

Library Board Report - Children's Department

October 8, 2026

September Programs

Weekly Programs (average)

- Book Babies – Emergent literacy skills for babies and toddlers: 56
- Family STEM – STEM activities for families: 11
- Family Storytime – Building reading skills together: 7
- Kinder Ready – teaches parents skills for kindergarten readiness: 24
- Music and Movement – Early music principles and playful movement: 82
- Problem Solvers – STEM activities for preschoolers: 24
- Ready for Kindergarten – Kindergarten skills for preschoolers – 16
- Storytime – Early learning and literacy skills for preschool ages: 34

Monthly Programs (average attendance)

- Art Club – art experiences for young children: 9
- Dance Party, 9/16/26 – Whole body movement for positive emotions: 30
- Read to a Dog, 9/8/26: 18

Special September Programs (total participants)

- Blackrock Musical Winds, 8/28/29: 70
- Belle Storytime, 9/2/26: 286
- PBS STEM Storytime, 9/22/26: 14
- Book Hunt, September Scavenger Hunt, month-long: 729

Library Card Sign-Up Month “A Library Card Hits All the Right Notes!”

- Posters about benefits for kids who have library cards
- Photo Backdrop and Weekly Craft for children
- 31 new Children's Library Cards issued
- 208 Children with cards entered the monthly drawing for one of three musical instruments.

Upcoming Special Programs (total participants)

- Black Cat Scavenger Hunt – month long activity, with drawing at end of October
- Ghost Hunt Weekly Scavenger Hunt – month long activity with weekly prizes
- Painting with Rapunzel, 2-4 p.m. 10/17/26
- Idaho STEAM, 4 p.m. 10/20/26
- Halloween Storytime, 10:30 a.m., 10/28/26

Staff Professional Development

- Idaho Early Math Institute through the IDAEYC Idaho Association for the Education of Young Children and Marzano Research
- Learning Trajectories website to develop Math Matters, a new Children's program.
- DREME website through Stanford University
- PowerPoint training

