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SPECIAL EDITION: LIBRARY SERVICES DURING COVID-19

Notices and resources are being shared widely, and we're getting lots of questions from Idaho library staff. This special edition of The Scoop compiles as much as possible in one convenient place for you.

If you are not subscribed to LibIdaho (the Idaho library staff listserv), please do so! Important notifications are coming out daily, and LibIdaho is the best way for you to stay in the know.

To subscribe: Go to www.idaholibraries.org/LibIdaho.

ICFL Remains Open/Most Staff Still Available

As of today, the ICfL is creating a rotating schedule to ensure that a staff member from every area of our organization is on-hand, in the office, to support your needs and help answer questions during this time. Plans right now include keeping the Talking Book Service up and running until further notice. There will be a delay in our check in-out process as we get more staff trained and implement national recommendations for material quarantine and cleaning. If you know of TBS patrons who are wondering about their access to TBS books, have them give us a call at (208) 334-2150.

Let's Chat!

Your ICfL Youth Services Team will be live via Zoom on **Thursday, March 19th, at 2:00 p.m. MST**. We would like to invite all Idaho Youth Services library staff and School Librarians to join us for a discussion about how your library is serving families during the COVID-19 crisis, and any other topics that attendees want to discuss. Here's the link to join the Zoom meeting: https://zoom.us/j/2086394147

GENERAL GUIDANCE

State of Idaho COVID-19 Resources Page

State of Idaho COVID-19 Resources for Schools

ALA's Executive Board Recommendation

ALA's Pandemic Preparedness Tool

LibGuide from the Massachusetts Library System

Talking with Kids About Coronavirus:

- Info from Scholastic
- Info from PBS
- Cartoon from NPR

LEARNING RESOURCES FOR LIBRARIES

Streaming Storytimes & Other Digital Resources

(Compiled by Beth Yates at the Indiana State Library)

The following list of resources and guidelines is for those considering streaming storytimes or other digital strategies for providing storytime content. Please note that we are not lawyers, and the following should not be taken as legal advice.

Read about Fair Use and Copyright from School Library Journal's, *"A Crisis—as in School Closures Due to Coronavirus—Justifies Fair Use, Say Librarians"*

You also must be careful to not use copyrighted songs; stick to classics in the public domain.

If you're uncomfortable, get the permission of the author. You can write the author directly, or more often to the publisher to get this permission. Luckily, because of the current crisis, a number of authors have been giving permission on their social media pages for librarians to use their books for streamed (generally *not* permanently posted) storytimes for the length of the school closures; in some cases they are even reading books aloud themselves or offering drawing classes, and more!

- The Facebook group Storytime Underground has compiled a list of authors and what they are offering here. There are also other suggestions on tabs in this document—check it out! It is being continuously updated. Joining the group Storytime Underground or the Programming Librarian Interest Group on Facebook is another way to see the latest information being shared.

- Here is another list with author permissions
- Another group is keeping track of live author readings and other streamed storytime events on this calendar.
- Storyline Online offers books read by celebs which are free to share. These could be posted on your library social media pages.

Note: In most cases authors have given permission just during the crisis, so do not post storytimes permanently to your YouTube channels, etc. Live streaming means you are not keeping the content somewhere public on a permanent basis. Delete things after a short period if they do save and post to your page. These are all best practices.

Looking for other online/virtual programming ideas for kids, teens, and adults?

- Here is a list of program ideas compiled by Storytime Underground members.
- A list of streaming resources/activities, such as Lunch Doodles with Mo Willems.
- Scholastic Learn at Home is providing lots of free activities you can share with your patrons.
- A LibGuide that pulls a number of resources into one place.

Streaming and Copyright

From the ARSL listserv in response to a question about virtual storytimes; response from Carrie Russell:

"I'm the copyright specialist for ALA, and while I cannot provide you with legal advice, here is my professional opinion.

Because of exigent circumstances (the closing of library etc., due to the virus), your use of online technology to deliver story time is a clear fair use, meaning that it is not an infringement to conduct these public performances.

Here is a good explanation of why this is true: https://kylecourtney.com/2020/03/11/covid-19-copyright-library-superpowers-part-i/

Some book publishers are making public statements that it's okay for libraries to conduct online story time considering what is going on in the world. This is a very nice gesture, but I want you to also understand, that even without publisher approval, this use is a fair use. The social benefits far outweigh any revenue that rights holders would otherwise collect.

This article from School Library Journal also has useful information: Kid Lit Authors Step Up to Help Educators, Students, and Parents."

