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Idaho Libraries Celebrate America250 with Book Discussions

BOISE, Idaho – This fall and into winter 2026, three Idaho public libraries will participate in the Let’s Talk About It (LTAI) program utilizing the new America250 theme. LTAI is a scholar-led book discussion program hosted locally by public libraries.

On July 4, 2026, our nation will mark the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence – a historic milestone that invites reflection, celebration, and inspiration. There are many ways to celebrate the America250 initiative. For more, <https://america250.idaho.gov/>.

Staff of the Ammon branch of the Bonneville County Library District will hold their first America250-themed book discussion on November 13, hosted by scholar Kim Madsen Dill. The patrons will discuss “Forge” by Laurie Halse Anderson. Bonneville County Library Director Michelle Tolman said, “We have held other patriotic events, including a Constitution game night and a class on the American Revolution, so I know we have patrons who are interested in the topic and will enjoy this book discussion.”

On January 27, 2026, the Pinnacle branch of the Meridian Library District will hold its first America250-themed LTAI book discussion. Participants will explore “Common Sense” by Thomas Paine with scholar Jennifer Black.

On January 28, 2026, the Coeur d’Alene Public Library will host scholar Nancy Casey for an LTAI discussion of “1776” by David McCullough.

Since 1985, LTAI has been bringing adult reading discussion groups together with humanities scholars in Idaho’s public libraries to discuss literature.

Let’s Talk About It is made possible through funding from the Idaho Humanities Council, the National Endowment for the Humanities, and the Institute of Museum and Library Services. Coordination and logistical support provided by the Idaho Commission for Libraries (ICfL). For more, <https://libraries.idaho.gov/ltai/>.

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