

Idaho Writers' Update - Vol. III, Issue XII

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June 16, 2009

Greetings.

We are pleased to bring you this latest issue of the *Update*. Once again, it is chock-full of something for everyone: literary events, classes, calls-for-submission, and much more.

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

To submit news items, deadlines are the 15th and 30th of each month, and I require a format from which I can copy-and-paste. 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.)

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This effort is supported in part by a grant from the Boise City Department of Arts and History.

Thank you,
Betty Rodgers

“If we had to say what writing is,
we would have to define it essentially as an act of courage.”

~Cynthia Ozick

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Refer to the Update anytime online at:

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

The Boise Department of Arts & History

<<http://www.cityofboise.org/CityGovernment/ArtsAndHistory/>> is compiling information for the Fall for Boise Calendar 2009. If you have events or performances happening in September or October of this year, please respond with details by **Friday, June 19, 2009**.

The brochure in which your information and events will be printed, is distributed to most downtown businesses and will be included in all of the Boise State new student packets. This is a great opportunity for free advertising!!

The Boise Young Professionals <<http://www.boiseyp.org/>> an organization of over 800 local members, are celebrating the arts in September 2009. If you are willing to offer a discount for BYP members at your events during September, please include details in your listing. If you would like to offer BYP discounts for other months, please contact jcwilson@cityofboise.org

We look forward to hearing from you soon!

Thanks!
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IDAHO magazine announces Young Writer's Program

Young Writers, Parents, Teachers, Mentors.....a writing opportunity to encourage emerging young writers:

IDAHO magazine's Young Writer's Program is designed to encourage Idaho students, from kindergarten through high school, to develop and improve their writing skills by learning what it is like to submit freelance articles to a magazine with statewide circulation.

The goal is to publish stories by student authors in *IDAHO magazine*. The author of each published story will be paid \$25 for one-time rights to that story (both in print and online), and each May, the author of the story deemed to be the best of those published in the previous twelve issues will receive that year's *IDAHO magazine* Young Writers Award.

In keeping with the magazine's general philosophy, all submissions must be non-fiction, must relate to Idaho people, places or events and must not have been previously published. In particular, for the purposes of the Young Writers Program, the stories must be between 200 and 500 words in length, and must be about people, places or events known by the writers themselves.

Additional details, along with application information and writer's guidelines, can be found at *IDAHO magazine's* web site, www.idahomagazine.com or by e-mailing Sheila Robertson, Coordinator of Educational Outreach at srobertson@idahomagazine.com.

IDAHO WRITERS GUILD – Join Today

The formation of an organization by and for professional writers in Idaho was recently announced. Called the Idaho Writers Guild, it will offer 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. Contact Doug Copsey for more information: dougcopseyproductions@msn.com or call Doug at 208-387-0290.

Attention freelance writers and other media professionals:

Media Network Idaho and the National Federation of Press Women are urging freelance writers to join our group. It offers terrific networking opportunities, and the national meetings offer great training workshops. I'd also note that there is scholarship money available to members who are attending their first national conferences. This year's conference will be in San Antonio, and it sounds like the Texas delegation has gone all out to make it a great conference.

Here is the membership information for joining Media Network Idaho. <http://medianetworkidaho.com/joinus.html> (We are a state affiliate of NFPW, but the organization welcomes women and men from all communication fields: print, broadcast, visual arts, public relations, Internet, graphic arts, etc. Please check out the NFPW website, which is www.nfpw.org). There is a lot available for a little money, and your participation will make the group stronger.

From Kitty Fleischman, kfleisch@idahomagazine.com

Boise State University Launches New Effort to Publish Books of Scholarship about Idaho and the West - Boise

State University is undertaking a new plan to market and publish books of popular scholarship about Idaho and the West, starting with 35 titles that have a tie to the university. The university-wide project is housed under Boise State's Division of Research.

The project's intent isn't to be a university-wide press, but instead a flexible publishing consortium that will feature juried non-fiction and popular scholarship with proven market appeal that focuses on Idaho and the American West. The project will expand beyond books to include on-line and downloadable works, print-on-demand publications and DVDs. Overall, the project will consolidate and coordinate the university's research and publication efforts.

A sample of the numerous publications available include:

- The Hemingway Western Studies Series, edited by English professor Tom Trusky.
- The Idaho Landscape Series, including the magazine by the same name, Western titles and books, edited by history professor Todd Shallat.
- The Idaho Metropolitan Research Series, featuring books about urban-rural problems and policy. The series is edited by social sciences and public affairs dean Melissa Lavitt.
- The Otter Pre K-12 Idaho Education Series, developed by education professor Stan Steiner, history professor Todd Shallat and Idaho first lady Lori Otter. The series includes education books including Steiner's "P is for Potato," "Ida," and others directed at the K-12 market.

In addition to juried works published in the Boise State series, a publications catalog, "New U Writings," is available now and a Web site, www.booksboisestate.com, will include writings by Boise State professors published elsewhere by notable university and commercial presses. For more information, call 426-1514.

