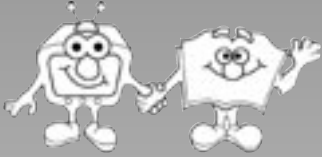


# CONNECTIONS

Making good TV better for young children

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**LINK IDAHO TV SHOWS TO A BOOK TO FOSTER A LOVE OF READING.**

**Start** with a great PBS show.

**Connect** to a book and an activity for fun and powerful learning.

**Look** inside for ideas on TV and book connections.

KAID-4, Boise  
KIPT-13, Twin Falls  
KISU-10, Pocatello  
KUID-35, Moscow  
KCDT-26, Coeur d'Alene



**Arthur**

Scholastic  
**Clifford**  
THE BIG RED DOG™



GET WILD ABOUT READING

**Make your summer great!**

**Watch** some TV that tickles your fancy.

**Try** a craft or science experiment.

**Learn** something new.

**Enjoy** a good story.

**Visit** your library.

**Check out** our Web site at [idahoptv.org/kids](http://idahoptv.org/kids)

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# Why Read for Pleasure?

“Reading is a basic skill,” says the report of the Commission on Reading in *Becoming a Nation of Readers*. “It is a cornerstone for a child’s success in school and, indeed, throughout life.”

While we understand the importance of literacy, why is it important for young people—in fact, all people—to read for pleasure?

The Commission on Reading contends that reading for fun teaches young people how to become strategic, skilled readers. When researchers D. L. Forrest and T. G. Wallace asked third- and sixth-graders to read two stories, one for fun and one as a preparation for a test, they found that skilled readers read the two stories differently than the unskilled readers. The skilled readers remembered more of the story that was to be read for the test than the unskilled readers.

What was different? Skilled readers know there are different reasons for reading. They know they must change the way they read, depending on the circumstances. For example, skilled readers know that reading for pleasure does not require an understanding of all the details, whereas reading for a test may.

Skilled readers also were more likely to ask questions when they didn’t understand something they read, go to a dictionary for words they didn’t know, and take notes

on what they were reading. Skilled readers also were more apt to say that reading was fun.

According to Search Institute, those who have the reading asset in their lives read for pleasure three or more hours per week. That equals about 26 minutes a day. Check out our Tips for Parents for ways to encourage your child—and each family member—to take the time to read for pleasure.

## Tips for Parents:

- Visit the library together on a weekly basis. If your child doesn’t have a library card, help her or him apply for one.
- Encourage your child to read almost anything: comic books, the newspaper’s cartoons, magazines.
- Set aside a family reading time once a week. Read aloud together with children in grade school and younger. With older children read different books while hanging out together.
- Create a book-a-month club. Have everyone in the family read the same book. Then discuss it.
- After watching a program on Idaho Public Television on a topic of interest, find a related book to enhance the learning.



Airs weekdays at 2:30/1:30 p.m. MT/PT

## June Themes

- 1 *Someplace Else* (Travel)
- 2 *Always My Dad* (Family relationships)
- 3 *Owen* (Adjusting to change)
- 4 *Through Moon and Stars and Night Skies* (Adoption, families)
- 7 *Martha Speaks* (Dogs)
- 8 *The Adventures of the Taxi Dog* (Dogs, taxis)
- 9 *Duncan and Dolores* (Cats)
- 10 *Pet Stories: You Don't Have To Walk* (Pet-themed poetry)
- 11 *Brush* (3-D animation and parade floats)
- 14 *The Robbery at the Diamond Dog Diner* (Diners and making pasta)
- 15 *A Three Hat Day* (Racetracks and hockey)
- 16 *Rumpelstiltskin* (Renaissance Fair)
- 17 *Snowy Day: Stories and Poems* (Winter)
- 18 *My Life With the Wave* (Beauty and water)
- 21 *Bored—Nothing to Do!* (Airplanes)
- 22 *Sports Pages* (Athletics)
- 23 *Sunken Treasure* (Treasure hunting, shipwrecks)
- 24 *The Bicycle Man* (Wheeled vehicles)
- 25 *Summer* (Characteristics and specialties of the seasons)
- 28 *Borreguita and the Coyote* (Mexican-American folklore)
- 29 *The Lotus Seed* (Tradition and cultural heritage)
- 30 *Liang and the Magic Paintbrush* (Chinatown and computer art)

