Welcome
By Staci Shaw

The “Scoop” team has been out and about quite a bit in the last few weeks, attending trainings and visiting libraries. We love to see you and all the great things you’re doing in your libraries! Remember to send us photos and blurbs about your events so we can share them in the Library to Library section. And, if you have an idea for an article please send it our way. You can find our contact information on the last page of this issue.

Most of you are knee-deep in summer reading program planning, so be sure to check out all the great resources provided by ICfL, as well as local and national organizations, in the Summer Reading News section!

Library to Library

Library improvements at Glenns Ferry and Making at DeMary Library

As we sped east to the first of the Read to Me Spring Trainings in Pocatello, Tammy, Staci, Jennifer, and Kristina had a chance to stop in and visit with library staff at several libraries along the way: Glenns Ferry, DeMary, and Burley.

The first stop brought us up to speed on all the new physical improvements being made by Glenns Ferry Director Jennifer Trail (pictured below with Jennifer Redford and Kristina Taylor). She is using donation funds from the Laura Moore Cunningham Foundation to make some long-needed changes, including: a new sign out front with seasonal advertising of programs, a new children’s area (pictured below), more computer room space and new shelves for all the adult books (the improved shelves will also let in more natural light to the main area).
Jennifer also showed us some pictures of her recent story-themed mini-golf course for her teen program, including this life-sized fairytale book designed and made by one of her youth patrons (pictured below). The teens loved the mini-golf and several commented that they had never had the chance to play the game before!

Our next stop brought Staci and Kristina to De Mary Public Library in Rupert. We chatted with Library Director Shambry Emero and Children’s Programmer Sheri Wickard about their recent participation as a “Maker Guide” at the Make It Training earlier last week in Boise. They were excited for the opportunity to share what they have learned over the years about Maker spaces and programming with emerging makers at the training. They have a corner of their program area dedicated to the design-thinking process. Sheri also showed us the many, many items she has been creating and cutting with her Cricut
machine, saving her a lot of time to dream up new ideas for her children’s programming, and some of the projects from their Cardboard Challenge.

The final stop brought Tammy and Jennifer to the Burley Public Library where they visited with library director Julie Woodford and IT Guru Jerry and heard all about the fascinating history of the building and the evolution of library services to the community.

**Meridian librarian named “Mover and Shaker”**

Congratulations to Skye Corey, Youth Services Librarian at the Meridian Library District, who was named one of “Library Journal’s” 2019 Movers and Shakers!

*Read Idaho Press article, March 27, 2019…*

**Literacy Nights at Lakeside Elementary are the place to be!**

*Photos submitted by school librarian Dana Broderson*

Lakeside Elementary in the Plummer/Worley school district makes literacy night school an event no one wants to miss! Lucky for everyone, the fun happens often. In October, the Fall Festival Family Literacy Night and Book Giveaway featured dinner and fun activities with books for prizes. For Idaho Family Reading Week in November, Lakeside honored the heritage of many local families at their annual Native American Storytelling Day. A Native American storyteller performed, and presentations by the local birds of prey center—and the first aviary in the Pacific Northwest federally permitted for the collection of eagle feathers—engaged everyone. Forts and Flashlights was a big hit, too! December saw the Polar Express
come through, read by the Polar Express conductor (AKA the school’s principal). Jammies were worn, hot chocolate was sipped, and stories were enjoyed.

### Luck favors the prepared in Buhl

Photos submitted by Linda Henderson, Children’s Librarian at the Buhl Public Library

Based on former First Lady Lori Otter’s book, “Ida Prepares,” the Buhl Public Library hosted a very successful event last month called “Surviving Where You Are.” Staff from FEMA, Idaho Power, Buhl Fire Department, Red Cross, Fairview Veterinarian Hospital, and Alternative Cooking each had information tables, and KMVT provided great coverage of the event. A copy of “Ida Prepares” was provided to the attending families and the library put together a budget survival kit to give away in a door prize drawing.

“This information is vital in this world of uncertainty and you just don’t know when we will need to tap into it,” said Linda Henderson. “It was a very successful program because we had professionals who are trained for emergency preparedness on hand to answer questions and give information to our participants.” In particular were several people with disabilities who wanted to ask how about plans for survival in case of an emergency.
Later in March the library received a hefty donation from Popplewell Elementary, who chose the library’s Children’s Department as the recipient of its annual spring Penny Drive. “I thought WOW, how wonderful, and I was expecting maybe around $100.00,” said Linda, “but teacher Sarah Castleberry called and said the children had raised 84,271 pennies!!! I was overwhelmed and humbled to say the least.” Linda attended the school assembly to receive the donation check, and plans to spend the money on STEM materials that all the children can enjoy at the library.