A NOVEL ADVENTURE – *Downtown Boise* www.anoveladventure.com

6/25/2009: Author Event - Thor Hanson

6:00 pm "We're sending you to the middle of nowhere." Thor Hanson's Peace Corps supervisor. "The middle of nowhere" turned out to be Africa's Bwindi National Park where the young and passionate Peace Corps volunteer Thor Hanson was sent to develop the nascent gorilla tourist program, located within Uganda's Impenetrable Forest. With graceful prose dosed with humor and high adventure, Hanson relates the story of his time spent amongst the gorillas and rural villages of remotest Africa in his memoir, "The Impenetrable Forest: My Gorilla Years in Uganda" June 25, 2009 at 6:00pm, Join biologist and author Dr. Thor Hanson for an evening of stories and slides from his book. A discussion and book signing will follow the presentation.

Wesley Center Book Release

A collection of poetry, short stories, essays and sermons on love will be released on July 1. The book, *Love Among Us*, has more than 50 contributors, many of whom are Idahoans. The book is a companion to the February 2009 conference exploring the theory and practice of love.

Dates: Wednesday, **July 1st**, 2009

Time: Call 208.467.8816 for event time

Location: Northwest Nazarene University, 623 Holly St., Nampa, ID

Cost: Free

Contact Thomas Oord at tjoord@nnu.edu for more information.

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 taking the summer off. Contact jancarpenter12@hotmail.com for more information.

BOISE NONFICTION WRITERS Speaker Series. **The Idaho Writers Guild.** Doug Copsey, author of *With Our Good Will, 30 Years of Shakespeare in Idaho*, will recount the process of forming the Guild and describe its mission, goals and proposed activities. **Wednesday July 1, 2009**, 6:30-8 pm (but come at 6 to browse books and visit with other aspiring writers), Rediscovered Bookshop, 7079 Overland Rd., Boise, <http://www.rdbooks.org>, 208.376.4229. This event is FREE and open to everyone. For more info: hshaklee@uidaho.edu. <http://www.sageecosci.com/Writers.html>

BOISE NONFICTION WRITERS Speaker Series. **Writing History.** Judy Austin, from the Idaho State Historical Museum; more details to follow. **Wednesday August, 2009**, 6:30-8 pm (but come at 6 to browse books and visit with other aspiring writers), Rediscovered Bookshop, 7079 Overland Rd., Boise, <http://www.rdbooks.org>, 208.376.4229. This event is FREE and open to everyone. For more info: hshaklee@uidaho.edu. <http://www.sageecosci.com/Writers.html>

NEW BOOKS BY IDAHOANS, OR ABOUT IDAHO:

Carole Simon-Smolinski, *Hells Canyon & the Middle Snake River*, Confluence Press

Mitch Wieland, *God's Dogs*, SMU Press

Amil Quayle, *Grand Canyon and Other Selected Poems*, Black Star Press

Diane Raptosh, *Parents From a Different Alphabet*, Guernica Editions, Inc.

Saturday, June 20 • 2-4 PM: Book-signing event at **Barnes & Noble** in Idaho Falls. Pick up a perfect Father's Day gift. Lynna and Leland Howard will autograph their books and make suggestions for summer adventures in Idaho's backcountry.

Friday, July 10 • 4-7 PM: Book-signing event in conjunction with **Wheeler's for the Wounded** at **Bucks 4x4**, 4500 W. Chinden, Boise. Bucks 4x4 will host the event that includes a barbeque (beginning at noon), a raffle, Hillbilly Rock Crew participation, National Guard support for wounded veterans, other 4x4 club appearances...and more. Lynna and Leland Howard will autograph their newest book, *Backcountry Roads, Idaho*, and make suggestions for summer adventures in Idaho's backcountry.

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Writers @ Harriman - Writers @ Harriman, a week-long residential camp for high school

students who love to write and be outdoors, will be held August 2-8 at Idaho's Harriman State Park.

Students are coming from more than 16 different Idaho high schools. For more information, visit

<http://writersatharriman.org>. To apply after June 15, please contact the director at

writersatharriman@yahoo.com <<mailto:writersatharriman@yahoo.com>>.

Open Mic Poetry

Every Tuesday at 7, sign-up 6:30

at The Brick Oven Bistro on the Grove, downtown Boise

Poets can read their own works or the works of others.

Boise Poetry Slam

www.boisepoetry.com

HEAD TO HEAD HAIKU RETURNS! Slam of Steel will now be home to the areas only Head-to-Head Haiku competition! Join us for 17-syllable battles fraught with tension and... REVERENCE! It's amazing!

July 7: Slam of Steel All Ages Poetry Slam and Workshop *with Head to Head Haiku*, Workshop at 6, slam at 7, Woman of Steel Gallery (3640 Chinden), \$5 at door

July 20: Poetry Slam deLux "Erotica Slam" Sign-ups at 7:30, Slam at 8, Neurolux Lounge (113 N 11th), \$5, 21 and over

August 4: Slam of Steel featuring Head to Head Haiku, Workshop at 6, Slam at 7, Woman of Steel Gallery (3640 Chinden)

August 17: Poetry Slam deLux, sign-ups at 7:30, slam at 8 at Neurolux Lounge, \$100 Grand Prize, Paulie Lipman of Denver will feature in August

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

THE WRITE PATH - Summer Classes – – 1517 West Jefferson Street, Boise, ID • 208-385-0888 • Facilitated by **Susan Reuling Furness**, M.Ed., LCPC, LMFT, PTR. www.writepath.org

* **So You Want To Write** - An Evening Workshop: Wednesday, August 5, 2009, 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Perhaps you have a stalled writing project or want to experiment with with fiction, poetry, or memoir. Beginners and seasoned writers - join Susan who will rattle the cages of stagnation and fan the flames of your creative. This action-packed evening of writing will boost you imagination and confidence. It may change everything. Limited space available. \$49 on or before July 29, 2009. \$64 after July 29.