Library Card Sign-Up Month Photo Booth



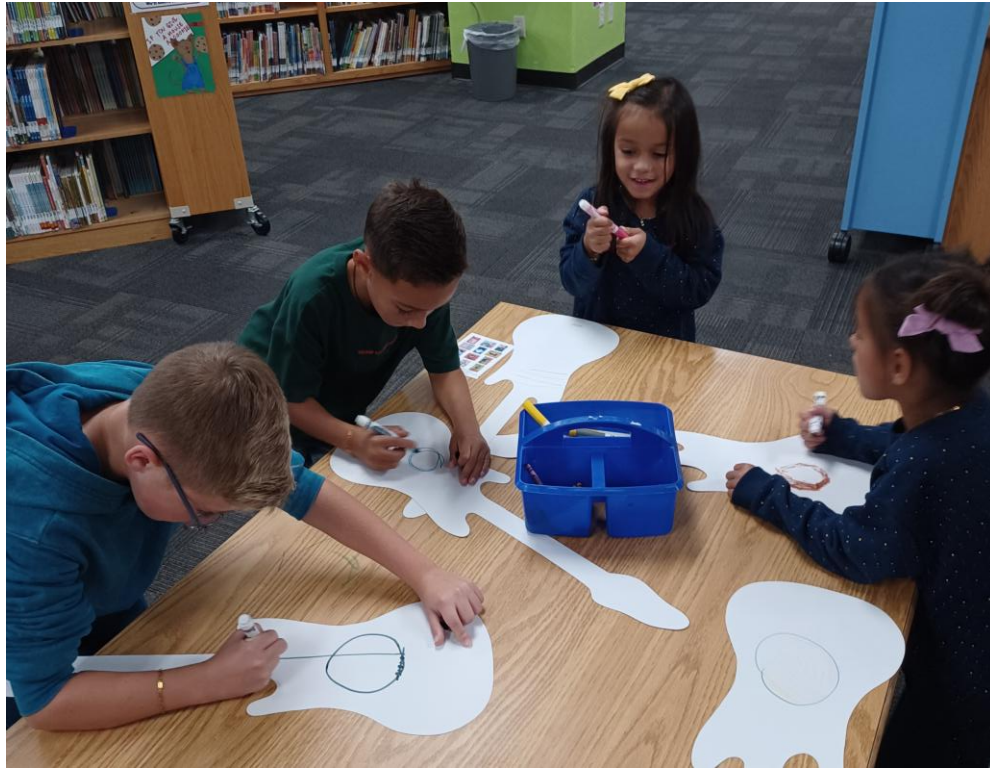
MEETING
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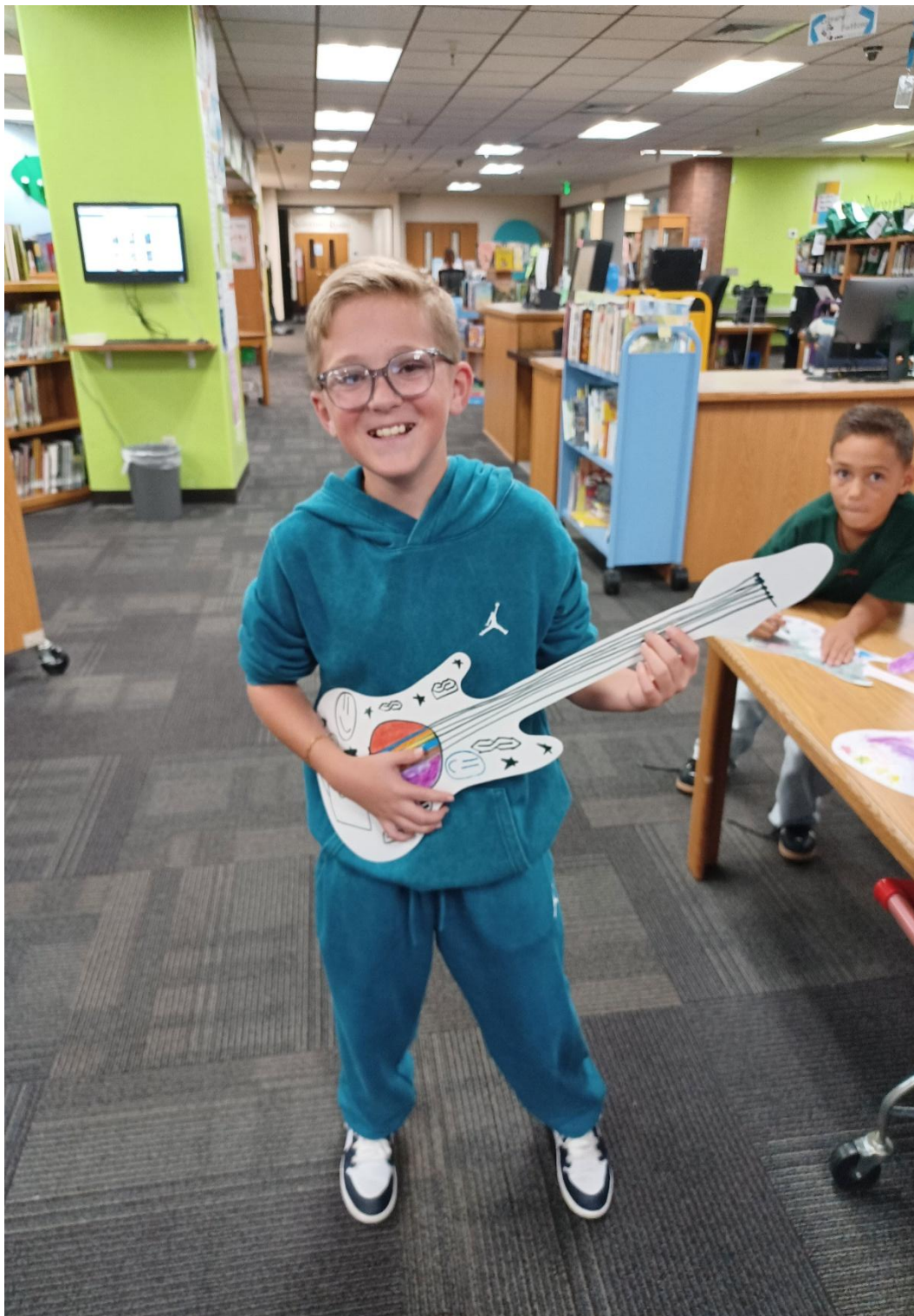
"Plot Twist"
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Craft for Library card sign-up



“A Library Card Hits All the Right Notes!”



