



Adult, Young Adult, and Makerspace Programs February 2025

Information gathered from December 2, 2024 – January 25, 2025

Adult/Young Adult Programs

- **Chapter 2 Book Club:** 1 event, 14 people, title: *Dead Wake: The Last Crossing by the Lusitania* by Erik Larson
- **Chess Club Wednesdays:** 6 events, 4 people
- **Chess Club Saturdays:** 8 events, 26 people
- **Conversaciones:** 8 events, 38 people
- **Crazy Crafters:** 6 events, 111 people
- **Cuéntame un libro:** 2 events, 9 people
- **D&D Days (Dungeons & Dragons):** 8 events, 76 people
- **EBN Kickoff:** 1 event, 231 people
- **ESL @ IFPL:** 1 event, 13 people
 - **NEW PROGRAM!** Bob Devine, a retired IFHS principal and foreign language teacher, has developed a curriculum that teaches non-native English speakers the foundations of English grammar, then guides participants to immediately use what they learn with English speakers.
- **Family Game Night:** 8 events, 51 people
- **Great Book Giveaway:** 1 month, 66 entries, sets given away: Liane Moriarty and Broken Earth trilogy
- **Let's Talk About It:** 1 event, 6 people, title: *American Born Chinese* by Gene Luen Yang
- **Literary Society:** 2 events, 18 people, topics: Dystopian Fiction, Narrative Nonfiction
- **LybraryWyrms:** 8 events, 64 people
- **Meet the Author:** 1 event, 7 people, author: Andrew Bragg
- **Money Matters:** 2 events, 9 people
- **Paper Arts:** 2 events, 58 people
- **Snake River Audubon Society:** 1 event, 35 people
- **Take A Look:** 1 event, 7 people
- **Winter Reading – Adults:** 452 adults signed up since December 2, 2024
- **Winter Reading – Teens:** 46 teens signed up since December 2, 2024
- **Write Over Here:** 6 events, 34 people
- **Write Over Here for Teens:** 8 events, 47 people

Total events: 96; total people: 1,751

Photos from recent programs, pages 2 - 3



Figure 1 / Paper Arts, December 4, 2024



Figure 2 / Paper Arts, December 4, 2024



Figure 3 / Extreme Book Nerd Kickoff, January 7, 2025



Figure 4 / Extreme Book Nerd Kickoff, January 7, 2025

Extreme Book Nerd signups (total since January 8):

- Adult Extreme Book Nerd: 244 registered; 1 completed (0%)
- Teen Extreme Book Nerd: 30 registered, 0 completed (0%)
- Book Nerd Your Way (adult): 252 registered, 1 completed (0%)
- Book Nerd Your Way (teen): 34 registered, 0 completed (0%)
- Total registered: 560; total completed: 2 (0%)

Upcoming special events and programs

- Narcan Training
 - In conjunction with Eastern Idaho Public Health and College of Eastern Idaho Workforce Training & Continuing Education, IFPL will offer six 1-hour trainings on how to recognize overdose and how to safely use Narcan for members of the community. Narcan will be distributed to those who finish the training. The trainings will be held on Tuesdays at noon in the 2nd Floor Program Room on February 4, March 18, May 6, July 8, September 16, and November 4.
- Turn the Page
 - This new reading program is geared specifically to reluctant teenage readers. Each month they complete a book, they can come to the library to claim a reward (candy bar, fidget toy, etc.). They cannot be in an Extreme Book Nerd at the same time as this program. The cost of monthly prizes is equal to the cost of the Extreme Book Prize.

Makerspace

Programs

- **Brickfast Club:** 8 events, 67 people
- **Coding for Kids:** 27 events, 66 people
- **Tech for Teens:** 20 events, 31 people
- **Teen INC (Innovate & Create):** 7 events, 35 people

Total events: 62; total people: 199

Photos from recent programs, next page.



Figure 5 / Lanterns made during Teen INC. on December 6, 2024



Figure 6 / Harry Potter wands made during Teen INC on January 17, 2025

Community Engagement and Outreach

Events outside the library

- Night at the Museum: 1 event, 100 people (December 6, 2024)
 - The Museum of Idaho hosts an overnight stay for youth that is tied in to the Museum's current exhibit; members of the community are invited to showcase a STEM related activity. Beth and volunteer Leslie led 20 students through the history of paper engineering and made simple greeting cards. Library card brochures were given to the 100 students who participated.
- United Way Mobile Resource Center, 1 event, 120 people (December 11, 2024)
 - United Way gathers several agencies that have services specifically for those in need and invites those agencies to events at schools and in the community. This most recent event was geared specifically to Spanish speakers, and since Beth doesn't speak any Spanish, new employee Enrique went with her. They talked to patrons about Libby, getting memberships, early literacy, and more.

Events inside the library

- Dementia Friends: 1 event, 8 people
- Brain Health: 1 event, 6 people
 - Leslee Blanch from University of Idaho-Extension taught both programs, in partnership with the library
- Paw Patrol Live! giveaway: 126 entries
 - The promoter of Paw Patrol Live! gave the library two packs of four free tickets to give to families to come to the show at the Mountain America Center. Anytime an adult checked out an item, they could enter into the drawing.

Meetings

- Beth regularly attends Kiwanis and Rotary meetings, and does service projects with the various clubs as appropriate. Because of her involvement in these service clubs, several opportunities for future programs are being worked on.
- On January 14, 2025, Beth attended University of Idaho-Extension's annual meeting to learn more about what Extension offers, in addition to give feedback on Extension programs. We already host some programs (Brain Health and Dementia Friends) but are looking to add more.

In the media

- City of Idaho Falls Facebook page, “Dewey Decimal Day” - December 10, 2024: <https://www.facebook.com/reel/1269405540920559>
- Local New 8, “Fun wintertime things to do at the Idaho Falls Library” – January 7, 2025: <https://localnews8.com/news/idaho-falls/2025/01/08/fun-wintertime-things-to-do-at-the-idaho-falls-library/>
- BYU-I Radio, “Idaho Falls Public Library challenges readers to be extreme book nerds” – January 24, 2025: <https://www.byui.edu/radio/local-news/idaho-falls-public-library-challenges-readers-to-be-extreme-book-nerds>

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Figure 7 / Night at the Museum, December 6, 2024



Figure 8 / Night at the Museum, December 6, 2024



Figure 9 / Beth and Gary Mondell helping the Kiwanis Club ring the Salvation Army bell, December 7, 2024



Figure 10 / United Way Mobile Resource Center, December 11, 2024