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Idaho Falls Public Library

## Community Engagement Adult, Teen, and Makerspace Programs Report for February 2026

Information gathered from December 15, 2025 – January 31, 2026

### Adult & Teen Programs

- **4-H:** 3 events, 18 people
- **Booked at Noon Book Club:** 2 events, 17 people
- **Chapter 2 Book Club:** 1 event, 11 people
- **Chess Club Wednesdays:** 6 events, 16 people
- **Chess Club Saturdays:** 7 events, 39 people
- **Conversaciones:** 5 events, 28 people
- **Crazy Crafters:** 7 events, 97 people
- **Cuéntame un libro:** 1 event, 3 people
- **D&D Days (Dungeons & Dragons):** 7 events, 79 people
- **EBN Kickoff:** 1 event, 195 teens and adults
- **Game Night:** 5 events, 99 people
- **Journal Jam:** 1 event, 21 people
- **Let's Talk About It:** 1 event, 16 people
- **Literary Luck:** 1 month, 94 entries
- **LybraryWyrms:** 5 events, 29 people
- **Mental Wellness Series with NAMI:** 1 event, 5 people
- **Narcan:** 1 event, 6 people
- **Paper Arts:** 1 event, 37 people
- **Recycle Your eWaste:** 1 event, 95 people
- **Write Over Here:** 7 events, 57 people
- **Write Over Here for Teens:** 4 events, 15 people
- **Special programs/events**
  - **Switch It Up:** 1 event, 2 people
    - This event was for our patrons to play with our Switch 2 and play other games. It obviously wasn't well attended, but it was held during Christmas break, so staff will try it again.

**Total events:** 70; **total people:** 980

## Upcoming special events and programs

- Nerd Gym will begin in March on Thursday nights at 6:30pm. This will be run by two of our patrons who regularly attend other programs. This program's goal is to help those less active to find ways to still get some exercise with low-impact activities.

## Notes or changes to existing programs

- Our first ever Journal Jam proved to be a popular event, and patrons requested we continue it. It will now be every 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm. Patron can work on their Extreme Book Nerd journal or any other journal/craft project of their choosing.
- Mental Wellness Series with NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Upper Valley will be the 4th Wednesdays of each month, and will cover a variety of mental wellness topics.
- Groups that play D&D are being invited to use the Program Room on Saturdays from 2-6, as noise has become somewhat of a problem in the Makerspace area.

## Pictures from recent programs, pages 2-5



Figure 1 / Extreme Book Nerd Kick-Off, January 5, 2026



Figure 2 / Extreme Book Nerd Kick-Off, January 5, 2026



Figure 3 / Journal Jam, January 14, 2026



Figure 4 / Paper Arts, January 21, 2026



Figure 5 / Let's Talk About It, January 24, 2026



Figure 6 / Recycle Your eWaste, January 24, 2026

## Adult & Teen Reading Programs

### Extreme Book Nerd signups (total since January 6):

- Adult Extreme Book Nerd: 285 registered; 1 completed (0%)
- Teen Extreme Book Nerd: 30 registered, 0 completed (0%)
- Book Nerd Your Way (adult): 318 registered, 0 completed (0%)
- Book Nerd Your Way (teen): 49 registered, 0 completed (0%)
- **Total registered: 682; total completed: 1 (0%)**

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

- Registered: 6; Prizes earned: 1

### Winter Reading signups (total since December 1):

- Adult: 550 registered
- Teen: 87 registered

## Makerspace Programs

### Programs

- **Brickfast Club:** 7 events, 56 people
- **Coding for Kids:** 27 events, 34 people
- **Tech for Teens:** 16 events, 22 people
- **Teen INC (Innovate & Create):** 6 events, 33 people

**Total events:** 56; **total people:** 145

### Photos from recent programs



Figure 7 / Teen Inc - Clay Fossils, December 26, 2025

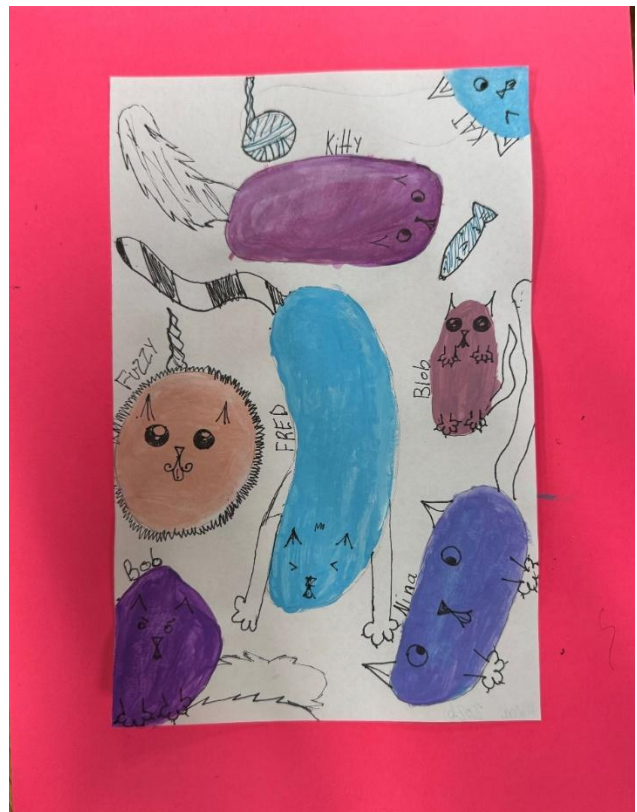


Figure 8 / Teen Inc - Blob Cats, January 1, 2026

# Community Engagement and Outreach

## Meetings

- Beth attended Mayor Casper's farewell
- Kiwanis updates
  - Beth assisted with running concessions at Mountain America Center to raise money for Kiwanis scholarships
- Rotary updates
  - Beth assisted with the UTV light parade put on by Rotary
- Beth met with program staff of Morningstar Assisted Living to discuss getting large print books and library cards to residents.

## Happy Patron Stories

- A D&D player came to the desk and said "The idea to combine the D&D groups in one room was... AWESOME! Now our separate campaigns are interacting in interesting ways and it's a lot of fun" – reported by Marzi, 1/24/26