* **Write A New Tune, When You're Singin' The Blues** - Ongoing Group. Meets Tuesdays, 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.***

From The Cabin:

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

EARLY BIRD SEASON TICKETS FOR THE 2009-2010 READINGS & CONVERSATIONS SERIES NOW ON SALE - Members of The Cabin can receive priority seating during the Early Bird period which ends June 15. Same-seat requests are due by June 15. Scheduled authors for next year include Frank Deford, Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie, Annie Proulx and Michael Chabon. Tickets may be purchased by phone at (208) 331-8000, by fax at (208) 331-8334 or by mailing The Cabin at 801 S. Capitol Blvd., Boise, ID 83702 [More »](#)

IDAHO WRITING CAMPS! - The Cabin's camps for grades 4-12 will be held from June through August in Boise, Eagle, Caldwell, Hailey, Twin Falls and Idaho Falls. Choose from Curious City, Writing Wild!, Words & Pictures, and 801 OASIS, a writing intensive for grades 10-12. Download the registration form. [More »](#)

DROP-IN WRITING WORKSHOPS WITH NORMAN WEINSTEIN

All are welcome to attend this informal community workshop for writers at all levels. Mr. Weinstein is a poet and critic writing about poetry, music, architecture and design. He is the author of a book about jazz, another on Gertrude Stein's writing, and six books of poetry. He currently reviews jazz for The Christian Science Monitor as well as the literature of architecture and design for Architectural Record. Bring pen and paper and a willingness to explore. **The workshops are held the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at 6:30 p.m. at The Cabin. Free.**

WRITERS IN THE SCHOOLS (WITS) - The Cabin's WITS program has demonstrated dramatic improvement in writing achievement among schoolchildren. We're a member of a national alliance of programs placing professional writers in public and private classrooms, juvenile centers and alternative programs. More »

DO YOU HAVE AN AUTHOR TO RECOMMEND? TELL US! - Do you have a favorite author we should bring to Boise? Send us an email at info@TheCabinIdaho.org, give us a call, or stop by for a visit. We'd love to hear from you!

VOLUNTEER AT THE CABIN - Interested in volunteering at The Cabin? We have a range of opportunities for folks with a little or a lot of time and for all skill levels. Check out our volunteer page to learn more or to sign up to help. More »

Summer camps at True North Creative Learning Center,
150 E. Aikens Street, Suite B, Eagle 83616
For more information, call Liza Walton at 208.939.0385
or visit www.truenorthclc.com

Written and Illustrated Children's Writing Workshop

Starts Monday - Children will write and illustrate their own books with expert guidance from published author Ken Rodgers, MFA, and educator Katie Walker. \$150, M-Th 9-12 a.m. **June 22-25**, Grades 5-7.

GREAT RIFT WRITERS is a diverse group of practitioners of the literary arts. Our goal is to do justice to inner and outer landscapes. Criteria for membership is loose (and that's putting it mildly). Put your thoughts on paper, partake of monthly workshops, and demonstrate that you won't bleed to death under an assault of friendly criticism and you're likely to become a Great Rift Writer.

Workshops are from 7 to 9 PM on the **3rd Wednesday of every month**, with some exceptions near holidays.

Tomorrow - **June 17, 2009**

Workshop Location: Bonneville County Extension Office, Upstairs Conference Room, 2925 Rollandet, Idaho Falls. Contact: **Lynna Howard**, lynna@artmeetsadventure.com, www.artmeetsadventure.com (click on Great Rift Writers link)

DUES: Membership dues are \$25.00 per year. Great Rift Writers is a non-profit organization. Leslie Ovard is acting treasurer, so please make checks payable to her. In the memo portion write "GRW MEMBERSHIP." You can bring cash or check to a GRW meeting; or mail payment to Lynna Howard at 441 Hummingbird Lane, Shelley, ID 83274 (Lynna's house is the GRW snail mail location). Prospective members can attend a couple of workshops first before deciding if they want to join or not. Optional "Homework Assignments" are posted on the website.

JUNE AT REDISCOVERED BOOKSHOP...

Rediscovered Bookshop co-owner Laura Delaney is a blogger for the Idaho Mom2Mom network sponsored by the Idaho Statesman. She'll be posting at least once a week about books for kids and teens. <http://www.idahomom2mom.com/> She's on the front page.

*Partners In Crime Writing Group

-June's meeting for Partners In Crime will be replaced with Murder In the Grove, a weekend-long event, full of workshops and author events. For more details please visit www.murderinthegrove.com or www.partnersincrimeboise.com.

*Story Time: Terrific Tales Story Time

-For children ages 3-8 with stories, songs, and a visit from Chaucer, the Bookstore
Cat. 10:30 a.m., every Fri. FREE.

