

Library News



From the Director's Desk

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The Idaho Commission for Libraries Annual Statistical Report provides a great snapshot of the Mountain Home Library's customers, services, and resources. The report period ending in FY2015 indicates increases in the numbers and types of collections our library patrons had access to, continued success in providing programs which were interesting and well attended, and an ongoing use of public use computers and Wi-Fi access.

The Summer Reading Program had another outstanding year of attendance with 373 kids reading a total of 4,954 books over the 5 weeks of the project. One of the highlights of the program was addition of a Family Nite event featuring Career Heroes from the community. 23 individuals, organizations, and businesses were on hand to give demonstrations and talk about their talents. The project was a great success and thoroughly engaged an audience of 370 children and their parents. The Library staff was also pleased to partner, for a second year, with the Community Summer Food program to provide books, story presentations and incentive prizes to participants at two lunch sites.

Perhaps the most significant increase in 2015 was seen in the area of reader's advisory and

reference inquiries with staff providing 10.8% more solutions to customer's requests for help across all areas of services. Through use of Mountain Home Public Library cards, our patrons continued to find value-added access to ten LYNX! Consortium locations located throughout the Boise Valley and southwestern Idaho. Continued collaboration with the Idaho Commission for Libraries, who provide many program opportunities and the LiLi statewide databases, contributed to robust use of library services available to Mountain Home Library patrons through in-house, off-site, and electronic access.

All in all, 2015 was viewed as another significant year of progress. As always, the Library Board, staff and I look forward to discovering as many opportunities for growth and new services as possible in 2016. If you have suggestions regarding the collection, our public access computer and technology offerings, or Library services in general, let us know. You may also be interested in targeted goals for 2016 and copies are available from the Circulation Desk.

We thank you for your continued support,
Luise House, Director

Upcoming Events

- March 3rd - Library Board Meeting - 6:00 p.m.
- March 3rd - Idaho Day Book Read program 6:00 p.m.
- March 10th - Fun with Math & Science Family Night - 6:00 p.m.
- March 28th - Spring Break starts

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Public Library Directors' Summit

Ann Joslin, State Librarian and the Idaho Commission for Libraries hosted the first Idaho Public Directors' Summit in January, 2016. Mountain Home Public Library director Luise House and thirty-seven other public library directors from across the state had the pleasure of meeting for a two-day session in Boise to collaboratively identify policy issues that specifically impact public libraries and use that information to initiate a Community of Practice—"groups of people who share a concern or passion for something they do and learn how to do it better as they interact regularly."

Conference highlights included keynote speaker Maureen Sullivan, Maureen Sullivan Associates and former American Library Association President, who focused on the value of community engagement and introduced the Aspen Institute Action Guide, a step by step process for evaluating library resources; Phil Eastman of Leadership Advisory Group, who took the group through both days of change engagement and, Alison Macrina, Library Freedom Project, who presented updated privacy and security issues now common to the Internet and library systems world-wide.

Participants spent time specifically

identifying the challenges public libraries face in today's environment and emerging themes included a call for greater board engagement, the need to make library consumers aware of the vastly changing array of resources within their reach, and the need to move the perception of libraries from "nice" to "necessary". A summary of those challenges can be found at <http://libraries.idaho.gov/pldirectors>. The conference concluded with in-depth discussion on Strategic Priorities being developed by the Commission which will act as the road map to address issues and concerns discussed during the summit.

Have you seen our new Calendar?

The Mountain Home Public Library is excited about our new Event Calendar. The Calendar is easy to use, more informative and can be located right from our website, www.mhlibrary.org by clicking on "Calendar" at the top of the page. After clicking on the Calendar tab

you can then navigate by month or by viewing the calendar as a list or day. For information on an event you can hover over the item or click on the event itself. One of the coolest features of our new calendar is that you can now search for events you are interested in. At the

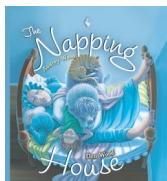
bottom right of the calendar you will find a tab which upon clicking it will allow you to export the current month's events.

As always, if you have any questions about the calendar or any of our exciting programs, give us at call @ 587-4716.



Come help us build a **blanket fort** followed by the story *The Napping House* by Audrey Wood that will be read in both English and Spanish! There will also be a nighttime craft to take home.

Wear your pajamas and bring your favorite stuffed animal for this monthly program!



Thursday, March 17th

6:30 p.m. — 7:30 p.m.