Penguin Random House Permissions

In order to encourage reading and classroom read-aloud experiences, and to support schools and public libraries forced to close by the escalating COVID-19 outbreak, Penguin Random House is permitting teachers, librarians, and booksellers to create and share story time and read-aloud videos and live events, according to the following guidelines:

Continue reading…

Other Useful Links

- The Kidlit Events calendar of virtual book readings and lessons from notable authors.
- KidLit TV: Explore the world of children's literature with shows, podcasts, activities and more.
- Reading Connects Us: A newsletter about virtual learning that is full of links to lessons, things authors are sharing, etc.
- Picture Book Read Alouds: this is made up of authors reading their own work, including a list from the Indianapolis Public Library with more than 100 titles, and titles in other languages.
- Read, Wonder, and Learn: Authors and illustrators share resources for learning anywhere.
- Authors Everywhere: A YouTube channel with authors sharing their books and work.
- Storyline online: Watch celebrities read your favorite picture books.
- Jarrett Learner's Activity Page: lots of printouts/activities that encourage creativity and story creation.
- Authors and their permissions from Storytime Underground
- Tucked in Tuesdays feature teachers and librarians reading a bedtime story
- Free Tools for Online Teaching and Learning During School Closures: from School Library Journal, March 16, 2020.

Free Tumblebooks Subscription

TumbleBooks, a world leader in online children's book databases, announced today it will make its family of online libraries available for free to all public libraries until at least August 31.

Its flagship product, TumbleBooklibrary (www.tumblebooklibrary.com) is a collection of animated talking picture books, read-alongs, ebooks, quizzes, lesson plans, and educational games which is used by thousands of schools and public libraries in more than 100 countries across the world.

It is inviting public libraries across North America to email info@tumblebooks.com with subject line Free TumbleBooks in order to receive free links to all three TumbleBook databases, so they can be shared and accessed by their patrons from the comfort and safety of their homes.

LEARNING RESOURCES FOR FAMILIES

Too Small to Fail "Family Staycation Kit"

Too Small to Fail has created a new resource to help all families make the most of their time at #HomeWithKids:

"TALKING IS TEACHING: TALK, READ, SING" FAMILY STAYCATION KIT

This resource provides families with ideas for ways they can talk, read, sing, and play their way through the day—just with things they might already have at home. It also includes ways parents, caregivers, and children can practice healthy habits like handwashing and staying active.

More Info

Scholastic Distance Learning – 20 Days Free

The Scholastic Learn at Home website provides all students with 20 days' worth of learning journeys that span the content areas. The site supports students with approximately three hours of learning opportunities per day, including projects, articles and stories, virtual field trips, reading and geography challenges, and more.

The Scholastic Learn at Home website does not require a username or password and is open freely to all, on any device. It is designed to limit the need for printing and allow students to learn independently or with their families.

Other Resources:

Reading Rockets: When School Is Closed: Resources to Keep Kids Learning at Home.

Unite for Literacy: Free e-books in several different languages, with read-aloud options.

Coloring Pages from Every Child a Reader, in celebration of Children's Book Week.

Read, Wonder, and Learn - this is a lot of authors sharing lessons, excerpts, etc., from their books.

Authors Everywhere - A YouTube channel with authors sharing their books and work; will also, hopefully, host panels and other discussions.

Scholastic's Learn at Home - Daily lesson plans that include books from Weston Woods, activities, and more.

Jarrett Lerner's Activities Page lots of printouts/activities that encourage creativity and story creation - I think a fun thing to do would be to pick a certain page and encourage all kids (and adults!) to work on it and then have them tag the library on social media in their finished work.

LIBRARY CLOSURES & COMMUNICATION

ICfL gathering statewide library closure/services info

If you are a public library in Idaho and are suspending programs or closing temporarily due to the COVID-19, please let the Idaho Commission for Libraries know of your plans. We are attempting to centralize this information due to the high volume of inquiries we are receiving.

Also, please let us know if you are offering alternative innovative services during a closure, such as online checkout and curbside pickup, etc.

And finally, please let us know if your library is accepting deliveries. We have scheduled deliveries for several programs, including Pinwheels for Prevention, My First Books, Jump Start, etc., and can hold those if necessary.

Your contact for providing this information is Nancy Holt, nancy.holt@libraries.idaho.gov. Thank you for keeping us informed, and we wish you all good health and safety in your communities.

PROGRAMS & GRANTS

ICfL Grant Adjustments

Some of you may have questions about how cancelled or delayed programming will affect your ICfL-funded grant. Please look for email communication from the ICfL staff member leading your grant program for further guidance or reach out to them with specific grant-related questions.

SLA Mini-Grants

2020-2021 Grant Year: The application deadline for the Elementary School Library Access Mini-Grants Rounds 1 & 2 has been extended to April 15, 2020. As a result, award notification will be postponed, as well.

Learn More/Apply

2019-2020 Grant Year: If you need extra time to submit your final report, please contact Jeannie.standal@libraries.idaho.gov. Please Note: All dollars and cents of the grant funds still must be spent by March 27, 2020. All funds that have not been spent by March 27, 2020 must be returned.

My First Books

At this time, the application deadline for this program will remain as April 20, 2020. We will reassess in a few weeks; if libraries are having difficulties getting their community partners to submit their information forms, we may need to extend the deadline.