*NaNoWriMo Critique Group

-Although the novels are written, there is much more work to do! We're meeting throughout the year on the second and fourth Sundays of the month to edit, critique, and encourage the continuation of writing. Sun., June 28, 2:00-4:00 p.m., FREE.

*Green Book Group - **Today**

-David Wann, author of *Affluenza*, shows readers how they can overcome the disease of over-consumption by investing in a variety of real wealth sources, in his newest book *Simple Prosperity: Finding Real Wealth in a Sustainable Lifestyle*. Tues., June 16, 6:30 p.m., FREE.

*On the Edge Book Group

-This month's pick, Jenny Downham's *Before I Die*, is the inspiring story of a dying girl who tastes new experiences to make her feel alive while her failing body struggles to keep up. Thurs., June 18, 4:00 p.m., FREE.

*Speculative Fiction Writers Group

-Come and find out more about writing in this genre and learn about the current trends and writing styles of science fiction and fantasy. Thurs., June 18, 6:30 p.m., FREE.

*Eclectic Reader Book Group

-In June we're reading the high-action fantasy novel *The Name Of The Wind* by Patrick Rothfuss. It is a powerful coming-of-age story of a magically gifted young man, told through a riveting first-person narrative that allows the reader to "become" the hero. Mon., June 22, 6:30 p.m., FREE.

*Craig Johnson

-Craig Johnson, Spur Award winner, and author of the Walt Longmire mysteries, is coming to the Rediscovered Bookshop to discuss his newest book, *Another Man's Moccasins*, which follows Sheriff Walt Longmire's determined investigation to find the identity of a murdered young Vietnamese woman, that eventually connects two murders across forty years. Tues., June 23, 7:00 p.m., FREE.

*G.A.S.P.: A Girls Only Book Group

-In a city that runs on a dwindling supply of magic, a young boy is drawn into a life of wizardry and adventure. *The Magic Thief* by Sarah Prineas is an entertaining work of fantasy to please every reader. Thurs., June 25, 4 p.m., FREE.

*Christian Fiction Writers Group

-Authors and aspiring authors are meeting this month to share ideas and critiques about the world of Christian fiction. This is a very friendly group, come and check it out. Thurs., June 25, 6:30 p.m., FREE.

*Laura Bingham

-Join is for the release party of local author Laura Bingham and her first novel, *Alvor*! *Alvor* follows Erin and her twin brother, Bain, as they find that the cabin in the woods near their home is actually a secret entrance to a magical world. As they learn they

have unknowingly been training to become elves they are faced with the decision to stay in this dream world or return home to the life they knew. Fri., June 26, 7:00-8:30 p.m., FREE.

AND JULY...

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*Classics You Forgot To Read -One of Mark Twain's satire pieces is our July pick for the Classics You Forgot to Read Book Group. In *A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court* Hank Morgan is transported back to King Arthur's court, in the year 528. While he's there, Morgan tries to improve the living conditions by introducing modern inventions and democracy with mixed results. Thurs., July 2, 6:30 p.m., FREE.

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-Although the novels are written, there is much more work to do! We're meeting throughout the year on the second and fourth Sundays of the month to edit, critique, and encourage the continuation of writing. Sun., July 5 & 19, 2:00-4:00 p.m., FREE.

*Boys Only Book Group
-In P.B. Kerr's *One Small Step*, it's 1969, and 13-year-old Scott is flying airplanes with his father. When Scott successfully crash-lands a training plane, NASA recruits him for a secret mission--a test flight to the Moon before the first lunar landing. Thurs., July, 9, 4:00 p.m., FREE.

*Chris Bender - Local author Chris Bender will be in the Rediscovered Bookshop to celebrate the release of her new book. *The Whaler's Forge* is a historical novel centered around Bender's time spent traveling to Red Bay, Labrador to study the archeological sites where four Basque whaling galleons have been discovered. Fri., July 10, 7:00 p.m., FREE.

*Jane Austen Book Group
-One of the most beloved of Jane Austen's works is *Mansfield Park*, which we will be reading in July. Fanny Price, a young girl from a poor family, is raised at Manfield Park by her aunt and uncle. After years of being treated as inferior to the rest of the family, Fanny find herself competing in the maze of courtship and entertainment rituals alongside her cousins. Tues., July 14, 6:30 p.m., FREE.

*On the Edge Book Group
-Karen Hesse's *A Time of Angels* tells the story of a young Jewish girl who is struck by the Influenza epidemic in 1918, and relies on the advice of an old man, and visions of angels, to help her reunite and get better after being separated from her family. Thurs., July 16, 4:00 p.m., FREE.

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*Idaho Green Expo -The Rediscovered Bookshop is setting up shop at the second annual Idaho

Green Expo! We will be selling the year's best selection of green and sustainable living titles, as well as hosting an author event. Karen K. Brees will be doing a talk and signing about her latest book *The Complete Idiot's Guide to Preserving Food*. Sat., July 18, 10:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m., Sun., July 19, 11:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m., FREE. The Boise Centre on the Grove, 850 W. Front St., Boise, <http://www.idahogreenexpo.org/>

*Green Book Group

-Michael Pollan's bestselling book *In Defense of Food: An Eater's Manifesto* is the Green Reader July pick. *In Defense of Food* is an eloquent manifesto that shows how to start making thoughtful food choices that can enrich and enlarge your sense of what it means to be healthy. Tues., July 21, 6:30 p.m., FREE.