From the Information Center

If you have been in the Library lately you have undoubtedly noticed the new countertops that have been installed in our Commons area. The countertops mark the transition of this area to a new technology based space that will be used to facilitate learning by using cutting edge equipment and creative programming.

The Library has partnered with the City Parks and Recreation Department to begin developing a creative environment with an emphasis on modern technology. In the near future you can expect to see things like 3D printers, a 3D scanner, iMacs, and even a state of the art projector with a 8' x 6' screen that can be used for programming. The area will also feature a printing station that anyone can use to print what they need in black and white or color without having to log into a computer.

Laminating services will also be available and in the not so distant future there may even be a small-scale banner printer available to print signs for advertising or use for birthdays, graduations, weddings, etc.

These are just a few of the changes that you will see happening in the Library. The transition will start to pick up steam in the next couple of months so be prepared. You will still be able to have coffee and meet in the Commons area for casual conversation, we just wanted you to be aware of some of the awesome changes that are coming your way.

If you have an idea for a program or something that you would like to see in our new space, stop by the Information Center and talk with Kurt.



Present

Gearred Up

Where Community, Tech & Recreation Meet





Learning math and science is very important as our world becomes more dependent on technology. We need to encourage students currently in our educational systems, as well as future generations to understand and embrace the technology that affects them every day. Making science and math activities fun and interesting will not only help them to learn, but might also plant the “seed of interest” that could grow into an exciting and rewarding career. Young children are natural explorers and there are many things you can do to help them build science and math skills.

On **March 10th** and **April 12th** from **6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.**, we will have fun with math and science that will feature hands-on stations as well as information to share with parents, caregivers, and children. These activities help learners of all ages develop new skills. No matter where your child’s interests lie, we have a science experiment that will teach them something cool and make them smile. The Idaho Commission for Libraries is sponsoring this free program and have provided books loaded with fun math and science activities that you get to take home! There is no charge for this amazing workshop, but we ask that you register by March 9th with Bianca or Shasta @ 587-4716 so the Library can make sure we have enough materials for every family. See you there!



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Whether you are dropping by to check out a good book, use the Internet, attend a program, or visit with friends in the Commons Coffee Bar area, the Mountain Home Library has a spot for you. We invite you to explore the Library to learn more about our resources and services. If you don't find what you are looking for, visit our Information Center in the Commons or give us a call and we will be glad to help.

“An effective strategy to counter invisibility is to be seen.”

- Myra M. Brown, American Libraries, November 2004



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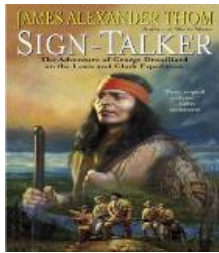























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MARCH

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <p>Idaho Day Book Read and Discussion will be held in the Library Commons area on March 3rd at 6:00 PM</p>	<p>1</p>  <p>2 Ask about accessing the LiLi Databases for all of your learning needs.</p>	<p>3</p>  <p>Library Board Meeting 6:00 to 7:30 pm.</p>	<p>4</p>  <p>Our Idaho Section is filled with state history and features several Idaho authors!</p>	<p>5 Mini -Flix We show Movies every Saturday at 1:00 PM Bring the family and enjoy a movie on us! Free Popcorn</p>		
<p>6 Need a place to have a meeting or group study? Ask about renting our Conference Room</p>	<p>7</p> 	<p>8</p>  <p>Need help setting up your tablet to download eBooks or Digital Magazines? Bring it in and let us help you get started!</p>	<p>9 WARP Prize Winners Announced!</p> 	<p>10</p> 	<p>11 Download Digital Magazines for free. Just go to our website www.mhlibrary.com and mouse over the Digital tab then click on eMagazines.</p>	<p>12 Mini -Flix 1:00 PM -New Releases- Visit us on Facebook for the latest movie titles!</p>
<p>13</p> <p>Spring forward Don't forget to set clocks ahead one hour at 2 a.m. Sunday.</p> 	<p>14</p> <p>Do your shopping by clicking on the Amazon icon at the bottom of our website www.mhlibrary.org and the Library will receive a referral fee from Amazon at no additional cost to you!</p> 	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>  <p>Free WiFi</p>	<p>17</p>  <p>Friends of the Library Meeting 10:30 am</p>	<p>18</p>  <p>On the road? Check out an eBook or digital magazine.</p>	<p>19 Mini -Flix 1:00 PM -New Releases- Visit us on Facebook for the latest movie titles!</p>
<p>20</p>  <p>HAPPY First Day of Spring!</p>	<p>21</p>  <p>The Friends of the Library accept book donations.</p>	<p>22</p>  <p>Microsoft Imagine Academy</p> <p>Ask about FREE online Microsoft Office Training Courses!</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>  <p>Stop by the Front Desk and ask about our "Gram Bags"!</p>	<p>25</p>  <p>Schools out at 11:30!</p>	<p>26 Mini -Flix 1:00 PM -New Releases- Visit us on Facebook for the latest movie titles!</p>
<p>27</p> 	<p>28</p> <p>The Library is taking used tablet donations. They will be factory reset and be available to check out! Tablets should be in good or better condition.</p>	<p>29</p> 	<p>30</p>  <p>Want to know how much electricity you're using? Check-out one of our kilo-watt meters.</p>	<p>31 COMING SOON!</p>  <p>Geared Up Where Community, Tech & Recreation Meet</p>	<p>The Spot for new tech equipment and programs!</p>	