YOUNG ADULT CORNER

New Diverse Titles on YALSA’s Teen Book Finder Database

YALSA’s Teen Book Finder Database has been recently updated with all of YALSA’s 2019 book & media award winners and selected lists, along with titles from ALA’s affiliates such as the American Indian Library Association, Association of Jewish Libraries, Coretta Scott King Award, Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Round Table, and more. Learn more.

Register Now! April Webinar: What Does it Take to be Career Ready

April 11, 2PM EST; 4 PM MDT
Free for YALSA Members and Idaho Library Staff (normally $29 Non-Members or $59 yearly subscription)
Join us for a webinar on the importance of understanding the difference between job readiness and career awareness. Participants will learn about a report published by King County (WA), the Seattle Region Partnership, and the Seattle Office of Economic Development, “Job Readiness Skills for Youth a Clear and Actionable Definition.” The report, which will be used to help guide the webinar, highlights the importance of early work experiences, provides a list of “soft skill” competencies required on the job, and helps define a developmental continuum to better match youth with employers and work experiences. Email Jennifer for a link to register for free.

KINDERGARTEN READY CORNER

Jump Start Kindergarten: Don’t forget to request materials for K events

The Jump Start Kindergarten webpage has been updated with newly outlined requirements, updated resources and current registration forms.
Colored, printed copies of our two new Jump Start parent/caregiver handouts are available to request when you register. Check them out:

![Image of Bingo and Ready to Read handouts]

**NOTE:** The five early literacy skills reminder magnets are now out of stock and unavailable for the remainder of the spring.

For those of you who have completed your Jump Start events, don’t forget to complete a program summary report for ICfL found here:

[More Info]

If you have leftover magnets or books that were not needed for your K event, please return them to the ICfL office or to any ICfL staff member who you may see this month. **We especially need magnets as we are currently out of stock.** Thanks!

[Learn More / Register]

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**SCHOOL ZONE**

**Celebrate National School Libraries Month!**

2019 is an exciting year for School Library Month – the theme is Everyone Belongs @ Your School Library, and Dav Pilkey is the spokesperson. The AASL website provides:

- an excellent (and kind of moving) PSA from Dav Pilkey;
- webinars throughout the month on the ins and outs of comics and graphic novels in the school library including conquering challenges and protecting students’ right to read;
- website graphics;
- a printable poster; and
- proclamation templates.

Take some time this April to celebrate the school library, students’ right to read, and all the hard work you do every day! Maybe have some cake, too.
Idaho Battle of the Books (IBOB) 2019 Tournaments were a big success!

The IBOB Tournaments are getting better every year! The Region 3 Tournament saw 24 teams competing from schools in Boise, Meridian, Eagle, Gooding and Carey. Teams from East Jr. High took home all the hardware with team “White But Not” in First Place and team “Anonymous Chickens?” in the Number Two spot. Both teams are pictured (right) with their librarian and coach extraordinaire, Rashelle Mack.


Interested in starting a program for high school? Contact IBOB at idahobattleofthebooks@gmail.com for help getting started!

Registration for Summer Summit 2019 is OPEN!

Summer Summit 2019 for School Librarians will take place July 9-11 in beautiful Coeur d’Alene! Join us for a July 9th meeting for district coordinators and librarians who are interested in leadership, and on July 10th and 11th, for a conference jam-packed with information, networking, discussion, and learning for Idaho school librarians from publicly funded schools serving grades in K-12. Visit https://libraries.idaho.gov/school-libraries/summer-summit/ to review the agenda and register. This one fills up quickly, so be sure to register soon! Contact Jeannie.standal@libraries.idaho.gov with questions.
Check list for summer preparations:

- Beach bag packed
- Camping gear ready
- Summer Reading partnership with public library set up
- Summer Slide defeated

**April Is Poetry Month**

Take a look at *April’s Low Hanging Fruit* to learn more.

**Nonfiction Book of the Month**: “Educated” by Idaho author Tara Westover. A great summer read for high school students and teachers alike! It is a 2019 Alex Award Winner, which is a YALSA award for books written for adults but have special appeal for young adults.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Save the Date: RTM Fall Training**

Read to Me offers a two-day training, with a focus on early literacy topics, for youth services staff every other year. This year we have scheduled the training for **November 6 and November 7, 2019, in Boise** at the Oxford Suites.

We will be working with potential presenters and developing the agenda throughout this spring and summer. We will send out more detailed information sometime this spring.

