

Idaho's Read to Me Program

More information about these Read to Me programs can be found at http://libraries.idaho.gov/read-to-me

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES FOR LIBRARIES



EVERY CHILD READY TO READ

Every Child Ready to Read Family Workshops is a program that involves young children (ages birth to six) and their parents/caregivers in learning the early literacy skills that help to prepare children for reading success in school.



MY FIRST BOOKS (formerly READ TO ME FIRST BOOK)

The program provides books for at-risk children. Last year, the Read to Me program provided books and services for over 3,100 children in 32 library programs throughout the state.



IDAHO CHILD CARE READS

Librarians host early literacy workshops for child care providers. The Commission provides children's books and a professional development book to those who complete a workshop.



IUMP START KINDERGARTEN

Librarians encourage parents of children registering for kindergarten to "Get a Jump Start on Reading @ Your Library." Participating librarians provide early literacy information and a free book to each child and his/her family during kindergarten registration.



SUMMER READING

Summer Reading is the most popular library literacy program. Kids enjoy special programs and reading adventures, and at the same time keep their reading skills sharp for the coming school year.



YEAR-ROUND UNDERSERVED PROGRAM

Many libraries are trying to do more outreach throughout the school year as well as summer and this program provides resources to enhance these outreach visits and increase the number of families with access to books in their homes.



DEPOSIT COLLECTION PROGRAM

Libraries rotate six tubs of books and other materials, each focusing on an early literacy skill, throughout local daycares. Mini-grant funds have been used to support this project.



FAMILY READING WEEK

An annual statewide celebration of family reading as a great family activity. Local libraries plan a variety of events to reinforce the fun and value of reading. The Commission provides support materials for libraries hosting Family Reading Week events.



EL DÍA DE LOS NIÑOS/EL DÍA DE LOS LIBROS

(Children's Day/Book Day), known as Día, is an annual celebration of children and books held on April 30. The Commission provides promotional materials and books to libraries, which host events to reinforce the fun and value of reading.

The Read to Me program also provides free support materials to Idaho organizations, sponsors workshops on early literacy and youth services topics, and has other great resources and information about how the program is evaluated and evaluation results on the website listed above.



Idaho's Read to Me Resources

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FREE RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO ANYONE



THE SCOOP E-NEWSLETTER

The Scoop is a bi-monthly e-newsletter containing fun, inspiring, and innovative ideas for youth services librarians. While aimed at Idaho school and public library staff, there's usually information that many others find interesting. Subscribe at no charge at http://libraries.idaho.gov/the-scoop.



THE BOOKWORM NEWSLETTERS FOR PARENTS

A monthly early literacy skills newsletter written for parents. Each month the Read to Me program produces three early literacy newsletters featuring a different book of the month and ideas for building early literacy skills. Subscribe for free and these will appear in your email or mobile device each month. Subscribe at http://libraries.idaho.gov/page/bookworm.



EARLY LITERACY STATIONS

Created for librarians to use during parent workshops, family events, or storytimes. Activities for babies, toddlers, preschoolers, and early school-age, based on the Six Early Literacy Skills.

SIX SKILLS ACTIVITY SHEETS

Take-home activity sheets that reinforce each of the Six Early Literacy skills. Use for enhanced storytimes, literacy stations, Tubby Buddy boxes, and parent workshops. These are available in English and Spanish.



SURVEY INSTRUMENTS

We are happy to share the parent surveys we've used for all of our programs and the evaluation reports highlight successful and challenging areas of our programs. If you can't find what you're looking for on our website, please contact a Read to Me coordinator at the Commission and we'll help you locate what you're looking for.



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