

Idaho Writer's Update, Vol. III, Issue XX

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October 16, 2009

Greetings.

This issue comes to you as an offering of the season...a bounty of literary activities and news.

If you are reading the *Update* for the first time and wish to subscribe, please send me your name and email address with "Subscribe" in the subject line. This is a free service. We encourage you to pass this email on to others.

To submit news items, deadlines are the 15th and 30th of each month, and I require a format from which I can simply copy-and-paste. Please be brief. I look forward to including your activities.

If you are responsible for publicity, please put us on your media list for news releases. Because it is nearly impossible to organize/categorize each activity, we do try generally to highlight dates as a point of reference.

(I generally do not edit submissions, and do not guarantee accuracy of content.)

This effort is supported in part by the Idaho Commission on the Arts.

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Thank you,
Betty Rodgers

*The writer's only responsibility is to his art.
He will be completely ruthless if he is a good one.
-William Faulkner*

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Refer to the Update anytime online at:

http://www.sageecosci.com/Writers/Idaho_Writers_Update.html.

Boise State's MFA Reading Series Announces 2009-2010 Schedule -

Free and open to the public, Boise State University's MFA Reading Series brings nationally renowned authors and poets to campus. For more information, contact Jacob Powers at 426-2669 or jacobpowers@boisestate.edu.

Fall 2009

- ***Today*** - Brenda Coultas — **Oct. 16, 2009**

7:30 p.m. in the Student Union Bishop Barnwell Room.

Coultas is the author of two books of poetry: "The Marvelous Bones of Time: Excavations and Explanations" and "A Handmade Museum," which won the Poetry Society of America's Norma Farber First Book Award. Her work has appeared in numerous publications, including *Conjunctions*, *Epoch*, *Fence* and *Open City*.

In addition to writing, Coultas has served as series curator at the Poetry Project, as well as taught at Naropa University's Summer Writing Program. She currently teaches at Touro College in New York. While Coultas is best known as a prose poet, the back cover of "A Handmade Museum" states: "Before becoming a poet, Brenda Coultas was a farmer, a carny, a taffy maker, a park ranger, a waitress in a disco ballroom, and the second woman welder in Firestone Steel's history."

- Rebecca Wolff and Catherine Wagner — **Nov. 6, 2009**, Room TBA
- Pam Houston, Fiction— Off Campus—TBA (Benefit Reading) — **Tuesday, November 10th**, 7:30-9:30 P.M.

Idaho Commission on the Arts Literature Fellowships and Writer in Residence deadline **January 31, 2010**. Applicants may apply in poetry, fiction, and creative nonfiction. Guidelines online at www.arts.idaho.gov.

Idaho Writers Guild - A "conversation" with Idaho Writers Guild members will be held on **Tuesday, October 20th**, at 7 p.m. at *The Cabin, 801 S. Capitol Blvd., Boise*. The meeting will be moderated by Elaine Ambrose and Joanne Pence. It is open to all members as well as anyone who might be interested in possibly joining the Guild. This will be a free-for-all opportunity to bring your questions, get some answers, and have lots of conversation with your Idaho fellow writers! Refreshments will be served, and the meeting is free.

The Idaho Writers Guild offers opportunities for networking, employment and education to writers in all genres, from fiction and poetry to journalism, business and technical writing. Editors, agents and publishers, too, are welcome. The Guild is affiliated with The Cabin, a nonprofit center for inspiring and celebrating a love of reading, writing and discourse. Information about the Guild is available at www.idahowritersguild.com or by emailing info@idahowritersguild.com.

Pocatello Readings:

The weather may be cooling off, but Pocatello is heating up with a great October reading. If you know of any other upcoming local literary events, let us know so we can pass on the word. Email us at pocatello.readings@gmail.com!

Today - Poetry Reading: SARAJEVO at the Old Town Actors Studio (427 N Main St), Friday, October 16th - 7pm: Join Harald Wyndham as he brings out a new book, titled "SARAJEVO -- A poem for four voices in five parts." Readers are Leslie Leek, Carlen Donovan, Erin Gray, and Harald Wyndham. Books will be available at the reading.