*G.A.S.P.: A Girls Only Book Group

-David Almond's *Skellig* follows Michael's discovery of a strange creature in the garage of his new home. After he confides in his friend Mina about it, they decide to carry the creature out into the light, changing Michael's world forever. Thurs., July 23, 4 p.m., FREE.

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*Eclectic Reader Book Group

-The Eclectic Readers are taking on a memoir this month with Lijia Zhang's *Socialism is Great!: A Workers Memoir of the New China*. This spirited memoir is as much a testament to the triumph of will versus destiny, as well as a journalistic look into the Tiananmen Square protests. Mon., July 27, 6:30 p.m., FREE.

Rediscovered Bookshop

7079 Overland Rd

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208-376-4229

www.rediscoveredbookshop

At The Flicks - Movies based on literature or literary subject matter:

Easy Virtue - *Opens Friday, June 19* - Based on the 1920's **Noel Coward** play, director **Stephan Elliott** (*Priscilla Queen of the Desert*) has fun updating this breezy comedy, using music from **Cole Porter** as well as **Prince**. **Jessica Biel** plays an American race car driver who marries into a stuffy British family and blasts them into the modern age. **Kristin Scott Thomas**, **Colin Firth** and **Kris Marshall** co-star. **Kris Marshall**, as the butler, nearly steals the show. (PG-13)

Call for Submissions–

<http://www.fvcc.edu/news-events/academic-news/many-voices-press/>

Many Voices Press is accepting submissions for an anthology of poets from Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming. We are selecting poems NOW. No deadline. We will continue to review submissions until we have selected a quantity sufficient to compile a 400 page manuscript. **\$200 Many Voices Prize** awarded to the best poem from each state. (Send 6-12 poems. Looking for original insights into contemporary life in the American West.)

Flathead Valley Community College

777 Grandview Drive

Kalispell, Montana 59901

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS:

Editors Andrea Reid and Maya Jewell Zeller are currently seeking submissions for an anthology of superhero poetry, tentatively titled "Between Saviors and Villains: An Anthology

of Contemporary Poetry Inspired by American Superheroes."

Send 3-6 poems and a cover letter including your contact information, comments on how your poems are meant to explore the concept of superheroes, and a brief bio to superheropoetryanthology@gmail.com. Please include all materials in one attached (.rtf) document. Simultaneous submissions are fine, as are poems previously published in magazines, chapbooks, and full-length poetry collections. Please note these credits in your bio. Questions? Please email us, or visit our website: <http://www.superheropoetryanthology.blogspot.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.

LIBRARY NEWS-

Adult Summer Reading: June 1 - July 31 Create a Colorful Summer @ your library! ©

Do you have fond memories of summer reading as a child? Now, you can read for fun and prizes as an adult, too! Just enter our weekly drawing for a chance to win great prizes from local businesses every time you read two books. Books count whether you read them, listen to them, or read them aloud to others.

Boise residents with a public library card can register for Boise Public Library's Summer Reading program at the following locations:
the Main Library, 715 S. Capitol Blvd.; the Library! at Collister, 4724 W. State St.; the Library! at Hillcrest, 5246 W. Overland Rd.; or the Bookmobile.

Prize sponsors include Bark n' Purr, Bogus Basin Mountain Recreation Area, Chef Lou's, Crave Salon, the Flicks, Flying Pie Pizzeria and Opera Idaho. For more information, visit www.boisepubliclibrary.org.

Adult Summer Book Club Library! at Collister

Enjoy lively book discussions and iced tea this summer on the **fourth Tuesday** of every month at the Library! at Collister. The library is offering a summer book club for adult readers, with topics and genres chosen according to club member preferences. Book discussions will be led by a facilitator. The club will meet at 7 p.m. on **June 23, July 28, and August 25**.

In June, the club will discuss *The Sunday Philosophy Club*, by Alexander McCall Smith. July's title is *Remember: a memoir of Nazi invasion, forced exile & concentration camp*, by Lorissa Wilfong Holt. The August title will be selected at an upcoming meeting.

For more information about the program, call 562-4995 or visit www.boisepubliclibrary.org. The Library! at Collister is a branch of the Boise Public Library system, and is located at 4724 W. State St. in the Collister Shopping Center.

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.

The Garden City Library is proud to host a Magic Tree House Book Club for Kids ages 6-9. This book club is absolutely free but requires registration (see www.NotAQuietLibrary.org). The book club will meet starting Monday, **June 15, 2009 @ 1:00 p.m.** and will meet each Monday **until July 6, 2009**. Children will enjoy reading, writing, sharing and role playing as they complete a Magic Tree House book. Each participant will also create a "Magic Tree House Journal" and play a Jeopardy-type game at the last meeting. Please see www.NotAQuietLibrary.org for more information or call 472-2944.

The Garden City Library and Bells for Books are gearing up for Summer Reading 2009!