Belle Storytime 9-2-26



Belle Storytime Craft 9-2-26

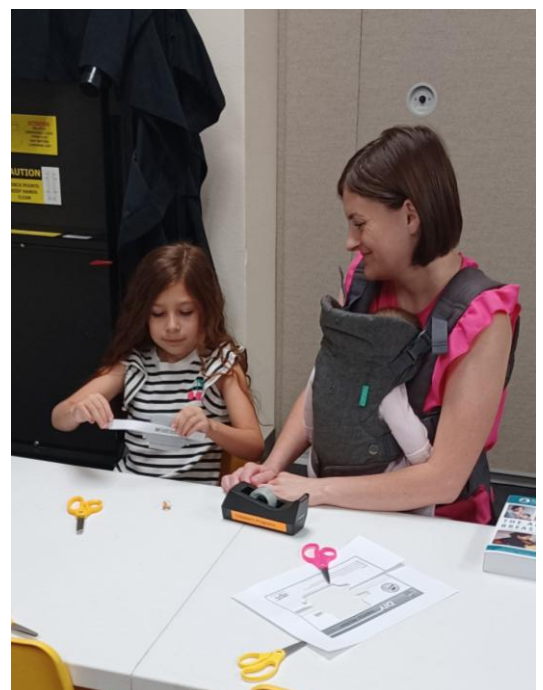


Story time 9-22-26

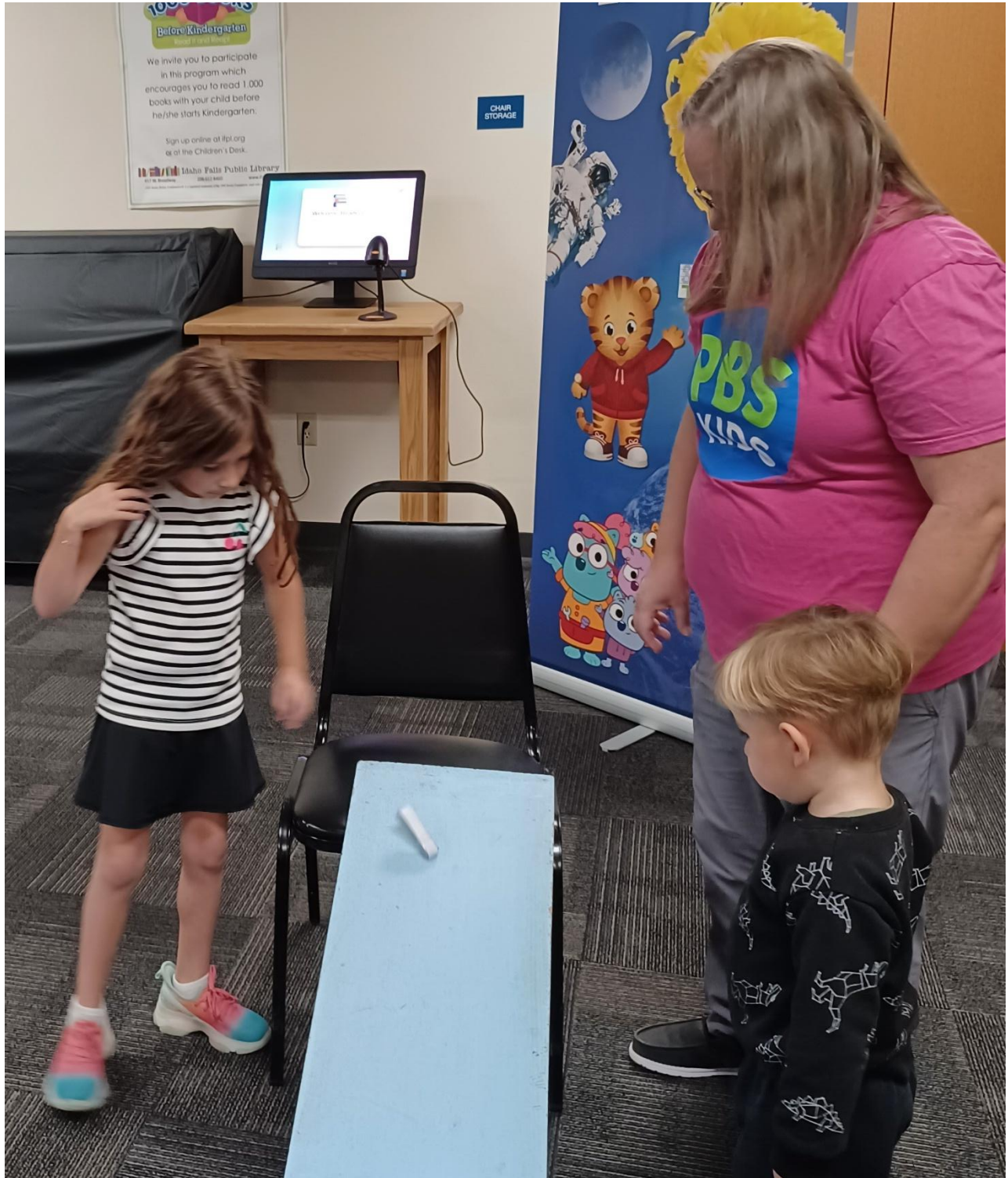


Inertia - STEM with PBS

9-22-26



Made inertia walkers



Family STEM 9-26-26

It's Electric! Conductors and

