

## Community Engagement Current Responsibilities

Spread the awesomeness of IFPL to local schools, assisted living centers, business, service organizations, churches, etc. – pretty much everyone in the city of Idaho Falls.

Collaborate with local businesses to improve IFPL programs (e.g., reading prizes).

Make connections and know what is going on in the community.

Improve the lives of people.

### Adult & Teen Programs

- Provide meaningful programs that add value to patrons' lives.
- Allow patrons to explore new ideas and activities in a safe environment.
- Push reading and create everyday readers and lifelong library users.

## Staff Lead Programs

Staff are physically at the program and very involved with ensuring its success. Staff are responsible for preparation, set-up, and take-down.

<b>Program title:</b>	<b>Author Visit</b>
<b>Description:</b>	Local authors talk about the craft of writing.
<b>Occurrence:</b>	Intermittent; lasts between 1-2 hours
<b>Geared for:</b>	Grades 7-12; Ages 18+; All ages (depends on author)
<b>Staff involved:</b>	Melissa
<b>Benefits:</b>	Local writers can promote their work; brings people to the library to see them.

<b>Program title:</b>	<b>Austen Ball</b>
<b>Description:</b>	Volunteer leads participants through Regency era dances.
<b>Occurrence:</b>	Once a year, usually in September or October; times go from 6-9pm
<b>Geared for:</b>	Ages 13+
<b>Staff involved:</b>	Beth
<b>Benefits:</b>	Bring people to the library, plus it's just fun. People really do love it.

<b>Program title:</b>	<b>Booked At Noon Book Club</b>
<b>Description:</b>	Book club.
<b>Occurrence:</b>	Monthly, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, 12-1pm
<b>Geared for:</b>	Ages 18+
<b>Staff involved:</b>	Marzi
<b>Benefits:</b>	A daytime book club has been well received. Not everyone wants to travel at night. Promotes our Book Club in a Bag collection and promotes intellectual discourse at the library.

<b>Program title:</b>	<b>Chapter 2 Book Club</b>
<b>Description:</b>	Book club.
<b>Occurrence:</b>	Monthly, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, 7-8pm
<b>Geared for:</b>	Ages 18+
<b>Staff involved:</b>	Lisha
<b>Benefits:</b>	Promotes our Book Club in a Bag collection and promotes intellectual discourse at the library.

<b>Program title:</b>	<b>EBN Kickoff</b>
<b>Description:</b>	Start of Extreme Book Nerd Program. Patrons can get a sneak peek of categories before the program opens the next day, eat treats, win prizes, and converse with fellow book lovers.
<b>Occurrence:</b>	Once a year, in January; times vary, but usually lasts 2-3 hours.
<b>Geared for:</b>	All ages
<b>Staff involved:</b>	Beth, maybe Aleisha and Barbara
<b>Benefits:</b>	Great way to start our most popular program. Patrons love it.

<b>Program title:</b>	<b>Journal Jam</b>
<b>Description:</b>	Patrons can work on the Extreme Book Nerd journal or any journal of their choice.
<b>Occurrence:</b>	Monthly, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday, 6:30-8pm
<b>Geared for:</b>	Ages 13+
<b>Staff involved:</b>	Marzi
<b>Benefits:</b>	Book nerds get to spend time with each other, hopefully talking about what they're reading (which hopefully will turn into patrons checking out more books); chance for artistic people to get social interaction and creative ideas.

<b>Program title:</b>	<b>Let's Talk About It</b>
<b>Description:</b>	Scholars talk about a series of themed books from this program funded by the Idaho Commission for Libraries and the Idaho Humanities Council.
<b>Occurrence:</b>	Usually yearly, once a month per book (currently is 3). Each session usually goes from 1-1½ hours.
<b>Geared for:</b>	Ages 18+
<b>Staff involved:</b>	Beth
<b>Benefits:</b>	Great way to get people out of their comfort zones when it comes to books. Lends to great discussions in the library, especially if the theme is a deeper one.

<b>Program title:</b>	<b>Library League Trivia</b>
<b>Description:</b>	Patrons bring teams to a trivia night about literary topics.
<b>Occurrence:</b>	Intermittent. I'm trying for at least once a quarter. Usually goes from 6:30-8pm.
<b>Geared for:</b>	Ages 18+
<b>Staff involved:</b>	Beth
<b>Benefits:</b>	It's fun, plus exposes patrons to a variety of books.