Joe Thames Gundy Announces Book-signing at B Dalton Bookseller, for his book Computeritis

B Dalton Bookseller is located at 1509 Caldwell Blvd. in the Karcher Mall, Nampa, ID. The book signing will be **October 17**, 2009 from 12-3 PM. Mr. Gundy will be available for a visit and signings of his book, **Computeritis, and How to Survive the Technological Age**, published by PublishAmerica, the nation's largest independent book publisher. Mr. Gundy's website is www.JoeGundy.com.

Barnes and Noble Booksellers, 2300 E 17th St, Grand Teton Mall, **Idaho Falls**, ID 83404, holds a **Poet and Writer's Open Mic** on the 1st Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM. This event is free and open to the public. We invite all writers, both new and experienced to join in. Contact Maribeth Ernst, Community Relations Manager, office 208.552.1463, email crm2246@bn.com.

Idaho Magazine reports big news:

Our January 2010 edition will be our 100th issue!

History is coming, and it's getting closer. We're looking for special stories, please check with us regarding the October deadline.

Help us celebrate Idaho!

From any information we've been able to gather, no prior Idaho magazine published anywhere near 100 issues. Now, with that extra zero under our belts, we're really on a roll. Think of the things you've learned about Idaho that you didn't know. Think about the fascinating people you've met through our pages during our first 100 months. Think about helping to make the future happen. kfleusch@idahomagazine.com or www.idahomagazine.com for more information.

The Flicks in Boise – Movies Based on Literary Works:

Bright Star – Now showing

Poet **John Keats (Ben Whishaw)** and neighbor **Fanny Brawne (Abbie Cornish)** pursued a three year romance that ended with his death at the age of 25. Unimpressed by poetry at first, Fanny became an avid pupil as her infatuation with the romantic poet grew. Keats, who had no financial success during his lifetime, was unable to marry Fanny, but wrote her passionate love letters that are still treasured today. Writer/director **Jane Campion** and cinematographer **Greg Fraser** use the simplest sets and lovely changing seasons to achieve the 1818 English countryside setting. PG

“...the ache of young love is all hers, and as our guide, Cornish provides a compelling directness.”
Christy Lemire A.P.

Amelia (opens Oct. 23) based on *East to the Dawn* by Susan Butler and *The Sound of Wings* by Mary Lovell

A Serious Man – (opens Oct. 30)

In this black comedy, Joel and Ethan Coen take us back to the Midwest of 1967, where we encounter Larry Gopnik (Tony Award nominee Michael Stuhlbarg), a physics professor. Already worried about

winning tenure, getting his useless brother off his couch and his daughter out of his wallet, Larry's wife leaves him for a more serious man, Larry's rival at work Sy Ableman. ®

"...an original serio-comic Jewish folktale with strong humanist and existential overtones." Emanuel Levy.

"Laugh out-loud funny." Barbara Goslawski, Box Office Magazine

Coco Before Chanel (Opens Nov. 13) based on the book of the same name by Edmonde Charles-Roux

An Education (opens Nov. 20) based on the memoir by Lynn Barber.

LOST HORSE PRESS is pleased to announce the publication of Stefanie Freele's FEEDING STRAYS.

A woman hides from her husband in a fish tank and another absently bakes sponges inside her tarts. Appliances drop from the sky, men grapple with chainsaws, women struggle with hormonal violence, and abandoned boys beg on doorsteps. Enter into the territory of broken people and the folks that love them. Sensitive and unruly, sincere and absurd, Stefanie Freele's *Feeding Strays* is a collection of fifty short stories, both slipstream and modern, about children, family, relationships, and oysters.

Stefanie was born and raised in Wisconsin and currently lives in the Northwest. Recent and forthcoming work can be found in *Glimmer Train*, *American Literary Review*, *Night Train*, *Literary Mama*, *McSweeney's Internet Tendency*, *The Pedestal Magazine*, *Dogplotz*, and *Hobart*. Stefanie has an MFA from the Northwest Institute of Literary Arts: Whidbey Writers Workshop. After serving as the 2008 Writer In Residence for *SmokeLong Quarterly*, she joined their editorial staff. Stefanie is also the Fiction Editor for the *Los Angeles Review*.

