

Community Engagement Adult, Teen, and Makerspace Programs Report for October 2026

Information gathered from August 31 – September 30, 2026

Adult & Teen Programs

- **4-H:** 2 events, 6 people
- **Austen Ball:** 3 events, 243 people
- **Booked at Noon Book Club:** 1 event, 6 people
- **Chapter 2 Book Club:** 1 event, 11 people
- **Chess Club Wednesdays:** 5 events, 2 people
- **Chess Club Saturdays:** 4 events, 20 people
- **Crazy Crafters:** 5 events, 64 people
- **D&D Days (Dungeons & Dragons):** 4 events, 59 people
- **Game Night:** 4 events, 28 people
- **Literary Luck:** 1 month, 44 entries
- **LybraryWyrms:** 5 events, 48 people
- **Mental Wellness Series (with National Alliance on Mental Illness Upper Valley Idaho):** 1 event, 10 people
- **Narcan:** 1 event, 3 people
- **Never Too Late:** 2 events, 14 people
- **Paper Arts:** 1 event, 29 people
- **Survivors of Suicide Loss Support Group (with Community Suicide Prevention):** 1 event, 9 people
- **Teen Writing:** 4 events, 13 people
- **Write Over Here:** 5 events, 51 people
- **Special programs/events**
 - **American Conversations Project:** 2 events, 8 people
 - Stipend from American Conversations Project
 - **Empowered Caregiver:** 1 event, 77 people
 - In partnership with Alzheimer's Association Greater Idaho Chapter
 - **Revolutionary Profiles – Betsy Ross:** 1 event, 8 people

Total events: 56; **total people:** 687

Upcoming special events and programs

- **Fit and Fall Proof**, Tuesdays at 1:15pm and Thursdays at 10:15am, beginning October 13
 - Geared for older adults to do easy exercises and keep stability
 - In partnership with Eastern Idaho Public Health
- **Breast Cancer Awareness Month display**
 - In partnership with Eastern Idaho Public Health
- **State of the Snake**: October 7, 6:30pm
 - In partnership with the Idaho Conservation League
- **History of the League of Women Voters**: October 8, 6:30pm
 - In partnership with the League of Women Voters
- **Breast Cancer Awareness Month event**: October 26, 6:30pm
 - In partnership with Eastern Idaho Public Health
- **Voices for Human Rights Presents: Salvaged Pages**: November 4, 7pm
 - In partnership with Voices for Human Rights
- **Adoption display**: November 2-30
 - In partnership with Fostering Idaho
- **Recycle Your eWaste**: November 14
 - In partnership with eCyclers of Idaho
- **Beat the Winter Blues**: November 23, 10am-7pm
 - Patrons will be able to learn of mental health issues and community partners that offer aid.
 - In partnership with Eastern Idaho Public Health
- **Mental Health First Aid**: November 24, 10:15am-6:15pm
 - In partnership with Eastern Idaho Public Health
- **Winter Reading**: November 30-February 27
- **Bleed & Read**: November 30
 - In partnership with the American Red Cross

Adult & Teen Reading Programs

Extreme Book Nerd signups (total since January 6):

- Adult Extreme Book Nerd: 368 registered; 54 completed (15%)
- Teen Extreme Book Nerd: 63 registered, 9 completed (14%)
- Book Nerd Your Way (adult): 596 registered, 117 completed (20%)
- Book Nerd Your Way (teen): 108 registered, 27 completed (25%)
- Total registered: 1,135; total completed: 207 (18%)

Turn the Page Reading Program for Teens (total since January 26):

- Registered: 51; Prizes earned: 46

Makerspace Programs

Programs

- **Brickfast Club:** 4 events, 32 people
- **Coding for Kids:** 17 events, 34 people
- **Tech for Teens:** 10 events, 15 people

Total events: 31; **total people:** 81

Community Engagement and Outreach

Events

- **My First Books with Migrant Head Start:** 1 event, 43 people

Partnerships

- **League of Women Voters:** Display on 2nd Floor, partnered with some events.
- **Daughters of the American Revolution:** Constitution Week display on 1st Floor and the Moments That Made US display in lobby.
- **Idaho Department of Health and Welfare:** Wildfire smoke resources display on 1st Floor.

Trainings and Planning Meetings

- **Planning meetings for events and programs**
 - **Department of Health and Welfare:** Zoom meeting about digital radon testing kits.
 - **Eastern Idaho Public Health:** Fit & Fall Proof planning.
 - **Eastern Idaho Public Health and College of Eastern Idaho Workforce Development:** Planning for Beat the Winter Blues and Mental Health First Aid.

Out in the Community

- **Tour of Idaho National Labs with City of Idaho Falls Tier 1 Employees**
- **Rotary Club of Idaho Falls**
 - Attended most meetings (when library programs did not prevent it).
- **Kiwanis Club of Idaho Falls**
 - Attended most meetings (when library programs did not prevent it).
 - Note: As of October 1, no longer a member of this club.