<b>Program title:</b>	<b>LybraryWyrms</b>
<b>Description:</b>	Teenagers learn the basics of role-playing games.
<b>Occurrence:</b>	Weekly on Wednesdays, 4:30-6pm
<b>Geared for:</b>	Grades 7-12
<b>Staff involved:</b>	Melissa
<b>Benefits:</b>	Helps to introduce a popular game to newbies in a safe and fun environment.

<b>Program title:</b>	<b>NaNoWriMo 2.0 (National Novel Writing Month)</b>
<b>Description:</b>	Writers set a goal to write a certain number of words for their novel during this month.
<b>Occurrence:</b>	Early, in November. Actual programs during this month vary year-to-year, but there is usually a kick-off event and a wrap-up session.
<b>Geared for:</b>	Ages 13+
<b>Staff involved:</b>	Melissa
<b>Benefits:</b>	Promotes writing, brings people to the library
<b>Notes:</b>	We often have the Program Room set aside for writing time during this month, though not a lot of people utilize that.

<b>Program title:</b>	<b>Never Too Late</b>
<b>Description:</b>	Arts programming for older adults (55 and better), led by a working artist
<b>Occurrence:</b>	Yearly, whenever we obtain the grant from ICfL. Times are usually in the morning, to accommodate the schedules of older patrons.
<b>Geared for:</b>	Ages 55+
<b>Staff involved:</b>	Beth
<b>Benefits:</b>	Promotes cognitive resilience and community for older adults who may be struggling in those areas. Plus, provides a way to learn something at the library.

<b>Program title:</b>	<b>Paper Arts</b>
<b>Description:</b>	Patrons learn paper engineering, such as book-making and pop-up functions.
<b>Occurrence:</b>	Monthly, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday, 6:30-9pm
<b>Geared for:</b>	Ages 13+
<b>Staff involved:</b>	Ashley
<b>Benefits:</b>	People love it! Brings people to the library, builds community, exposes patrons to new ideas.

<b>Program title:</b>	<b>Teen Camps</b>
<b>Description:</b>	Teenagers learn new things at the library during our weekly camps. Topics and activities vary.
<b>Occurrence:</b>	Varies, but usually have one during spring break and at least one during the summer. Each camp day lasts about 2-3 hours.
<b>Geared for:</b>	Grades 7-12
<b>Staff involved:</b>	Melissa, Sami, Beth (depends on focus of camp)
<b>Benefits:</b>	Brings teenagers to the library, gives them something to do during out-of-school time.

<b>Program title:</b>	<b>Write Over Here</b>
<b>Description:</b>	Patrons share ideas, writing advice, and encouragement.
<b>Occurrence:</b>	Weekly on Tuesdays, 7-9pm
<b>Geared for:</b>	Ages 18+
<b>Staff involved:</b>	Melissa
<b>Notes:</b>	Possibly could do without Melissa, but better that she's involved. She does mini-classes on writing topics, plus helps to promote other writing events the library offers.

<b>Program title:</b>	<b>Write Over Here – All Day Events</b>
<b>Description:</b>	Varies, but often events that include writing classes or extended writing sessions.
<b>Occurrence:</b>	Varies, but usually one in February
<b>Geared for:</b>	Ages 18+, though as young as 13 would not be turned away.
<b>Staff involved:</b>	Melissa
<b>Benefits:</b>	Extension of programming we already do

<b>Program title:</b>	<b>Write Over Here for Teens</b>
<b>Description:</b>	Teenagers discover how to make characters, create plots, and brainstorm, with staff guidance.
<b>Occurrence:</b>	Weekly on Thursdays, 4:30-6pm
<b>Geared for:</b>	Grades 7-12
<b>Staff involved:</b>	Melissa
<b>Benefits:</b>	Gets kids excited about writing; creates a safe space and community for them at the library.

## Partner Programs

Area partners are responsible for the majority of the content of the programs, so staff assistance is fairly minimal (for the most part).

<b>Program title:</b>	<b>4-H Club</b>
<b>Description:</b>	Members of 4-H work on projects such as sewing, STEM, art, etc.
<b>Occurrence:</b>	Every 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesdays, 4:30-6pm
<b>Geared for:</b>	Grades 6-12
<b>Staff involved:</b>	Beth, occasionally
<b>Benefits:</b>	Great partnership with 4-H; the leaders do all the planning and the executing of the program.