LOST HORSE PRESS is also pleased to announce the publication of The Book of Shadows: New & Selected Poems, by Carlos Reyes.

Poet and translator Carlos Reyes lives and writes in Portland, Oregon when he is not traveling. He travels a lot, and whether he journeys to Panama, Spain, Alaska or Ireland, those experiences inspire and inform his poetry. In 2007 he was honored with a Heinrich Boll Fellowship, which gave him two weeks to write on Achill Island, Ireland. He has had fellowships to Yaddo and the Fundación Valparaíso (Mojácar, Spain). He was poet-in-residence in 2009 at the Lost Horse Ranger Station in the Joshua Tree National Park. www.losthorsepress.org.

Idaho Humanities Council –

Speaker Change for October 29 in Boise

Replacing James McPherson, prize-winning Abraham Lincoln scholar and author Dr. Harold Holzer will be the speaker at the Idaho Humanities Council's 13th Annual Distinguished Humanities Lecture and Dinner on **Thursday, October 29, 2009**, at the Boise Centre (on the Grove). Doors open at 6 p.m. and dinner is served at 7 p.m. Holzer is one of the country's leading authorities on Abraham Lincoln and the political culture of the Civil War era. The event is made possible in part by the OfficeMax Boise Community Fund, with additional support from Boise State Radio, *The Idaho Statesman* and Idaho Public Television.

Dr. Holzer will speak on "Abraham Lincoln and the Great Secession Winter of 1860-61". Tickets are available now for purchase by calling the IHC at 345-5346. General tickets are \$55. Benefactor tickets are \$125, offering an

invitation to a pre-dinner reception with Holzer in a private home and preferred seating at the dinner and lecture. IHC always recommends reserving tickets early as the event usually sells out.

Dr. Holzer is the Chairman of the United States Lincoln Bicentennial Commission, winner of many prizes--including the 2008 National Humanities Medal, awarded by the President--and the author, co-author, and editor of more than 30 books.

Boise Poetry Slam

www.boisepoetry.com

What: Poetry Slam deLux "Vampire Slam" *featuring Paulie Lipman* (extra points awarded to vampires)

When: Monday, Oct. 19; Sign-ups at 7:30, Slam at 8

Where: PENGILLY'S SALOON 513 W Main

Cost: \$5

Ages: 21 and over

ALSO

What: Reading and Workshop Series *with Paulie Lipman*

When: Monday, Oct. 19; 5pm

Where: BSU Student Union Building, Gilpert Room

Cost: FREE

Ages: ALL AGES*

Coming soon:

Performance Poetry Workshop with Individual World Champion Mike McGee

Tuesday, November 3

6 PM

Woman of Steel Gallery

3460 Chinden Blvd

free

all ages

*(Note--ALL Big Tree Arts events are **FREE SPEECH** events. Patron discretion is advised.)*

Big Tree Arts presents "The Spoken Word Reading and Workshop Series," bringing world-class performance poets to Boise. Workshops and slams bring together local poets and anyone interested in poetry in a learning atmosphere and to perform for local audiences.

Big Tree Arts is a non-profit organization formed to promote performance poetry in Boise and beyond. Contact: Cheryl Maddalena, 208-426-0383, cheryl_maddalena@yahoo.com

HEARTSTOPPING AND UNFORGETTABLE STORIES - We Each Hold at Least One
Find Them Here

**--LISTENING AND TELLING: The Art of Gathering and Performing Oral History
A Workshop with Jo Radner, guest storyteller of Maine
Presented by the Idaho Writer's Guild and Treasure Valley Storytellers**

--Oral history interviewing is a versatile, valuable tool for writers and storytellers. Jo Radner shows participants how to listen deeply, be silent when silence is needed, and ask effective questions at the right moment. These skills can help trigger memories, evoke stories, and maintain an ethical relationship with those interviewed. Furthermore, Jo provides a range of artistic ways to craft stories gathered from interviews, including community collaborations. Jo also offers advice for work in progress, inspiration for new projects, and useful tips and handouts. Good listening enhances any writing and storytelling ability. Be inspired!
Sunday, October 25, 2009, 9:30am to 4:00 pm, Log Cabin Literary Center, Jean Wilson Room. Workshop fee \$65. Box lunch \$10 or bring your own.

