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Idaho Falls Public Library

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

Information gathered from February 2–28, 2026

Adult & Teen Programs

- **4-H:** 2 events, 28 people
- **Blind Date with a Book:** Runs February 1-28; total entries: 318
- **Booked at Noon Book Club:** 1 event, 8 people
- **Chapter 2 Book Club:** 1 event, 11 people
- **Chess Club Wednesdays:** 4 events, 10 people
- **Chess Club Saturdays:** 4 events, 32 people
- **Conversaciones:** 4 events, 20 people
- **Crazy Crafters:** 4 events, 64 people
- **Cuéntame un libro:** 1 event, 4 people
- **D&D Days (Dungeons & Dragons):** 4 events, 48 people
- **Game Night:** 4 events, 35 people
- **Journal Jam:** 1 event, 6 people
- **Let's Talk About It:** 1 event, 14 people
- **Library League Trivia:** 1 event, 15 people
- **Literary Luck:** 1 month, 41 entries
- **LybraryWyrms:** 4 events, 28 people
- **Mental Wellness Series with NAMI:** 1 event, 8 people
- **Paper Arts:** 1 event, 25 people
- **Recycle Your eWaste:** 1 event, 100 people
- **Write Over Here:** 4 events, 43 people
- **Write Over Here for Teens:** 3 events, 14 people

Total events: 49; **total people:** 872

Upcoming special events and programs

- IFPL is partnering with AmeriCorps Seniors / Foster Grandparents volunteer program in March so they can explain this amazing volunteer program that helps seniors tutor at-risk youth: March 12, 10am-12pm; March 14, 10am-11:30am; and March 16, 1-3pm.
- Teen Writing Camp, Spring Break Edition: March 23-26, 1-3pm
- American Red Cross Blood Drive: March 31, 10am-3pm

- We're turning April into IFPL Book Lovers Month, in conjunction with National Library Week and National Poetry Month. Details to come.

Adult & Teen Tours

- **Northstar Foster Children:** 1 event, 15 people
Beth presented to foster children (ages 14-21) to introduce the library and tell them of services.

Pictures from Programs and Events



Figure 1 / Patrons enjoying IFPL's new community puzzle table, February 20, 2026

Adult & Teen Reading Programs

Extreme Book Nerd signups (total since January 6):

- Adult Extreme Book Nerd: 313 registered; 1 completed (0%)
- Teen Extreme Book Nerd: 37 registered, 0 completed (0%)
- Book Nerd Your Way (adult): 376 registered, 1 completed (0%)
- Book Nerd Your Way (teen): 62 registered, 2 completed (3%)
- Total registered: 788; total completed: 4 (1%)

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

- Registered: 8; Prizes earned: 4

Winter Reading signups (December 1-February 28):

- Adult: 596 registered
- Teen: 100 registered
- Total prizes earned: 1,109
- Total prizes claimed: 825

Makerspace Programs

Programs

- **Brickfast Club:** 2 events, 23 people
- **Coding for Kids:** 9 events, 9 people
- **Tech for Teens:** 3 events, 0 people
- **Teen INC (Innovate & Create):** 2 events, 8 people

Total events: 16; **total people:** 40



Figure 2 / Teen INC - journals, February 13, 2026

Community Engagement and Outreach

Events

- MorningStar Assisted Living Center
 - Beth presented to residents about library services, then helped them get library cards and access to Libby. There is a follow-up appointment later in March.

Total events: 1; Total people: 15

Meetings


- Beth and Barbara met with Brooke Guess from Idaho Sustainability and Energy Coalition (ISEC) to discuss a partnership and future programming ideas.
- Beth met with the Early Learning Collaborative (lead by the United Way) that focuses on education and care of young children.
- Beth met with Cheiska Motloch from the AmeriCorps Seniors / Foster Grandparents Volunteer Program to discuss possible programs. Because of this, we will be hosting them three times in March to explain their program to patrons (see upcoming events).
- Beth made it to most of the weekly meetings of Rotary and Kiwanis.
- Literacy Center at Eastern Idaho Public Health
 - Beth changed out the books and restocked free toothbrush kits from Delta Dental.

Professional Development

Trainings, Webinars, Books, etc.

- Idaho Commission for Libraries (ICfL) – Summer Learning Summit
 - Beth attended this in-person training to get new ideas for Summer Reading. Because of this, several ideas are brewing on how to make the program more effective and fun.
- Beth attended an online chat with ICfL about Latine populations.

Happy Patron Stories

- I just had a 12 year old finish this year's Book Nerd! He read 50 books, full of Dave Pilkey and Geronimo Stilton. He said his favorite part is staying up late to read.  – Liza, 2/17/2026