**Read to Me Regional Trainings – register today!**

- **Friday, April 12th, Boise**, at the Oxford Suites - **registration deadline is April 5th!**
- **Thursday, May 2nd, Moscow**, at the Best Western/University Inn - **registration deadline is April 24th!**

Idaho public and school library staff are welcome to register for this free youth services training.

**Agenda:**

Morning: Basic Storytime Training - the Why, the How, the Structure, the Prep, the Set-Up, the Resources, the Stuff!

Lunch & sharing by regional grantees of preliminary impact/results from ICfL’s “Kindergarten Readiness Grants”
Afternoon: Youth Services Programming: Summer Reading, NASA kits, and Kindergarten Readiness.

- Learn about NASA @ My Library Grant program opportunities, kits and (hopefully) a regional NASA Ambassador speaker
- Sharing of new kindergarten/school readiness opportunities/activities to be supported by ICfL
- Program Evaluation – examples of how to evaluate: Summer Reading, Summer STEM Grant, NASA, Storytimes
- Roundtables: Youth Services topics/sharing/networking
- A surprise maker activity to cool you off this summer – you don’t want to miss this!

Learn More / Register

National Celebrations

April
NAEYC Week of the Young Child: April 8-12
National Library Week (April 7-13)
Earth Day (April 22)

Children's Book Week (April 29-May 5)
School Library Month
National Poetry Month
Drop Everything and Read (D.E.A.R.) Month

May
Children's Book Week (April 29-May 5)
Star Wars Day (May 4)
Free Comic Book Day (May 4)
Teacher Appreciation Week (May 6 – 10)
Asian-Pacific Heritage Month

TIPS AND TOOLS

Archived NASA webinar: Partnering with local space experts

The NASA Night Sky Network recently offered a webinar on NASA In Your Neighborhood - Partnering with local space experts. The ½ hour recording is available at youtu.be/w9Hkr5JDn7I. Check the video’s description for clickable links to the resources mentioned in the webinar.
Storytime Blog by Idaho Librarian

In our recent Storytime training in Pocatello, Youth Services Librarian Vivian Milius (Madison District Library) shared her blog, which contains hundreds of ideas for storytimes. You can find songs, rhymes, fingerplays, book suggestions and more, about a wide range of storytime topics.

Check it out here: As I See It

SUMMER READING NEWS

Register for Bright Futures – Outreach to Underserved app still open!

Who may apply: Publicly funded public libraries in Idaho

Parent Outreach and School Partnerships Bright Futures applications are now closed, but Summer Outreach to Underserved Children application is open until May 1st.

Summer Outreach to Underserved Children: Take your summer reading program out in the community and receive paperback books and bookmarks to give to children ages birth to 18. Deadline: May 1, 2019

All libraries participating in a Bright Futures Outreach Program must formally evaluate their summer reading program.

Apply

Space-themed resources from the Discovery Center of Idaho

From Janice Alexander at the Discovery Center of Idaho:

The Discovery Center of Idaho (DCI) is excited to be able to partner with Idaho libraries on this summer’s Universe of Stories theme! A partnership with the National Informal STEM Education Network (NISE) has allowed DCI a number of options for accessing astronomy resources that can enhance programming at libraries in Boise and throughout the state.

On May 16, 2019, DCI will host an Open House just for library staff at our facility in downtown Boise. We will have our new astronomy-themed exhibition – Sun, Earth, Universe – out on the floor to explore and inspire. We’ll be displaying a variety of hands-on activities that are available to borrow as a kit or to schedule for DCI Educators to facilitate with library patrons. To reserve your spot or let us know you want to connect, click HERE.
For libraries outside of the greater Treasure Valley area that are unable to travel to our event or pick up kits, NISE resources are available online at http://www.nisenet.org/earthspacekit. All are welcome to download lessons and materials lists to build and run the activities on their own, and helpful training videos are included for each activity.

For further details or questions, please contact DCI’s Education Manager, Janice Alexander, at j.alexander@dcidaho.org or 208-343-9895 x235. We look forward to exploring literacy and STEM with you this summer!

2019 Summer Reading Program Webinars

Youth Services Consultants from state agencies around the country have graciously shared their 2019 Summer Reading Program webinars. Check them out for additional programming ideas.

- Indiana SRP Webinar
- Michigan SRP Webinar
- New Mexico SRP Webinar

From CSLP (Collaborative Summer Library Program):

2019 Teen Video Challenge

Looking for an easy program to share with your teens? The 2019 TVC has been streamlined to help make participating in this contest easier than ever!

