

TROY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LIBRARY NEWSLETTER



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\$2,000 Library Grant Secured!

Bucks for Books Award Program

The Idaho Commission for Libraries and the Idaho Lottery Commission have partnered to support Idaho's elementary school libraries. The grant application opened in August and closed in October. The library was contacted in October with the great news that Troy Elementary had been awarded \$2,000 to buy books for the school library collection. On November 7th, the Idaho Lottery Commission hosted an all-school assembly to celebrate! The students were extremely excited and provided an outstanding welcome to our guests!

Thus far, 2 orders of 100+books have been placed, and these books have started to arrive!



Troy Elementary School students show appreciation to the Idaho Commission for Libraries & the Idaho Lottery Commission.

A special card was made by the Troy High School Interactive Technology students and presented at the awards assembly.

"One of the greatest gifts adults can give – to their offspring and to their society – is to read to children." – Carl Sagan



November Reading Contest...

Help your student participate!

The reading challenge is easy!

1. Have your student read to you.
2. Record the book on the reading log(s) which can be obtained in the library.
3. Turn log(s) in on November 27th, and prizes will be awarded!

Library Volunteers Welcome!

The library is a busy and vibrant space in the school. Tuesday through Friday, at 10am, students from grades k-2 are coming in for story time (be sure to discuss "Today's Book" handout with your student)! Additionally, the library has both scheduled and unscheduled times that 3rd - 6th grade students are coming to check out books and work on book projects.

Volunteer activities may include: support for routine tasks such as shelving books, checking books in/out, straightening books, helping students find books, etc.

If you are interested in becoming a library volunteer, please email me at kmalm@troysd287.org.

Native American Heritage Month

By: Kristina Taylor and brought to you by the Idaho Commission of Libraries

November is Native American Heritage Month. While it is important to focus on Indigenous heritage this time of year, perhaps it's more like a jumping off place for exploration of the rich and diverse histories and cultures of our American Continents' First Nations.

Indigenous heritage is a vast and diverse topic, and older resources are littered with inaccuracies and stereotypes. Remedy that by:

- providing and reading newer books written and illustrated by Indigenous authors, some from present-day Idaho
- visiting carefully curated museum exhibits - there are some really wonderful exhibits in Idaho museums, like the excellent installation at the Nez Perce National Historic Park;
- learning about present-day Indigenous people, like the students featured on:

<https://www.kesslerkeenerfoundation.org/native-voices-2>

Links to More Learning from the Idaho Commission of Libraries:

National Museum of the American Indian Visit online exhibits from the Smithsonian featuring First Nations from all over the American continents.

<https://americanindian.si.edu/explore/exhibitions/online/>



**SPEND TIME
READING
WITH YOUR
STUDENT...**

- Reading sparks imagination.
- Reading creates literacy.
- Reading demands attention.
- Reading Can help children sleep.