

# The Scoop

Fun, inspiring and innovative ideas  
for library youth services

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## DATES & DEADLINES

- Apply before **Aug. 1** to receive free registration to the **Idaho Out-of-School Power Up Summit**
- Apply **June 15 – Aug. 31** for ICfL's **Kindergarten Readiness Grant**
- Applications open in **August** for the **Bucks for Books Program** sponsored by ICfL and the Idaho Lottery

## WELCOME

By Kristina Taylor

Well, it's HOT out and, unfortunately, no amount of ice cream (it's National Ice Cream Month!) beside bubbling fountains will keep us truly cool at this point.



Youth Services team members celebrate National Ice Cream Month on a toasty day outside the ICfL office, fountain-side. (From left to right: Kristina Taylor, Jennifer Redford, Jeannie Standal, and Staci Shaw)

But perhaps some cool ideas will get you through the dog days of July (I know it's supposed to be the dog days of August, but apparently July did not get the memo!) ... Like this cool idea from our friends at the Ohio State Library:

Ohio library worker/MLIS student Emily Lindberg felt so inspired by seeing the "wonderful work that librarians are doing across Ohio" that she re-wrote the lyrics to "When I'm Gone" (also known as the Cups song) to promote libraries and summer reading...[check out her video!](#) It's truly COOL! (I am definitely not that coordinated!)



## FEATURED:

### Boise Unitarians Show Up Big for *Idaho Libraries Welcome All* Project



*(From left to right): From the ICfL: Deputy State Librarian Tammy Hawley-House; State Librarian Stephanie Bailey-White; and Youth Services Project Coordinator Kristina Taylor. From BUUF: Kumiko Lawrence, Mary Tordella Ruckh, Debra Smith, Rev. Sara LaWall, Eileen Oldag, and Tom Neale.)*

The Boise Unitarian Universalist Fellowship (BUUF) made a \$15,000 donation to the Idaho Commission for Libraries (ICfL) for the *Idaho Libraries Welcome All* project in support of equity, diversity, and inclusion (EDI).

The funds will provide targeted, curated training opportunities, free of charge, for Idaho librarians and library staff to expand their knowledge, interest, and investment in creating a welcoming library environment that is equitable, diverse, and inclusive for all patrons. The EDI professional development will be available to library staff from all types of libraries in throughout Idaho -- public, school, academic, tribal, and special libraries.

The BUUF donation will also extend the ICfL's Welcoming Libraries Grant, which improves EDI in Idaho's libraries and supports library staff in better assisting underserved children in their communities.

BUUF Reverend Sara LaWall said, "As Unitarian Universalists, our faith roots itself in justice, equity, compassion, and the inherent worth of all people. Our fellowship chose to support the Idaho Libraries Welcome All project because it aligns so powerfully with our values and mission, and it supports the collective thriving of our wider community. As a part of this project, we've been impressed with the way

the ICfL's Welcoming Libraries Grant expands resources for a variety of needs, from increasing the collection and including more authors of color, to providing supportive tools for children with special needs. Our congregation donated directly to this cause, with a range of gifts as varied as the individuals who believe in this work and the power of books and a welcoming, diverse, and inclusive library to change lives."

Deputy State Librarian Tammy Hawley-House said, "The ICfL is appreciative of the funding from the Boise Unitarian Universalist Fellowship at a point when many of our Idaho library staff members are increasing their understanding of equity, diversity, and inclusion. The training the ICfL will be able to provide to library staff because of the BUUF funding will greatly advance this area of professional development at a critical time."

\*\*Keep an eye out for upcoming CE opportunities for Idaho library staff funded by the *Idaho Libraries Welcome All* project in the August & September issues of *The Scoop*.



## CE NEWS YOU CAN USE

Have you heard of the CE Digest newsletter? You can get weekly updates on upcoming free CE opportunities for Idaho library workers by subscribing to the CE Digest newsletter [here](#). For a preview of what the newsletter looks like or more information, visit [this page](#).

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Did you know the ICfL will cover the cost of online continuing education courses or webinars through [InfoPeople](#), [Library Juice](#), and [Amigos](#)? It's true! If there's an online course or webinar from these providers you'd like to take, you can apply for access by completing the corresponding Course Access Request Form accessible from [this page](#). To qualify for future CE funds for online learning, students must complete the follow-up survey and apply to access the course at least 15 days in advance.

Below are a few upcoming online courses you might be able to squeeze into your very busy schedule!

**Foundations of Early Literacy** (Library Juice Academy), Sept. 6 – Oct. 3

See [Kindergarten Readiness Section](#) of this issue of *The Scoop* for info on how to participate for free!

**Developmentally-Appropriate Media for Storytimes** (Library Juice Academy), Sept. 6 – Oct. 3

In this class, you will learn about the different multi-literacies of early childhood and how to incorporate them through various types of media. We will discuss strategies for intentionally choosing developmentally appropriate songs, music and movement, technology-based applications, discovery-based projects, and interactive social experiences based on developmental age and stage of children. We will discuss the importance of choosing diverse media and cultural experiences to which families and children can relate. You will get hands-on experience connecting each of the components of storytime to foster early literacy and school readiness skill development.

- [Details & course overview](#)
- [Course access request form \(Library Juice Academy\)](#)