PLEASE DO NOT SUBMIT THE LIBRARY'S APPLICATION UNTIL ALL COMMUNITY PARTNERS HAVE SUBMITTED THEIR FORMS.

Learn More/Apply

COVID-19 Response Grant Fund from ICF

Please help spread the word in your communities about a new fund created by the Idaho Community Foundation, United Way of Treasure Valley, and the Idaho Nonprofit Center in response to the Covid-19 situation. Funding will be available across the state to "provide immediate and long-term support on a rolling basis to organizations that work with people affected by the virus, including those who are

enduring economic hardship as a result of lost work and economically vulnerable people affected by closures of services on which they rely. We will notify nonprofits once the criteria for receiving grants from the COVID-19 Response Fund for Idaho has been developed."

Check the Idaho Nonprofit Center website for more grant details:

More Info

Shipping for MFB, Jump Start, Outreach Programs etc.

ICfL staff is trying to determine per program and per library when to ship or hold items/books/etc. which were scheduled to ship out this month or in April. We are getting lots of updates by the hour and are attempting to keep up with this information. If we are uncertain whether your library is open and/or able to receive shipments while you are closed, we will error on the side of caution and NOT send your items until after March 31st or later. If you DO want your items shipped as your staff is working behind the scenes and preparing for later, please let us know by calling or emailing the ICfL staff member leading that program.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (ONLINE)

Middle Grade Magic: A Virtual Event Dedicated to Middle Grade Literature

April 8, 2020 – ONLINE

Join *School Library Journal* for its second annual Middle Grade Magic virtual summit, a day-long celebration and exploration of one of the burgeoning and most important areas of publishing for young readers: literature for children ages eight through 12 and beyond! Attendees will get a behind-the-scenes glimpse at some of the most anticipated new titles for kids and tweens, from laugh-out-loud tales or eye-popping graphic novels, to enveloping fantasy. Attendees will also have the opportunity to check out the virtual exhibit hall, chat directly with authors, download educational resources, and receive prizes and giveaways.

Middle Grade Magic is a free, completely virtual conference – no traveling, no cost, AND you will be able to earn CE credits for all the webcast sessions you attend. Register now, and we look forward to 'seeing' you on April 8th.

Register

YALSA Members-Only Webinars

The ICfL is excited to offer state-wide access to YALSA's members-only webinars for FREE. If you would like to be on the list to receive monthly access to the newest webinars AND the archives, email Jennifer Redford: jennifer.redford@libraries.idaho.gov.

Check Out This LibGuide

The ICfL staff has collected SO MANY online professional development opportunities for Idaho Library Staff to take advantage of during social distancing down time. So, if you have an hour or two, learn something new! Maybe in your pajamas. We won't tell. http://guides.lili.org/CEforCOVID19

EVENT CANCELLATIONS

ALL ICfL Trainings/ Events through the end of May are postponed/cancelled

This includes:

- Transforming Teen Services
- Make It: VR Storytelling training scheduled for May 29th or 30th has been postponed. Stay tuned for updates on the new dates.

Regional Idaho Library Association Conferences

- Southwest (SWILA), April 13: Cancelled
- Region 4, April 24 in Twin Falls: Cancelled
- Regions 1 – 2, April 17 in Lewiston: Postponed (committee will put out an announcement when a date has been determined)

Idaho Battle of the Books

- All IBOB Regional Tournaments have been cancelled for both the Middle School/Junior High and Elementary Programs. Check idahobattleofthebooks.org for updates on possible rescheduling and alternatives for battling teams from other schools.

TIPS AND TOOLS

Sanitizing Toys in Children's Areas

This was shared by the Rhode Island State Library and sent out on LibIdaho March 6.

Danielle Margarida at the Rhode Island Department of Administration has compiled a list of **resources for cleaning and sanitizing** toys, manipulatives, spaces, etc.

Cleaning, Sanitizing, and Disinfection Frequency Table (PDF)
Document from NAEYC outlining when and how to clean early childhood environments.

Green Cleaning Toolkit for Early Care and Education

From the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), includes information about when to clean vs. sanitize vs. disinfect and how to select appropriate non-toxic cleaning products. Also provides recommendations on when to use bleach and the dilution ratio.

Cleaners, Sanitizers & Disinfectants

From the American Academy of Pediatrics, offers guidelines for cleaning, disinfecting, and sanitizing objects and surfaces.

Best Practices for Cleaning Play and Learn Spaces

Association for Library Service for Children (ALSC) blog post providing an overview of cleaning toys and children's areas.

Guidance on non-toxic cleaning products:

- Environmental Working Group
- Green Seal

SELF-CARE

Some links to explore:

- Care for your Coronavirus Anxiety: Virusanxiety.com
- Reducing Workplace Stress with Mindfulness: An Infopeople Webinar hosted by Katie Scherrer
- 3 Mantras for Leaders of Youth-Serving Organizations from Development Without Limits
- Watch some penguins go on a field trip

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.*

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