--BURNT INTO MEMORY: A Storytelling Performance by Jo Radner

In 1947, wildfires ravaged the tinder dry forest and the village of Brownfield, Maine. Jo Radner recounts the story of the town's destruction and rebirth, drawing on her own oral history interviews with survivors, augmented by newspaper accounts and letters. Come! Listen to this extraordinary story of terror, courage, and hope (and even a little humor); it is a tale familiar to Idahoans as well.

Sunday, October 25, 2009, 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm, Log Cabin Literary Center, Jean Wilson Room. Tickets \$10. Please contact Joy Steiner 383-9053 joy@joysteiner.com for workshop registration and performance tickets.

**BARNES & NOBLE LITERATURE BOOK CLUB
1315 N. MILWAUKEE, BOISE, ID**

Our book club has been meeting for 10 years. People have come and gone and come back again. You are welcome to join us in discussing the following books chosen by the group for 2009-2010. No need to sign up or register, just drop by and share your thoughts with us. We're an eclectic group who not only like to read but love to talk about what we read. Previous selections range from Genghis Khan to The Sorcerer's Stone. Discussions are always made more interesting by new voices.

2009-2010 Book List:

October 26 *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Society* by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows

November 23 *A Tale of Two Cities* by Charles Dickens

January 25, 2010 *War and Peace* by Leo Tolstoy

February 22 *Boone's Lick* by Larry McMurtry

March 22 *Out Stealing Horses* by Per Peterson

April 26 *The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak

May 24 *The True Story of Hansel and Gretel* by Louise Murphy

June 23 *The 19th Wife* by David Ebershoff

LITERATURE FOR LUNCH - Fall 2009

Friday, November 6. Aravind Adiga, *The White Tiger*. A sometimes humorous, sometimes

grim novel about family, power, and globalization in 21st century India (Booker Prize).

Friday, December 4. Jhumpa Lahiri, *Unaccustomed Earth*. A new short story collection on Indian immigrant life in America by the Pulitzer-prize winning author of *Interpreter of Maladies*.

Book discussions are held at the Boise Public Library, 715 S. Capitol Blvd., from 12:10 to 1 p.m., and are free and open to the public. No reservations required. Books are available at a new downtown bookstore, "A Novel Adventure," 906 W. Main Street (where the old "Book Shop" was), which will give a 20% discount, and at the BSU Bookstore, which will give a 25% discount and validate ½ hour parking in the Administration Building lot (enter at the light at the intersection of University Dr. and Joyce St.). For more information, contact Boise State English Professors Cheryl Hindrichs, 426-7072, cherylhindrichs@boisestate.edu or Carol Martin, 426-1179, cmartin@boisestate.edu.

A NOVEL ADVENTURE – Downtown Boise www.anoveladventure.com

10/17/2009: [Where the Wild Things Are](#)

Children's story is going to get a little bit monstrous this week as we welcome the new movie "Where the Wild Things Are". Come prepared for an adventure into the land of monsters and mayhem, with crafts, games, and snacks all set around the theme of our furry monster pals from "Where the Wild Things Are".

10/24/2009: [Kid's Story Time!](#)

2:00

This week and every week! After Saturday Market, bring your kids to A Novel Adventure for storytime with A Novel Adventure Storyteller, Emma. Enjoy time for yourself to read, relax, and browse

10/31/2009: [Special Halloween Kid's Story Time](#)

2.00

This week is not your average story hour. In fact, A Novel Adventure is going a little bit mad this Halloween. Join us for our "Mad Scientist" event and experiment to your hearts content with the activities and science projects we have lined up. Need a little help with your most recent nefarious plot? Don't worry, we have the books to help out as well. Bring your oversized crazy genius brain and be ready to have fun, and we will give you a Halloween party to remember!