This year's theme is "Be Creative @ The Library". **We will need lots of volunteers to make it happen.** Summer reading is an incentive-based reading program for all ages and it runs from June 1, 2009 through July 31, 2009. Children, teens and adults will read to win prizes during Summer Reading and The Library will offer free, fun family programs all summer long. We generally accept 30-40 teen volunteers over the course of the summer. The Library is a great place to beat the heat, learn something new, and give back to your community all at the same time!

If you are at least 13 years old and are interested in volunteering during Summer Reading please attend our Summer Reading Volunteer Orientation / Pizza Party on May 20, 2009 from 6:00pm-7:30pm at the Garden City Library at 6015 Glenwood Garden City, Idaho, 83714. Please visit www.NotAQuietLibrary.org or call Youth Services @ 472-2944 for more information

Grand Opening Scheduled for Library! at Cole & Ustick Tuesday, June 30, 9:30-10 a.m. - Mayor David Bieter and the Boise Public Library Board of Trustees invite the public to the grand opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony for Boise's new branch library in West Boise, the Library! at Cole and Ustick. The library is located in the Evergreen Plaza Shopping Center at North Cole and Ustick, at 7557 West Ustick Road. The ceremony is scheduled for Tuesday, **June 30**, at 9:30 a.m.

The public is invited to come to the ribbon cutting, and to stay for a look at the new library and the many features that will make it a vibrant part of the West Boise community. Structural highlights include a light-filled, welcoming building, beautiful architectural glass artwork, AV-equipped community rooms, and myriad "green" building features.

"We're confident this new library will spur redevelopment and become a focal point for an area that has waited too long for both," Mayor David Bieter said. "The building has turned out even more beautiful than we expected. I encourage everyone in the neighborhood and in the City to come out to join us on June 30."

The City is aiming for a gold LEED certification of the new library, from the U.S. Green Building Council. Architects Fletcher Farr Ayotte, Inc., and general contractors Petra, Inc., were asked to incorporate sustainable features in the building's design and construction, including efficient use of energy and water, and the use of recycled and local materials.

The new library's 12,600 square feet of public space include two AV-equipped meeting rooms, 46 public computers with Internet access, a collection of 40-50,000 books and materials, and spaces for children's

programs, reading and studying. Its service area will encompass four neighborhood associations - West Cloverdale, West Valley, West Bench and Winstead Park.

Boise Public Library opened two smaller, full-service branch libraries last year in leased spaces in the Collister and Hillcrest Shopping Centers. Since their opening in February and March of 2008, almost 363,000 people have visited them in person, checking out 431,000 books, movies and other materials (as of May 31, 2009).

The City plans to begin design of a fourth library in Southeast Boise this fall and is hopeful construction can begin in 2010. The City is also investigating the feasibility of building a new Main Library in downtown Boise.

For more information, visit www.boisepubliclibrary.org or call Library Administration at 384-4238, weekdays.

IDAHO MAGAZINE: Call for submissions

We are looking for queries on some longer stories for the magazine (2,500 to 3,000 words) with non-fiction topics on Idaho. We receive a deluge of shorter pieces, but it's nice to have some longer stories to include in each issue, as well, and using a chapter of a forthcoming book is a good way to get some pre-publicity and feedback before you go to press. See writers' guidelines on the website.

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Idaho Humanities Council –

Pulitzer Prize-winning Journalist Timothy Egan to Speak in Coeur d'Alene on October 8

Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and National Book Award winner Timothy Egan will present the IHC's 6th Annual Northern Idaho Distinguished Humanities Lecture on Thursday, **October 8, 2009**, at the Coeur d'Alene Resort. The event includes dinner, lecture, and a book signing. Egan's books will be available for sale at the event.

Tickets are available by clicking [here](#) or by calling the IHC at 888-345-5346. General tickets are \$45. Benefactor tickets are \$100, offering an invitation to a pre-dinner reception with Egan in a private home and close-up seating at the dinner and lecture. IHC always recommends reserving tickets early as the event usually sells out. The event is made possible in part by the *Coeur d'Alene Press* and **Idaho Public Television**.

Egan is the author of five books. His most recent, *The Worst Hard Time*, a story about survivors of the dustbowl of the 1930s, won the 2006 National Book Award for nonfiction, considered one of the nation's highest literary honors. He also shares a Pulitzer Prize, from 2001, as part of a team of *New York Times* reporters for their series, "How Race Is Lived in America."

Egan is an online, op-ed columnist for the *New York Times*, writing his "Outposts" opinion feature once a week – with a Western perspective.

Civil War Historian James McPherson to Speak in Boise on October 29

Pulitzer Prize-winning American Civil War historian James McPherson will be the speaker at the Idaho Humanities Council's 13th Annual Distinguished Humanities Lecture and Dinner on Thursday, October 29, 2009, at Boise's Centre on the Grove. McPherson is professor emeritus of history at Princeton University and one of the most distinguished historians of our time. The event is made possible in part by the OfficeMax Boise Community Fund, with additional support from Idaho Public Television.

Tickets are available by clicking [here](#) or by calling the IHC at 345-5346. General tickets are \$55. Benefactor tickets are \$125, offering an invitation to a pre-dinner reception with McPherson in a private home and preferred seating at the dinner and lecture. IHC always recommends reserving tickets early as the event usually sells out.

