

rediscover reading



Idaho Falls Public Library

Adult, Young Adult, and Makerspace Programs March 2025

Information gathered from January 27, 2025 – March 1, 2025

Adult/Young Adult Programs

- **Blind Date with a Book:** Runs February 1-28; total entries: 308
- **Chapter 2 Book Club:** 1 event, 16 people, *The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue* by V. E. Schwab
- **Chess Club Wednesdays:** 5 events, 19 people
- **Chess Club Saturdays:** 5 events, 19 people
- **Conversaciones:** 5 events, 23 people
- **Crazy Crafters:** 5 events, 63 people
- **Cuéntame un libro:** 1 event, 3 people
- **D&D Days (Dungeons & Dragons):** 5 events, 44 people
- **ESL @ IFPL:** 5 events, 40 people
- **Family Game Night:** 5 events, 46 people
- **Great Book Giveaway:** 2 months, 281 entries, sets given away: Mark Twain Classics; Inspired by Sherlock; Clinton Fiction; Nicholas Sparks
- **INL eWaste Recycling:** 1 event, 200 people <--- new program!
- **Let's Talk About It:** 1 event, 6 people, title: *Call Us What We Carry* by Amanda Gorman
- **Literary Society:** 1 event, 6 people, topic: Non-WWII books
- **LybraryWyrms:** 5 events, 35 people
- **Money Matters:** 1 event, 4 people, topic: Mortgages
- **Narcan:** 1 event, 10 people <--- new program!
- **Paper Arts:** 1 event, 27 people
- **Turn the Page:** 3 signups, 2 rewards claimed <--- this program is geared towards teenagers who are reluctant readers
- **Winter Reading – Adults:** 525
- **Winter Reading – Teens:** 63
- **Write Over Here:** 5 events, 30 people
- **Write Over Here for Teens:** 5 events, 24 people

Total events: 63

Total people: 1,484

Photos from recent programs, pages 2-3.



Figure 1 / Narcan training with Eastern Idaho Public Health, February 4, 2025



Figure 2 / Money Matters, with Hunter Bowen from Idaho Central Credit Union, February 12, 2025



Figure 3 / INL eWaste Recycling event, February 22, 2025



Figure 4 / INL eWaste Recycling event, February 22, 2025

Extreme Book Nerd signups (total since January 8):

- Adult Extreme Book Nerd: 278 registered; 2 completed (0.01%)
- Teen Extreme Book Nerd: 41 registered, 0 completed (0%)
- Book Nerd Your Way (adult): 354 registered, 3 completed (0.01%)
- Book Nerd Your Way (teen): 50 registered, 1 completed (0.02%)
- Total registered: 723; total completed: 6 (0.01%)

Upcoming special events and programs

- INL eWaste Recycling (March 22, April 5, May 17)
- Let's Talk About It (March 22)
- National Library Week (April)
 - Name the mascot contest, Extreme Book Nerd 10 Years celebration, Book Fair
- Stewards of Children (April 2) – child abuse prevention program
- Continuing education and career exploration monthly program (April 4, May 2, June 6)
- Daughters of the American Revolution exhibit (April 28-May 10; opening reception on April 28)
- Mental Health program (May 12 & 13)
- Veterans Services fair (May 17)

Staffing

- Hired LaReesa Rubio and promoted Rebecca Dice to assist with various programs. LaReesa's main focus will be teaching computer classes, while Rebecca's focus will be reading programs. Both will also work for Liza on the 2nd and 3rd Floor Desks.

Professional Development

- Beth is currently attending weekly Zoom meetings run by the Idaho Commission for Libraries (ICfL) that focus on how to make summer services/reading equitable.
- Beth went to a Summer Reading workshop, put on by ICfL, and came away with some ideas for the Summer Reading program.
- Beth attended a LITT chat, provided by ICfL. The topic was media literacy. She also attended a Creative Aging grant Zoom call, also put on by ICfL.

Makerspace

Programs

- **Brickfast Club:** 5 events, 53 people
- **Coding for Kids:** 18 events, 50 people
- **Tech for Teens:** 10 events, 12 people
- **Teen INC (Innovate & Create):** 4 events, 17 people

Total events: 37

Total people: 132

Community Engagement and Outreach

Updates

- Applied for and received the Creative Aging grant from (ICfL). This will allow us to offer our art program Never Too Late again.
- Applied for and received the That All May Read grant from ICfL. This grant gives the library \$1,000 for large print materials, with the expectation that staff will do several outreach events to promote the state's Talking Book Service and the library's large print collection.
- Applied for and have been recommended to receive the Tech Refresh grant from ICfL. This grant allows us to upgrade for our Chromebook to laptop computers, allowing staff to teach classes such as Coding for Kids and a new, basic computer class geared towards older adults.
- Met with Teton Toyota, which resulted in a new reading program with Teton Toyota's mascot, Bo. During the summer, Teton Toyota staff will bring Bo to read to kids and give books away.
- Partnered with Eastern Idaho Public Health and College of Eastern Idaho Workforce Training and Continuing Education to provide an educational series of how to spot the signs of overdose and safely administer Narcan.
- Worked with Eastern Idaho Public Health to bring a 2-day mental health training course for National Mental Health Month in May.
- Partnered again with University of Idaho – Extension and Alzheimer's Association of Greater Idaho to bring back programs geared towards strengthening health and supporting caretakers of dementia patients. Begins March 5.
- Collaborated with University of Idaho – Extension to bring 4-H to the library. The club currently offered is Legends of the Past: Exploring Ancient Civilizations. Begins March 3.
- Facilitated the local chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution to bring an exhibit to the library that discusses aspects of the war; currently

working with DAR representatives to bring 5th graders for local schools to the exhibit.

- Met with Scouting America in the hopes of starting a library cub scout troop.
- Met with TRIO through Idaho State University, which helps disadvantaged people pursue college degrees and other careers. Because of this meeting, the library partnered with TRIO and will be bringing a monthly drop-in program where people can get help from TRIO. Additionally, currently collaborating with TRIO to bring a Veterans Services fair in May.
- Continuing to be active in the Kiwanis and Rotary service clubs. This month for Kiwanis, Beth visited the local Key Club (Idaho Falls High School) to meet the students and help with their service project of creating valentines for seniors. She also volunteered once for each club to serve concessions at the Mountain America Center to raise money for scholarships for education.

Upcoming

- Dora Erickson literacy night (March 6)
- Theresa Bunker literacy night (April 2)
- Night at the Museum (April 4)
- Idaho Out of School Network training and networking event (May 7)



Figure 5 / Valentines made by Key Club and Kiwanis members, February 3, 2025