11/13/2009: [Boise State Undergraduate Reading Series](#)

Join the Boise State Undergraduate English Majors as they present their original works. Check back often as more details are posted.

BOISE NONFICTION WRITERS –

BOISE NONFICTION WRITERS - <http://www.sageecosci.com/Writers.html> Join successful and aspiring nonfiction writers as we learn from guest speakers and from each other through discussion and critique.

BOISE NONFICTION WRITERS Critique Group is reconfiguring itself. Contact jancarpenter12@hotmail.com for details.

BOISE NONFICTION WRITERS members are invited to attend the Idaho Writers Guild's: An Invitation to a "Conversation" on October 20th at 7:00 PM. at The Cabin, 801 S. Capitol Blvd.,

Boise, ID 83702. Please attend to help shape the nonfiction writing community in Boise. For more information email to info@idahowritersguild.com

BOISE NONFICTION WRITERS Speaker Series. Wednesday, November 4, 2009. **The Pros and Cons of Self-Publishing: What we've tried and what we've learned.** Join writer and whitewater activist **Maria Eschen** and language teacher **Gail LeBow** as they share their experiences with self publishing. Wednesday November 4, 2009, 6:30-8 pm (but come at 6 to browse books and visit with other aspiring writers), Rediscovered Bookshop, 7079 Overland Rd., Boise, 208.376.4229. For more info: hshaklee@uidaho.edu. <http://www.sageecosci.com/Writers.html>

The Southwest Chapter of the Idaho Press Club is proud to present the 2009 Fall Conference called "Back To Basics." The journalism world is evolving, but a few core practices are critical: Listening to sources, telling a story well and heeding the laws of the field.

We're offering a day of seminars and panels in Boise to help working journalists improve their skills and inform their daily work. Registration is now available. Cost is \$10 for members of the Idaho Press Club and \$20 for non-members. No charge for students who are Press Club members.

The conference kicks off Friday, **November 6** at 5 p.m., with an informal social at the Boiler Room at Bardenay at 610 Grove Street. Cash bar available, no charge to attend. Saturday morning we kick off bright and early. The conference will be located at the U.S. Bank Building's third floor conference room at 101 South Capitol Blvd. Registration starts at 8:30 a.m. and coffee and treats from Big City Coffee are available. RSVP to email@idahopressclub.org or idpc@mindspring.com or Registration payable at the door.

New Release: Three-award winning authors publish collection

A jackalope, an old Mexican ghost story, haunting landscapes, and a road trip with Louis L'Amour and Zane Grey are some of the tales you will read in ***Voices from the Snake River Plain***, a new collection of short stories, poems and essays from three award-winning writers, Bonnie Dodge, Dixie Thomas Reale and Patricia Santos Marcantonio.

"We tell stories about people who haven't yet found their own voice, or of those who have lost their voices along their travels. Sometimes our stories rise out of the landscape and from dreams. Sometimes they reach into the past, or into the future, but mostly, our stories echo the human heart," wrote the authors.

Many of the selections have been printed in other publications or have won writing awards. The foreword was written Diane Josephy Peavey, author of *Bitterbrush Country: Living on the Edge of the Land*, and an essayist on Boise Public Radio.

"This book is a small treasure... In *Voices from the Snake River Plain* we learn there is beauty in the landscape around us and people with stories to tell. And much to learn from both," Peavey wrote.

Magic Valley Arts Council will host a book launch from 7-9 p.m. **Nov. 6** at the Full Moon Gallery on Main Avenue in Twin Falls. For more information contact: Patricia Santos Marcantonio at 208-420-5946 or Bonnie Dodge at 208-324-8306.

New Release:

Carlos Santana: A Biography (Greenwood Press) explores the life and music of this extraordinary guitarist, ranging from his professional beginnings—his first regular gig was at a Tijuana strip club—and early success in San Francisco to the definitive songs and albums of the 1970s, the commercial resurgence with 1999's *Supernatural*, his induction into the

Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, and his current work with producer Bill Laswell.