McPherson's most recent book *Tried by War: Abraham Lincoln as Commander in Chief* (2008) explores how Lincoln had almost no military experience when he was elected but went on to define the role of the American commander-in-chief as he led the country through the Civil War. McPherson draws on almost 50 years of research to present a cogent and concise narrative of how Lincoln, working against enormous odds, preserved the union and the United States of America.

Idaho Humanities Council welcomes applications for grants and

Research Fellowships - The Idaho Humanities Council invites proposals for Mini and Major grants, Teacher Incentive Grants, and Research Fellowships from organizations and individuals for consideration at the Council's fall grant round. The deadline for grant proposals is September 15, 2009. Prospective applicants are strongly encouraged to contact IHC staff well in advance of the deadline to discuss their project ideas before beginning a proposal. IHC also strongly recommends that prospective applicants submit a rough draft proposal for critique in August.

Teacher Incentive Grants are limited to \$1,000, and are awarded to K-12 teachers to enhance the way they teach the humanities in the classroom.

Research Fellowships are special awards to scholars to support research in any field of the humanities. They are limited to \$3,500, awarded only once a year, and may be used to support expenses related to research, including travel to special archives, lodging, and related expenses. IHC awards up to four Research Fellowships each fall.

Mini grants (under \$2,000) and Major Grants (over \$2,000) over the years have supported museum and library exhibits, oral history projects, heritage tourism projects, literary events, special lectures, the preservation of historical photo archives, Chautauqua programs, community-wide reading programs, humanities-focused conferences, and a variety of projects and programs that inspire community dialogue in the humanities.

Grant guidelines and applications, including new Research Fellowship guidelines, are posted on the IHC website: www.idahohumanities.org. The website also includes a listing of recent grant awards and other general information.

The Council has a special interest in projects that encourage dialogue about local or national issues from a humanities perspective, as well as projects that may be funded through the Council's "We the People" program to enhance understanding of American or local history. Projects exploring diversity issues also are encouraged.

The Idaho Humanities Council is a non-profit organization serving as the state-based affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities, dedicated to promoting public understanding and appreciation of literature, history, philosophy, law, anthropology, and other humanities disciplines in Idaho. For more information, call the IHC at 208-345-5346 (Outside Boise area call toll-free at **888/345-5346**), or visit IHC's website at www.idahohumanities.org

Lost Horse Press Poetry Title Wins First Place

The Baseball Field at Night, last poems by Patricia Goedicke, has been named winner of the Gold Medal (First Place) in the Independent Publisher Book Award in Poetry. The Independent Publisher Book Awards, launched in 1996, were designed to bring increased recognition to the deserving but often unsung titles published by independent, university, and small presses. Established as the first awards program open exclusively to independents, the "IPPYs" recognize hundreds of the year's best books, bringing them to the attention of booksellers, buyers, librarians, and book lovers around the world. The "IPPY" Awards reward those who exhibit the courage, innovation, and creativity to bring about change in the world of publishing. All independent, university and small presses who produce books intended for the North American market are eligible to enter titles. Over 1,800 publishers participated in the 2008 Awards, from all 50 United States, eight Canadian provinces, and 18 other countries around the world.

Released by Lost Horse Press in 2008, *The Baseball Field at Night* is the last collection of poems completed by Patricia Goedicke before her untimely death in 2006. Patricia Goedicke was the author of thirteen books of poetry, one of which, *As Earth Begins to End*, was recognized by the American Library Association as one of the top ten poetry books of the year 2000. *As Earth Begins to End* was both her tribute to her husband, Leonard Robinson, and a searching, anguished meditation on diminution and death and what might outlast them. "Her theme here is old and enduring love, the gnawed-at bond between longtime mates that survives epic quarrels and the creeping assault of age, and embodies a transcendent eroticism," wrote reviewer Donna Seaman in *Booklist*. Her first poetry collection, *Between Oceans*, was published in 1968. "An unusual and startlingly original lyrical talent and much emotional force distinguish these poems," wrote *Publishers Weekly*. "A remarkable first volume of poetry." During her career, Ms. Goedicke received a National Endowment for the Arts Creative Writing Fellowship, and won the William Carlos Williams Prize for Poetry from *New Letters* magazine. She taught in the creative writing program at the University of Montana for 25 years. She was a profoundly engaged and insightful teacher of poetry, and has former students in all parts of the country who count her as a pivotal influence on their work and their lives. A Patricia Goedicke Scholarship Fund has been established in her honor at the University of Montana.

The Scene in Moscow, ID, and Eastern Washington as reported by BookPeople: www.bookpeople.net

Today - BookPeople and The Mirror Theater are sponsoring BLOOMSDAY on Tuesday, June 16, from 6:30-9:30pm at the 1912 Center's Friendship Hall! The event will include an audience & rehearsed reading of ULYSSES, beer, bread, & cheese. By donation. **Tuesday, June 16th is the 105th recurrence of Bloomsday!** That's the day in 1904 memorialized in *Ulysses* - the entire action of the novel takes place in Dublin on that day. For the second year, The Mirror Theater will observe the day with audience readings from the novel, and a reading of "The Dead" the concluding story in *Dubliners*, completed by Joyce in 1907. John Huston's last movie memorably recreates this story, Joyce's tribute to Irish hospitality. The story also relates a husband's discovery of a hidden chapter in his wife's life - an early draft of events in the lives of Leopold and Molly Bloom in *Ulysses*. There are parts for all ages. We'll gather in Friendship Hall at the 1912 Center (3rd & Van Buren, Moscow) from 6:30-9:30pm on the 16th. Beer, bread, and cheese will be served. Molly Bloom will give a kiss in heaven to anyone re-distributing or posting the attached flyer. For further information about Bloomsday! or The Mirror Theater, mirrortheater@roadrunner.com, or call 208-882-1394.