- Instead of state winners, there will be 5 national winners. Just have your teens submit a link to their video.
- The program will accept submissions June 1-Aug 2, 2019, so that the program can be incorporated into summer programs (it’s still a great opportunity to partner with schools with video production classes or clubs; students can produce the videos as a class project and submit them in June!)
- Videos will be limited to 60 seconds, making this a much more doable project for small teams.
- Permission and model release forms will only be required from the winning entries (completing the forms is a requirement to receive prizes and acknowledgement).
- The TVC Ad-Hoc Committee will convene a judging panel from CSLP partners and members.
- Video uploads will not be limited to YouTube and Vimeo; rather, teens can upload to the social media outlet of their choice.

For more information, as well as the contest entry form, visit: www.cslpreads.org/programs/teen-program/2019-teen-video-challenge/

Call for nominations for CSLP Board

The Nominating and Leadership Development Committee is seeking nominations for election to the CSLP Board, with terms beginning January 2020.
The open positions are:

President-elect (President-elect, President, Past-President)
Secretary (2-year term)
Treasurer (2-year term)
Membership Committee Chair (2-year term)
Vendor Chair (2-year term)
At-Large Position (2) (2-year term)
Chair of the Children’s Program Committee (2-year term)

We are seeking nominations through April 30, 2019. We have created a Google form at http://bit.ly/CSLP2020Nominations so you can self-nominate. If you know someone you would like to nominate, please consider doing so! The Nominating and Leadership Development Committee will follow up with everyone who is nominated. Elections will take place at the Annual Meeting in Indianapolis during the third week of September.

Read more in the March CSLP Newsletter.

FEATURED: Waterford UPSTART

Kindergarten Readiness opportunity available through Waterford UPSTART

Through an Education Innovation Research (EIR) Grant awarded by the US Department of Education, Idaho will join five states in piloting the Waterford UPSTART program, an at-home kindergarten readiness computer program which has been used in Utah and other states for the past several years. Supporting the belief that learning begins at home, the program is designed to help parents be their child’s first teacher. The program and support staff will be provided at no cost to families.

For the upcoming 2019-2020 school year, 200 families will be accepted into the program. Those families have already been chosen; however, Waterford will be recruiting 400 families for the 2020-2021 school year. You can help recruit those families in the library and through outreach now.

ICfL is supporting the recruitment of Idaho families in the pilot for the following reasons:

- The program targets children in the year before kindergarten (they are recruiting families with three-year-olds now for the 2020-2021 year).
- Technology is provided at no cost to qualifying participants, and all families are paired with a Family Education Liaison (FEL), who provides personalized updates, guidance, and encouragement.
- Waterford UPSTART will provide a FREE Chromebook (which families may keep upon completion of the program), as well as internet while families are enrolled in the program (must qualify).
- A version of the software is available in Spanish and other languages.
Read more details about the program…

“The software has fun but educational games to teach kids the reading, math, and science skills they need to be successful in school,” says Waterford’s Isaac Troyo. “Research shows that many Waterford UPSTART graduates enter kindergarten reading at nearly a first-grade level.”

To find out more about UPSTART, including studies conducted by the company regarding the program’s effectiveness, see https://www.waterfordupstart.org/results/.

Two flyers are provided for you to display in your library or take to your outreach partners, one in English and one in Spanish. The pre-registration information is included on each of those. The direct link is: https://www.waterfordupstart.org/pre-register/

Questions about this program may be directed to:

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CE NEWS YOU CAN USE

Let April shower you with all kinds of ways to continue to bloom in your education. Consider participating in a free webinar or plan for an early summer conference. First-time attendees might qualify for a grant from ICfL to help cover some of the costs.

Webinars

Info2Go! NASA @ My Library
April 15, 12:30 pm MDT; 11:30 am PDT.
You don’t want to miss this lift off! Get a peek into the NASA @ My Library kits while reviewing their activities and contents. Tips and additional resources will be shared to ensure you have a successful mission.

Register

NoveList Plus & NoveList Plus K-8 — a LiLI webinar
April 16, 2:00 pm MDT; 1:00 pm PDT.
NoveList Plus has reading recommendations for both fiction and nonfiction, for all ages. NoveList’s expertise in books and reading means that you’ll always get the best help for finding just the right books. Learn how to use these fun tools for readers advisory, working with youth, book clubs, promotional activities, and more.

Register
Conferences

Learn more about applying for an ICfL first time conference grant.