Unlike other biographies, this book offers a comprehensive look at Santana's transitions through a variety of musical styles beyond rock, including blues, salsa, jazz, and world music. It also portrays Santana as very much a child of the eclectic musical culture of the 1960s, as well as showing the profound influence of the New Age movement on Santana's life and music. Author **Norman Weinstein** of Idaho is an independent scholar with widely published books and articles in the

areas of popular music, poetry and literary criticism, and architecture. Listen to an interview:

*New Release: **Building Bogus Basin*** - Bogus Basin Mountain Recreation Area is thrilled to announce the completion of a multi-year history project culminating in the release of *Building Bogus Basin*—Bogus Basin's history book. The hard cover, coffee table style book is filled with hundreds of colorful photographs and stories.

Author Eve Chandler spent several years interviewing people from all over the country who played key roles in making Bogus Basin what it is today. "The men and women who built Bogus Basin were incredibly tenacious in creating a ski area for the Treasure Valley during the Great Depression. They faced challenges and overcame them—it's a story of true fortitude," said Chandler.

Why did Bogus Basin produce a history book? One of Bogus Basin's most avid and earliest skiers, Emery Conner, passed away in the winter of 2006. Former Mitey Mite coach, Dick Vandenburg asked General Manager Mike Shirley to create a history of the area and interview early skiers and supporters before it was too late to gather the early stories. Shirley, in turn, asked Chandler to write an account of Bogus Basin, and in the spring of 2006, she began interviewing and recording local skiers' stories about the humble beginnings of Bogus Basin. For information on the history book, <http://www.bogusbasin.org/about/order-the-bogus-basin-history-book-online-/index.aspx>

New
Parents

By Victoria
In
28th, the
clarifies the
opportunity.
soon to be
questions
you beyond
common
putting more learning opportunities back in the classrooms and control back in our communities.

Release! ***Education's Missing Ingredient: What Can Tell Educators***

Rowman & Littlefield Education Publishers

M. Young, Caldwell Author

Education's Missing Ingredient, due for release on October author demystifies the failures of education reforms and struggles encountered by advocates for educational She challenges the theory of accountability on which the reauthorized No Child Left Behind act is based. And she whether Americans truly value education. This book takes reform by bringing together observations, research, history, sense, and logic to propose how we can move toward

Victoria offers insight from the perspective of a parent who has navigated and attempted to change a less than adequate local school system. She believes when we begin to not just identify problems but truly understand them then we will have the answers to fixing our faltering education system. www.amissingingredient.com.

NEW BOOKS BY IDAHOANS, OR ABOUT IDAHO:

Carole Simon-Smolinski, Hells Canyon & the Middle Snake River, Confluence Press
Amil Quayle, Grand Canyon and Other Selected Poems, Black Star Press
Diane Raptosh, Parents From a Different Alphabet, Guernica Editions, Inc.
Lynna and Leland Howard, Backcountry Roads, Idaho, Caxton Press
Mitch Wieland, God's Dogs, Southern Methodist University Press
Christine Echeverria Bender, The Whaler's Forge, Caxton Press

Writers Who Wine meet the 2nd Thursday of every month at 7:00 p.m. at the True North Creative Learning Center, 150 E. Aikens in Eagle. Come and join a fun group of writers who enjoy reading their works while sipping wine with friends. Bring wine or treats and something to read. There's a writing prompt each month. For more information, contact Elaine Ambrose at elaineambrose1@aol.com

LIBRARY NEWS-

Welcome to Harry Potter's world! School age kids, ages 6 and up, are invited to celebrate the fun of the Harry Potter series. Join us at the Library! at Hillcrest for a Harry Potter Halloween Party on Saturday, **October 31**, from 1:00 till 3:00 p.m.

Kids will be "sorted" into one of the four Hogwarts Houses. Then, we'll make potions, wands, and flying Snitches, and play Harry Potter trivia games. We'll offer broom races, taste Bertie Botts Every Flavor Beans, and enjoy other delicious treats from Honeydukes.

Space is limited, so registration is recommended. Register in person or call 562-4996. The Library! at Hillcrest is located in the Hillcrest Shopping Center at Orchard Street and Overland Road. For more information visit our website at www.boisepubliclibrary.org.