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Dr. Seuss READ ACROSS AMERICA STORYTIME (AND DR. SEUSS'S BIRTHDAY!)</p>	<p>Come celebrate Read Across America Day at the Library March 2nd 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. We'll read Dr. Seuss stories, make a wacky craft & watch Daisy-Head Mayzie</p>	<p>1</p> <p>10:00 - 11:00 a.m. & 11:00 - Noon</p> <p>3:15 - 4:00 p.m.</p>	<p>2</p> <p>3 Sessions *10:00a.m. *10:30a.m. *11:00a.m.</p> <p>3:15 - 4:00 p.m.</p> <p>5:30p.m. - 7:00p.m.</p>	<p>3</p> <p>11:00 - Noon</p>	<p>4</p> <p>3 Sessions *10:00a.m. *10:30a.m. *11:00a.m.</p> <p>IDAHO DAY! Come celebrate Idaho Day by answering some trivia questions to win a prize!</p>	<p>ABC Mouse Enjoy over 5,000 fun learning activities that teach reading, math, art, music and much more! It's FREE at your library!</p>
<p>mAth & SCIENCE FAMILY NIGHT Come play with us as we explore math & science concepts using our new STEAM resources. March 10th 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.</p>		<p>8</p> <p>10:00 - 11:00 a.m. & 11:00 - Noon</p> <p>3:15 - 4:00 p.m.</p>	<p>9</p> <p>3 Sessions *10:00a.m. *10:30a.m. *11:00a.m.</p> <p>3:15 - 4:00 p.m.</p>	<p>10</p> <p>11:00 - Noon</p> <p>6:00 - 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>11</p> <p>3 Sessions *10:00a.m. *10:30a.m. *11:00a.m.</p>	
<p>13</p> <p>Time to Spring Ahead</p>	<p>3.14 Happy π Day</p>	<p>15</p> <p>10:00 - 11:00 a.m. & 11:00 - Noon</p> <p>3:15 - 4:00 p.m.</p>	<p>16</p> <p>3 Sessions *10:00a.m. *10:30a.m. *11:00a.m.</p> <p>3:15 - 4:00 p.m.</p>	<p>17</p> <p>11:00 - Noon</p> <p>6:30 - 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>18</p> <p>3 Sessions *10:00a.m. *10:30a.m. *11:00a.m.</p> <p>3:15 - 4:30 p.m.</p>	
<p>Smart PJ's are on display in Youth Services! Come try them out!</p>		<p>22</p> <p>10:00 - 11:00 a.m. & 11:00 - Noon</p> <p>3:15 - 4:00 p.m.</p>	<p>23</p> <p>3 Sessions *10:00a.m. *10:30a.m. *11:00a.m.</p> <p>3:15 - 4:00 p.m.</p>	<p>24</p> <p>11:00 - Noon</p>	<p>25</p> <p>3 Sessions *10:00a.m. *10:30a.m. *11:00a.m.</p> <p>3:15 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Wear your Pj's and bring your favorite stuffed animal to Pajama Storytime Thursday, March 17th at 6:30 p.m.</p>
<p>27</p>	<p>Mountain Home Public Library mhlibrary.org</p>	<p>29</p> <p>10:00 - 11:00 a.m. & 11:00 - Noon</p> <p>3:15 - 4:00 p.m.</p>	<p>30</p> <p>3 Sessions *10:00a.m. *10:30a.m. *11:00a.m.</p> <p>3:15 - 4:00 p.m.</p>	<p>31</p> <p>11:00 - Noon</p>	<p>Check the Lost & Found! Items are donated at the end of the month.</p>	