- **American Library Association (ALA)** - June 20-25 Washington D.C.
- **Special Libraries Association (SLA)** - June 14-18; Cleveland, OH
- **Nation of Makers (NomCon)** - June 14-16; Chattanooga, TN

Other No-cost CE:

**Wellness in the Library Workplace (two-week webinar course)**
May 20 – June 2, 2019

Individual and community well-being are inherently connected. It’s critical that workplaces provide an environment of wellness for their employees. As part of her presidential theme on Wellness, ALA-Allied Professional Association (ALA-APA) President **Loida Garcia-Febo** has partnered with the National Network of Libraries of Medicine (NNLM) to bring a complimentary two-week course to library workers worldwide. (requires free registration on NNLM website)

**New Books for Storytime (webinar)**
Tuesday, April 23, 3 PM EST; 5 PM MDT

Join presenter Penny Peck to discover new picture books to re-energize your storytimes. This webinar will focus on new picture books that will engage the storyline audience, including books that invite audience participation, books based on songs and nursery rhymes, books that promote early literacy skills and kindergarten readiness, and websites useful to storyline planning.

DIVERSITY IN ACTION

**Last-Minute Día Planning**

Children's Day, Book Day - El día de los niños, El día de los libros, or simply Día, is observed on April 30 and every day of the year.

Día is a nationally recognized initiative that emphasizes the importance of literacy for all children from all backgrounds. It is a daily commitment to linking children and their families to diverse books, languages and cultures. The common goals of all Día programming are to:

- Celebrate children and connect them to the world of learning through books, stories and libraries;
• Nurture cognitive and literacy development in ways that honor and embrace a child’s home language and culture;
• Introduce families to community resources that provide opportunities for learning through multiple literacies; and to
• Recognize and respect culture, heritage and language as powerful tools for strengthening families and communities.

Free planning booklet: www.patmora.com/dia-planning-booklet
Resources from ALSC: dia.ala.org

Did you know? Dia founder Pat Mora will be at the Idaho Library Association annual conference in Nampa in October! Just one of many reasons to attend!

**KNOW THE NUMBERS**

**Scholastic’s “Kids & Family Reading Report” 2nd installment released**

The “Kids & Family Reading Report” is a national survey sharing the views of both kids and parents on reading books for fun and the influences that impact kids’ reading frequency and attitudes toward reading. It is a biennial report with 2019 unveiling the seventh edition, released in three installments.

The second installment focuses on three findings:

“Reading to Navigate the World”:
• The decline by nine
• Families expect more from children’s books
• What reading means to kids
• The social-emotional side of reading

“Books & Characters to Reflect Our Diverse World”:
• Diversity in children’s books is highly inclusive
• Many children and parents want diversity in books
• The demand for diversity is on the rise
• Characters build character

“Access Matters: Reading Role Models & Books”:
• Kids need help finding books
• Reading role models show kids the way
• Books at home and in the classroom provide access
• When kids choose, kids read
“The Rise of Read-Aloud”:
- More parents are reading aloud to their young children
- The family read-aloud experience is overwhelmingly positive
- Read-Aloud frequency diminishes rapidly as children grow older
- How to make read-aloud fit in, regardless of age

STEAM

See the following in this issue:

- Archived NASA Webinar
- Space-themed resources from the Discover Center of Idaho
- Info 2 Go: NASA at my library
2020 Young Reader’s Choice Award Nominees Announced by the Pacific Northwest Library Association

Junior Division (Grades 4-6):

- “The Epic Fail of Arturo Zamora” by Pablo Cartaya
- “The Pants Project” by Cat Clarke
- “Restart” by Gordon Korman
- “Refugee” by Alan Gratz
- “The Wizards of Once” by Cressida Cowell
- “The Tiny Hero of Ferny Creek Library” by Linda Bailey
- “The Trials of Morrigan Crow” by Jessica Townsend
- “WishTree” by Katherine Applegate

Intermediate Division (Grades 7-9)

- “Blood Rose Rebellion” by Rosalyn Eves
- “Caraval” by Stephanie Garber
- “Exo” by Fonda Lee
- “Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus” by Dusti Bowling
- “Invictus” by Ryan Graudin
- “The Librarian of Auschwitz” by Antonio Iturb
d
- “Saints and Misfits” by S.K. Ali
- “Stranger than Fanfiction” by Chris Colfer

Senior Division (Grades 10-12)

- “American Street” by Ibi Zoboi
- “The Hate U Give” by Angie Thomas
- “The Marrow Thieves” by Cherie Dimaline
- “One of Us is Lying” by Karen M. McManus
- “That Inevitable Victorian Thing” by E.K. Johnston
- “They Both Die at the End” by Adam Silvera
- “Turtles All the Way Down” by John Green
- “Wintersong” by S. Jae-Jones

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