Short Story Writers & Readers

The Silverstone Branch of the Meridian Library is now hosting a reading group specifically for writers and fans of contemporary short stories. Working from the Ecco Anthology of Contemporary American Short Fiction, we meet every other Tuesday at 6:30 PM for a vigorous discussion of one story, with a special eye toward the author's style, technique, and craftsmanship. Writers looking to improve their work by studying published examples are encouraged to join us, though the group is open to anyone who enjoys the short story form. A schedule of our upcoming meetings can be found on our blog:

<http://shortstorygroup.blogspot.com>. Contact Greg at the Meridian Library for more info: email greg@mld.org or phone 888-4451.

Library Offers Free Class on Idaho Statesman Archives

Learn how to use the Idaho Statesman Historical Archives database to enhance your research on Idaho-related history and genealogy. Boise Public Library will offer a class on the database on Thursday, **December 17**, from 10:15 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. The free class is for adults, and will be held in the Gates Computer Lab at the Main Library. Basic computer skills are required.

Attendees will have an opportunity to learn about the contents and search features of the Idaho Statesman Historical Archives database, one of several online databases to which the library subscribes. The Archives include articles, advertisements, obituaries and more from July 26, 1864 to December 31, 1922.

Seating is limited-please call 384-4076 to sign up. For more information, visit www.boisepubliclibrary.org and click on About the Library and then Computers at the Library. The Main Library is located at 715 South Capitol Boulevard in downtown Boise.

The Garden City Library has received \$12,153 from The Friends of the Garden City Library. The money will assist the library in purchasing new materials such as large print, audios, videos and non-fiction titles that are popular with the community.

Garden City Library is the “Number One Circulating Library in the Treasure Valley per capita”. Last year the library checked out over 18 items per citizen in Garden City. “We are thankful to the Friends of the Garden City Library for all their support. The Friends have donated over \$47,000 to the Garden City Library since 2006,” says Lisa Zeiter, Library Director.

The Friends of the Garden City Library will be having their **Semi-Annual Book Sale October 15-17th** at The Garden City Library, 6015 Glenwood St, Garden City Idaho. All proceeds will go to purchase new materials for the library.

A Reader’s Extravaganza! Fall Booksale at the Library

You’ll find good-quality gift books at great prices this month, at the 2009 Annual Fall Booksale, conducted by the Friends of the Boise Public Library. The sale runs from Friday, **Oct 23, through Sunday, Oct 25** in the Hayes Auditorium at the Main Library in downtown Boise at 715 South Capitol Blvd. Sale hours are 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, and noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday. Additional books are stocked throughout the day on Friday and Saturday. All books are half-price on Sunday.

Sale items include lots of new and gently-used books for kids, pocket and trade paperbacks, computer books and classics, better quality book sets, coffee table books, cookbooks, holiday gift books and more. All are priced to sell! (Note: There is no by-the-bag pricing during the fall sale.) Preview Night for members of the Friends group will be held Thursday, October 22, from 4 to 7 p.m. New Friends may join at the door. www.boisepubliclibrary.org

Boise teens will be reading for the fun of it as local libraries celebrate Teen Read Week™, October 18 - 24.

Libraries, schools and bookstores across the country are encouraging teens to "Read Beyond Reality @ your library®." The theme encourages teens to read a wide variety of materials that are out of this world, just for the fun of it. Boise Public Library will be hosting the following special Teen Read Week programs during Teen Read Week. No registration is required.

Main Library, Tuesday, **October 20**, 7 p.m., Hayes Auditorium-Teens are invited to read “beyond” what was written in the book *The Mysteries of Harris Burdick*, by Chris Van Allsburg.

Create your own continuation of the stories and pictures and share other books that challenge the imagination. Bring a friend and join us for good food, conversation, and imagination.

Library! at Hillcrest, Tuesday, **October 20**, 4 p.m.-What do you care about? Make a difference, volunteer, write a letter, start a movement!
Join us as we explore how teens can change the world.