## July Themes

- 1 *My Little Island* (Caribbean Islands)
- 2 *The Paper Crane* (Origami and "Festival of the Drums")
- 5 *Tooth-Gnasher Superflash* (Automobiles)
- 6 *The Sign Painter's Dream* (Signs & advertising)
- 7 *The Bionic Bunny Show* (Set of Star Trek: The Next Generation)
- 8 *The Piggy in the Puddle* (Clay creations)
- 9 *The Purple Coat* (Fashion design)
- 12 *Silent Lotus* (Sign language)
- 13 *Watch the Stars Come Out* (Immigrants to America)
- 14 *Fox on the Job* (Household chores)
- 15 *Work Song* (Jobs)
- 16 *Fly Away Home* (Homelessness)
- 19 *Rechenka's Eggs* (Eggs)
- 20 *Simon's Book* (Book making)
- 21 *Raccoons and Ripe Corn* (Wildlife watching)
- 22 *The Furry News* (Creating a newspaper)
- 23 *Regina's Big Mistake* (Expression through art)
- 26 *If You Give a Mouse a Cookie* (Chain reactions)
- 27 *When Aunt Lena Did the Rhumba* (Broadway show)
- 28 *The Carousel* (Tradition)
- 29 *Feelings* (Emotions and communication)
- 30 *Hail to Mail* (The Mail System)

## August Themes

- 2 *Meanwhile Back at the Ranch* (The Old West)
- 3 *Come a Tide* (Natural disasters/dramatic weather)
- 4 *The Shaman's Apprentice* (Rainforest; Medicinal herbs)
- 5 *Opt: An Illusionary Tale* (Optical illusions)
- 6 *Tar Beach* (George Washington Bridge)
- 9 *Galimoto* (Uses of wire)
- 10 *Appelmando's Dreams* (Imagination)
- 11 *The Wall* (Vietnam Veteran's Memorial and other monuments)
- 12 *Owen* (Adjusting to change)
- 13 *Badger's Parting Gifts* (Remembrance; dealing with death)
- 16 *Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters* (African culture)
- 17 *Follow the Drinking Gourd* (Underground Railroad and freedom from slavery)
- 18 *Uncle Jed's Barbershop* (Homelessness, freedom)
- 19 *Amazing Grace* (Inspirational women)
- 20 *The Wonderful Towers of Watts* (Communities)
- 23 *Abiyoyo* (Story-telling techniques)
- 24 *Hip Cat* (Jazz music)
- 25 *Berlioz the Bear* (Musicians)
- 26 *Mama Don't Allow* (Music)
- 27 *Sophie and Lou* (World dance)
- 30 TBA
- 31 TBA



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and  
at 5:00 p.m. PT; Sundays  
at 10:00/9:00 a.m.

**June Themes**

- 1 Talking parakeet
- 2 The Last Cliff Hanger
- 3 Commercials
- 4 Why is Bobby the Hopping Robot not hopping?
- 6 Sad books
- 7 Name calling
- 8 Commercials
- 9 An adventure about two knights and a nasty villain
- 10 Why is Bobby the Hopping Robot not hopping?
- 11 Sneezing
- 13 Name calling
- 14 Jokes
- 15 An adventure about two knights and a nasty villain
- 16 Sneezing
- 17 Theo's loudest roar
- 18 The brave knight
- 20 Jokes
- 21 A book character creates chaos in the library
- 22 Theo's loudest roar
- 23 "Bringing the Rain to Kapiti Plain"
- 24 The brave knight
- 25 Alice Day
- 27 A book character creates chaos in the library
- 28 Gender roles
- 29 "Bringing the Rain to Kapiti Plain"
- 30 Alice Day

**July Themes**

- 1 Poetry
- 2 Growing up
- 4 Gender roles
- 5 How to write a story
- 6 Poetry
- 7 Growing up
- 8 Paintings
- 9 Hurt Feelings
- 11 How to write a story
- 12 Being "too young" to play
- 13 Paintings
- 14 Missing someone

- 15 Hurt Feelings
- 16 Dancing
- 18 Being "too young" to play
- 19 "The Three Billy Goats Gruff"
- 20 Missing someone
- 21 Dancing
- 22 "The Boy Who Cried 'Wolf!'"
- 23 Poetry
- 25 "The Three Billy Goats Gruff"
- 26 Rhyming
- 27 Poetry
- 28 "The Boy Who Cried 'Wolf!'"
- 29 "The Fox and the Crow"
- 30 Staying up late