Upcoming

- **District 91 Advisory:** October 15
- **Voices for Human Rights planning meeting:** October 15

- **Bonneville County Interagency Council:** October 16
- **Idaho Library Association annual conference:** October 20-22
- **Idaho LSTA evaluation focus group Zoom meeting:** October 29

Happy Patron Stories

- Many patrons were excited over the Austen Ball. One cute couple had a blast, at it was the first time in awhile they had been on a date since the birth of their 14-month-old. They want more events like this, even though they live and Rexburg (and know they would need to pay for a membership).

Photos from recent programs and events



Figure 1 / Austen Ball instruction night, September 8, 2026



Figure 2 / Austen Ball instruction night, September 15, 2026



Figure 3 / Never Too Late, September 17, 2026



Figure 4 / League of Women Voters display

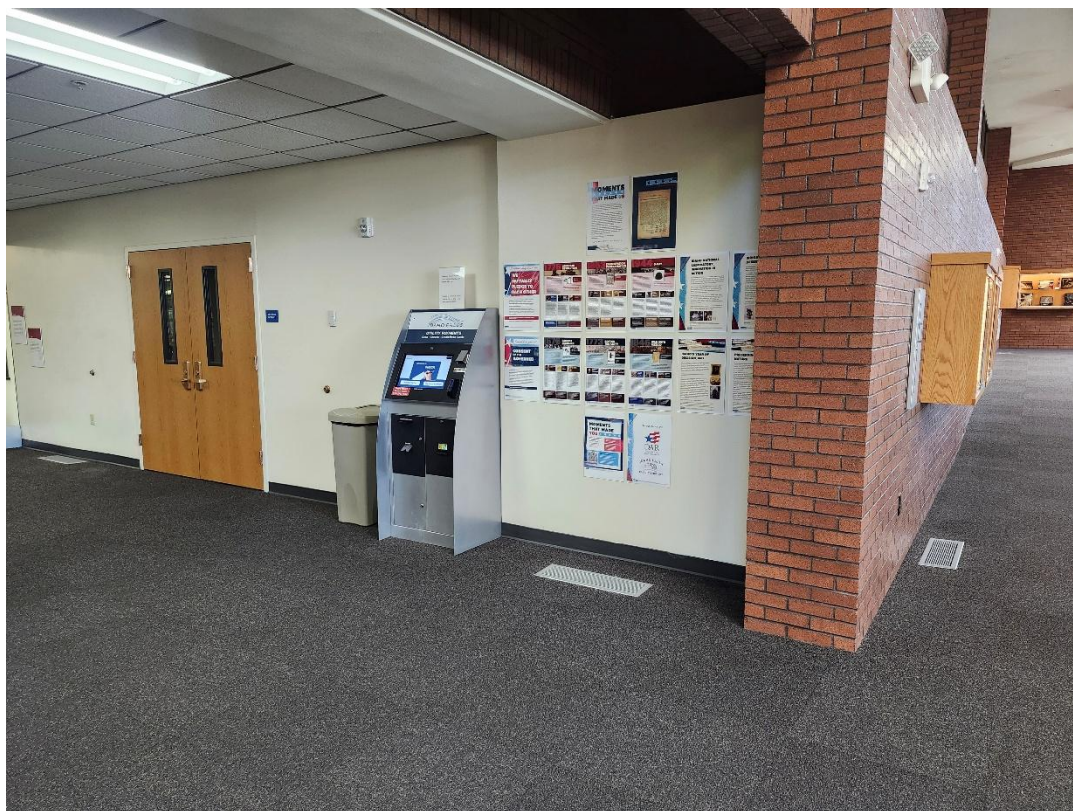


Figure 5 / Moments That Made US display



Figure 6 / Wildfire Smoke Resources display

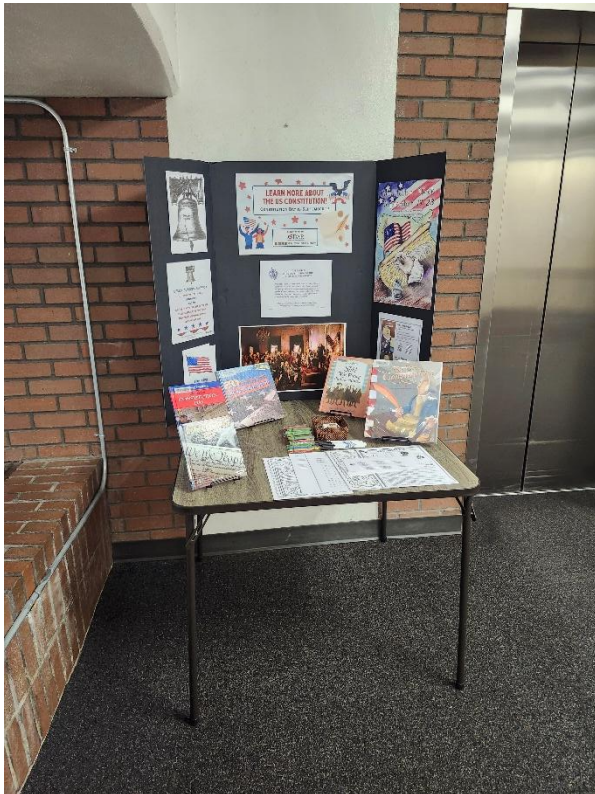


Figure 7 / Constitution Week display