Library! at Cole & Ustick, Thursday, **October 22**, 5 p.m.-Science Fiction, Fantasy & Candy Sushi will start with a discussion of Beyond-Reality science fiction and fantasy books, then move on to sushi.

Not a fan of real sushi? Try your hand at making candy sushi. We'll provide the ingredients for your sweet culinary creations.

Library! at Collister, Thursday, **October 22**, 7:30 p.m.-Come join us for a ghastly good time as we exchange urban legends over spooky sweets.

Allow your imagination to stretch as you hear tales that are too eerie to be real-or are they?

For more information, visit our website at www.boisepubliclibrary.org.

Teen Read Week™ is the national adolescent literacy initiative of the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA), a division of the American Library Association.

Boise teens and tweens could win a trip to WrestleMania XXVI in Phoenix by joining the 2009-2010 WrestleMania Reading Challenge at Boise Public Library. To qualify, students in grades 5-12 are asked to read 10 items in their free time, to keep a reading log, and to design a bookmark about the importance of reading. The WrestleMania Reading Challenge is sponsored by World Wrestling Entertainment (WWE) and the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA), with support from Mattel. It's designed to encourage teens and tweens to continue reading for fun beyond Teen Read Week. To learn more, visit www.boisepubliclibrary.org or stop by and ask teen services staff for details.

Fall Booksale at the Boise Public Library - You'll find good-quality gift books at great prices this month, at the 2009 Annual Fall Booksale, conducted by the Friends of the Boise Public Library. The sale runs from Friday, **October 23**, through Sunday, October 25 in the Hayes Auditorium at the Main Library in downtown Boise at 715 South Capitol Blvd. Sale hours are 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, and noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday. Additional books are stocked throughout the day on Friday and Saturday. All books are half-price on Sunday. To learn more about donating books or joining the Friends organization, call 384-4198, or visit the library web page at www.boisepubliclibrary.org.

Open Mic Poetry – *New location*

Every Tuesday at 7, sign-up 6:30

at Alia's Coffee House, on Main Street between 9th and 10th, downtown Boise
Poets can read their own works or the works of others.

THE WRITE PATH - 1517 West Jefferson Street, Boise, ID . 208-385-0888 . Facilitated by Susan Reuling Furness, M.Ed., LCPC, LMFT, PTR. More information at www.writepath.org

* **Blue Plate Special: Lunch Lines & Noontime Notes:** Mondays 11:50am - 1:00pm

• **Resumes September 21, 2009.** – Dig into a lunch time writing habit just like Frank O’Hara did. Class provides all the raw ingredients necessary to feed your reflective journaling and/or creative writing. *Punch Cards For Attendance: 4 weeks for \$60 (classes expire after 6 weeks) 8 weeks for \$120 (classes expire after 12 weeks).*

* **Writing The Winds OF Change: Women’s Journal Group:** Meets for 8 Wednesdays 9:00am - 11:00am • **Registration Remains Open: September 23 - November 18, 2009.** – Regardless of the source of your transition, your own words will help you navigate toward a bright tomorrow. Join other woman-explorers as we untangle the confusion, upheaval, and mystery of riding and writing the winds of change. *Please pre-register. Registration Cost: \$320. Many insurance plans cover this group.*

* **Write A New Tune, When You're Singin' The Blues** - Meets Tuesdays • Ongoing Group – 2 seats remain. 5:00pm - 7:00pm. – Facilitated journaling group provides discussion and prompts to support recovery from loss, depression, anxiety and worry. Explore the blue notes and rekindle a hopeful song in this always-supportive group. *Please pre-register. \$320 for initial 8 weeks; \$160 each additional 4 weeks. Many insurance plans cover this group.*

* **YOUR OPPORTUNITY:** If you love poetry and writing and also like working with people, you may find joy in combining these passions. Susan Reuling Furness is currently offering training for men and women interested in becoming nationally certified as Applied Poetry Facilitators and Poetry Therapists. For more information contact Susan.

From The Cabin:

For information, call 331-8000 or visit <http://TheCabinIdaho.org>

Trick Or Treat With David Sedaris

The Cabin is pleased to present David Sedaris, Halloween Eve