**Aug. Themes**

- 1 Rhyming
- 2 Lost books
- 3 "The Fox and the Crow"
- 4 Staying up late
- 5 Responsibility
- 6 Click the Mouse has a computer virus!
- 8 Lost books
- 9 Should Leona open Pandora's Box?
- 10 Responsibility
- 11 Click the Mouse has a computer virus!
- 12 Leona keeps the whole family awake.
- 13 "The Gingerbread Man"
- 15 Should Leona open Pandora's Box?
- 16 Borrowing things from others
- 17 "The Gingerbread Man"
- 18 Sequel to "The Three Little Pigs"
- 19 Leona keeps the whole family awake.
- 20 Missing book
- 22 Borrowing things from others
- 23 Resolving conflicts between friends
- 24 Sequel to "The Three Little Pigs"
- 25 Missing book
- 26 New kid
- 27 Cleo has the flu
- 29 Resolving conflicts between friends
- 30 Houdini escapes
- 31 New kid

**ANNE OF GREEN GABLES: THE ANIMATED SERIES**

Follow the animated adventures of the irrepressible, independent, impetuous Anne Shirley. Every Sunday at 11:00/10:00 a.m. MT/PT.

**June Themes**

- 6 The Swim of Things
- 13 Butterflies
- 20 A Walk in His Shoes
- 27 The Witch of Avonlea

**July Themes**

- 4 A Square Peg
- 11 Marbles
- 18 Oh Brother
- 25 Superstition

**August Themes**

- 1 A Welcome Hero
- 8 A Better Mousetrap
- 15 No Anne Is an Island
- 22 Disappearing Allowance
- 29 Carrots



**Link book-based IdahoPTV shows to companion books**

Based on the books by author William Joyce, **GEORGE SHRINKS** celebrates the power of being small by following the adventures of three-inch-tall George.



**ARTHUR** Marc Brown's books have delighted young readers for over 20 years. Now the animated TV show demonstrates effective, age-appropriate problem-solving skills.

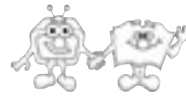
**THE BERENSTAIN BEARS** series animates books by authors Stan and Jan Berenstain that reflect traditional community values and the joys and challenges of family life.



Discover New Trails ...  
**Read!**



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**Times are Mountain/Pacific time zones.**

## ANGELINA BALLERINA

Sundays at 9:30/8:30 a.m. MT/PT  
A passionate mouse-girl, who dreams of ballet stardom, propels herself into humorous escapades.

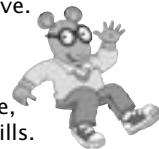


## ANNE OF GREEN GABLES

Sundays at 11:00/10:00 a.m. MT/PT.  
Anne's independent spirit and impetuous nature make Avonlea an exciting place to live.

## ARTHUR

Weekdays at 7:00/6:00 a.m., repeats at 10:00/9:00 a.m. MT/PT  
ARTHUR and his friends use effective, age-appropriate problem-solving skills.



## BARNEY & FRIENDS

Weekdays at 8:00/7:00 a.m. MT/PT  
Sundays at 7:00/6:00 a.m. MT/PT  
The lovable purple dinosaur and his young friends learn through songs, dances and games.

## BERENSTAIN BEARS

Weekdays at 2:00/1:00 p.m. MT/PT  
The Berenstain Bears is a charming animated comedy celebrating furry family values.

## BETWEEN THE LIONS

Weekdays at 11:00/10:00 a.m. MT/PT; repeats at 5:00 p.m. PT; Sundays at 10:00/9:00 a.m.  
A blend of phonics and whole language promotes children's emergent literacy.

## BOOHBAH

Weekdays at 8:30/7:30 a.m. MT/PT  
Playful balls of energy get kids up and moving.

## CAILLOU

Weekdays at 9:00/8:00 a.m. MT/PT  
With humor, four-year-old logic and imagination, CAILLOU helps preschoolers make sense of the world.

## CLIFFORD THE BIG RED DOG

Weekdays at 9:30/8:30 a.m.; 3:00/2:00 p.m. MT/PT and 4:30 PT.  
Clifford, Emily Elizabeth and their friends take a fun-filled journey through childhood.



## CLIFFORD'S PUPPY DAYS

Wednesdays at 9:30/8:30 a.m. MT/PT  
Sundays at 8:30/7:30 a.m. MT/PT  
Even as a puppy, Clifford's huge heart and tremendous good humor win him friends everywhere he goes.