Tyler Boudreau is a veteran of the Iraq War and author of the book *Packing Inferno: The Unmaking of a Marine*, which he will be reading from at **BookPeople on Sunday, June 28 at 5pm!** Tyler has embarked on "The Other Side," a cross-country cycle tour. He is riding his bike from Seattle, WA to Northampton, MA. You can read a bit more about it at his website: http://www.tylerboudreau.com/The_Other_Side.html.

The Moscow Junior High School 2009 Literary Magazine, *URSA Major*, is in at BookPeople! Come down and check out the talented writers, artists, photographers, and editors of this 67 page wonderment. The page numbers are facts—starting with "Only 1 Walt Whitman poem was anthologized during his lifetime: "O Captain! My Captain!" all the way to "Jean Craighead George published *One Day in the Prairie* when she was 67." Very clever, not to mention a lot of work finding a fact for each number!

The **Third Season of Shakespeare Sundays**, presented by the **Mirror Theater and Ronald Hufham**, Artistic Director! The events are held at Saint Mark's Episcopal Church Parish Hall in Moscow, 111 S. Jefferson at First Street. Enter at the rear of the church. 1:30-3:30pm. The line-up is as follows:

The Taming of the Shrew—September 21 & 27

King Richard the Second—October 18 & 25

As You Like It—November 15 & 22

King Lear—March 21, 28 & April 11

The Winter's Tale—April 18 & 25

Roles—Sign up at 1:15pm for the part you're dying to play, without reference to your gender, age, or race! Scripts will be provided. (You can just listen if you like.)

Music—come all ye players, singers, composers & improvise like silent movie organists

to set the mood! Costumes and Props—bring your own! For more info, email

mirrortheater@roadrunner.com, on the web at www.mirrortheater.org or call 208.882.1394.

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Literary Links:

General--

<http://www.americanlifeinpoetry.org/>

<http://www.boisepoetry.com/>

<http://www.boisepubliclibrary.com/>

<http://www.cowboypoetry.com/>

<http://www.fishtrap.org/>

<http://www.arts.idaho.gov/> Idaho Commission on the Arts>Literature

<http://www.idahostatesman.com/>

<http://www.idahowritersleague.com/index.html>

<http://www.thecabinidaho.org/>

<http://www.loc.gov/poetry/>

<http://www.poetryfoundation.org/>

<http://www.copyright.gov/>

<http://www.pw.org/>

<http://www.awpwriter.org>

<http://www.poets.org/audio.php>

<http://www.partnersincrimeboise.com/>

<http://www.murderinthegrove.com>

<http://www.wgeo.org/> Writers Guild of Eastern Oregon

<http://www.paleomedia.org/> Reporting on the West and the World

<http://www.idahohumanities.org> Idaho Humanities Council

<http://www.sageecosci.com/Writers.html>

Idaho Authors--

<http://www.anthonydoerr.com/> (Tony Doerr)

<http://www.humanophone.com/> (Janet Holmes)

<http://www.joanpence.com> (Joanne Pence)

<http://www.kennethrodgers.com/> (Ken Rodgers)

<http://www.lanceolsen.com/> (Lance Olsen)

<http://www.dianeraptosh.com/> (Diane Raptosh)

<http://www.michaelkroth.com> (Michael Kroth)

<http://www.elaineambrose.com> (Elaine Ambrose)

<http://www.rachelgibson.com> (Rachel Gibson)

<http://www.artmeetsadventure.com> (Lynna Howard)

<http://www.whitecloudliterary.com/> (Wallace Swenson)

<http://www.dougcopseyproductions.com> (Doug Copsey)

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<http://ahsahtapress.boisestate.edu/>

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<http://www.NewWest.Net/Boise>

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<http://www.bookpeople.net/>

<http://www.rediscoveredbookshop.com>

<http://vistabookgallery.booksense.com>

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Wanted--

-I'm distributing free books and teaching materials to schools in the Boise area through my Bailiwick School Kit program. We had a HUGE response from teachers in Boise who wanted the kits (which include 30 free copies of my books, lesson plans, student activities and a gift from me). The program operates as a sponsorship program. So small individuals, small businesses and civic organizations can sponsor the classroom sets for only \$250 and the reading group sets for only \$99. We've placed six kits at schools in Boise, with one school pending, but I still have twelve schools in the district waiting for sponsors. Do you know any possible sponsors? The kits were designed to support history education and literacy. The teachers who signed up have been waiting for their kits since November. To learn more about the program, please visit www.bailiwickpress.com and go to the Bailiwick School Kits page.

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