choose their favorite books of the previous year. Nominators are members of teen book groups from 16 school and public libraries around the country selected by YALSA to participate.

This year's list of winners features 10 titles that were published between January 1, 2021, and December 31, 2021.

10 Truths and a Dare, by Ashley Elston

Ace of Spades, by Faridah Àbíké-Íyímídé

All of Us Villains, by Amanda Foody and Christine Herman

All These Bodies, by Kendare Blake

Concrete Rose, by Angie Thomas

The Hawthorne Legacy, by Jennifer Lynn Barnes

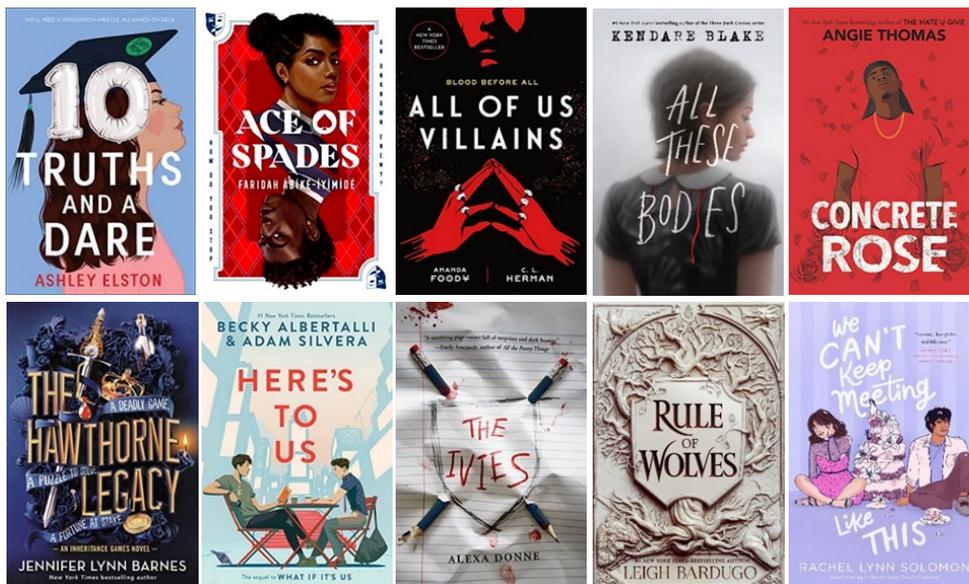
Here's to Us, by Becky Albertalli and Adam Silvera

The Ivies, by Alexa Donne

Rule of Wolves, by Leigh Bardugo

We Can't Keep Meeting Like This, by Rachel Lynn Solomon

A list showing the other nominees and an annotated list is also available at ala.org/yalsa/teenstopten.



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