## CYBERCHASE

Weekdays at 4:00/3:00 p.m. MT/PT  
Use math to solve problems and save cyberspace.

## DRAGON TALES

Weekdays at 10:30/9:30 a.m.; 5:00/4:00 p.m. MT/PT  
This animated, fantasy adventure series helps preschool-aged children learn new skills.

## DRAGONFLY TV

Sundays at 12:00 noon/11:00 a.m. MT/PT  
A hip, fun science show for kids 9 to 12.

## GEORGE SHRINKS

Weekdays at 1:30/12:30 p.m. MT/PT  
George may only be three inches tall, but he never sweats the small tasks or shies away from challenges.

## JAKERS: THE ADVENTURES OF PIGGLEY WINKS

Sundays at 10:30/9:30 a.m. MT/PT  
A trio of friends encounter many adventures in their tiny village in Ireland.

## JAY JAY THE JET PLANE

Weekdays at 6:30/5:30 a.m. MT/PT.  
Imagination takes flight with the curious six-year-old jet plane named Jay Jay.

## LIBERTY'S KIDS

Weekdays at 3:30/2:30 p.m. MT/PT  
Viewers will go on adventures in search of the real stories of the American Revolution.

## MR ROGERS' NEIGHBORHOOD

Weekdays at 1:00 p.m./12:00 noon MT/PT.  
Programs deal reassuringly with real-life issues.

## PLAZA SESAMO

Los domingos a las 8:00/7:00 a.m. hora Montana/hora del Pacifico.  
Plaza Sesamo es el unico programa infantil en espanol disenado especificamente para la educacion preescolar.

## READING RAINBOW

Weekdays at 2:30/1:30 p.m. MT/PT.  
Soar into reading adventures with LeVar Burton.

## BRIAN JACQUES' REDWALL

Sundays at 11:30/10:30 a.m. MT/PT.  
A medieval abbey is populated by woodland creatures to further the peacekeeping mission.

## SAGWA, THE CHINESE SIAMESE CAT

Weekdays at 7:30/6:30 a.m. MT/PT; Sundays at 9:00/8:00 a.m. MT/PT  
Sagwa's spirited, adventurous nature help find her way in a widening world.

## SESAME STREET

Weekdays at 11:30/10:30 a.m. MT/PT;  
Sundays 6:00/5:00 a.m. MT/PT  
SESAME STREET delivers academic and social education to prepare for grade school.



## TELETUBBIES

Sundays at 7:30/6:30 a.m. MT/PT  
The Teletubbies celebrate play and exploration in a world of technology.

## ZOOM

Weekdays at 4:30/3:30 p.m. MT/PT  
Made for kids by kids. Watch it, then do it  
activities include science, recipes, games and puzzles.

## ZOBOOMAFOO

Weekdays at 12:30 p.m./11:30 a.m. MT/PT; Sundays at 8:30/7:30 a.m. MT/PT  
A young sifka lemur puppet learns about other animals from his friends, the Kratt brothers.

## CYBERCHASE Airs weekdays at 4:00/3:00 p.m. MT/PT

June	Theme
1	Navigation
2	Estimation
3	Liquid volume
4	Patterns in music
7	Combinations
8	Ballpark estimation
9	Linear measurement
10	Angle measurement
11	Elapsed time
14	Problem solving
15	Patterns
16	Minerals
17	Scale and size
18	Race
21	Logic
22	Multiplication
23	Decimals
24	Money
25	Bar graphs
28	Problem solving
29	Number sense
30	Combination
July	Theme
1	2- & 3-D geometry
2	Problem solving
5	Angle measurement
6	Problem solving
7	Logic
8	Growth by doubling
9	Zero
12	Ballpark estimation
13	Area
14	Bar graphs
15	Symmetry
16	Timekeeping
19	Probability and chance
20	Inverse operations
21	Line graphs
22	Problem solving
23	Elapsed time
26	Race
27	Minerals
28	Zero
29	Problem solving
30	Problem solving
Aug.	Theme
2	Algebraic variables
3	Problem solving
4	Codes
5	Equivalent fractions
6	Minerals
9	Perimeter/area.
10	Race
11	Negative numbers
12	Problem solving
13	Problem solving
16	Equivalent fractions
17	Number sense
18	Problem solving
19	Using models
20	Making hard problems easier
23	Decimals
24	Fractions
25	Finding meaning from data
26	Perimeter/Area
27	Point of view
30	Balancing equations
31	Counter examples

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