<b>Program title:</b>	<b>American Red Cross Blood Drive</b>
<b>Description:</b>	Patrons can donate blood
<b>Occurrence:</b>	Intermittent, but trying for four times a year
<b>Geared for:</b>	Ages 18+
<b>Staff involved:</b>	Beth
<b>Benefits:</b>	Brings people to the library. Also, it's good for the community.

<b>Program title:</b>	<b>Caregiver Connections</b>
<b>Description:</b>	Alzheimer's Association leads informational sessions for those giving care to dementia and Alzheimer's patients.
<b>Occurrence:</b>	Intermittent, but the series usually runs at least twice a year. Each series has 3-5 classes spaced two weeks apart. Held Wednesdays at noon.
<b>Geared for:</b>	Ages 18+
<b>Staff involved:</b>	Beth
<b>Benefits:</b>	They have the content, we have the space for them to present. Also, information that benefits the community. Plus, because of this partnership, it's opened up other avenues for us to partner.

<b>Program title:</b>	<b>Mental Wellness Series with NAMI</b>
<b>Description:</b>	NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) presents on a variety of topics.
<b>Occurrence:</b>	Monthly, 4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday, 6:30pm
<b>Geared for:</b>	Ages 18+, but as young as 14 could probably benefit.
<b>Staff involved:</b>	Beth
<b>Benefits:</b>	They have the content, we have the space for them to present. Also, information that benefits the community.

<b>Program title:</b>	<b>Narcan</b>
<b>Description:</b>	Patrons can learn the signs of overdose and train how to save someone's life. In partnership with Eastern Idaho Public Health and College of Eastern Idaho's Workforce Training and Continuing Education.
<b>Occurrence:</b>	Every other month on Tuesdays, noon
<b>Geared for:</b>	Ages 18+, but as young as 14 could attend.
<b>Staff involved:</b>	Beth
<b>Benefits:</b>	They have the content, we have the space for them to present. Also, information that benefits the community.

<b>Program title:</b>	<b>Recycle Your eWaste</b>
<b>Description:</b>	Patron can drop off old and unused electronics for recycling in this partnership with Idaho National Labs and eCyclers of Idaho.
<b>Occurrence:</b>	Varies, but usually once a month on a Saturday for the majority of the day.
<b>Geared for:</b>	All ages.
<b>Staff involved:</b>	Beth
<b>Benefits:</b>	Bring people to the library, keeps items out of landfills.

<b>Program title:</b>	<b>U of I Extension Programs</b>
<b>Description:</b>	Topics vary, but University of Idaho Extension staff teach about things such as stress, sleep, eating right, etc.
<b>Occurrence:</b>	Varies.
<b>Geared for:</b>	Ages 18+
<b>Staff involved:</b>	Beth
<b>Benefits:</b>	They have the content, we have the space for them to present. Also, information that benefits the community.

## Reading and Promotional Programs

These programs require staff involvement, but the programs go for an extended period of time, such as a month to all year. These programs are not events, but still require a lot of staff attention.

<b>Program title:</b>	<b>Extreme Book Nerd</b>
<b>Description:</b>	Patrons read throughout the year to earn a prize.
<b>Occurrence:</b>	Yearly
<b>Geared for:</b>	Grades 7-12; Ages 18+
<b>Staff involved:</b>	ALL (Beth organizes and then delegates tasks to other staff)
<b>Benefits:</b>	Encourages reading, brings people to the library, patrons love it

<b>Program title:</b>	<b>Literary Luck</b>
<b>Description:</b>	Patrons can enter a drawing to win a set of books each month.
<b>Occurrence:</b>	Monthly
<b>Geared for:</b>	Ages 18+
<b>Staff involved:</b>	Lisha, Beth
<b>Benefits:</b>	People like winning things. Since patrons can get a ticket when they checkout items from the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor, it also increases circulation.

<b>Program title:</b>	<b>Blind Date / Trick or Treat</b>
<b>Description:</b>	Patrons check out a book without seeing what it is for a chance to win a gift certificate from a local business.
<b>Occurrence:</b>	Blind Date – February; Trick or Treat – October. Both programs last the entirety of the month.
<b>Geared for:</b>	Grades 7-12; 18+
<b>Staff involved:</b>	ALL.
<b>Benefits:</b>	Promotes circulation of items. Patrons love it.

<b>Program title:</b>	<b>Turn the Page</b>
<b>Description:</b>	Teenagers can claim a small reward each month for finishing a book.
<b>Occurrence:</b>	Monthly (ongoing)
<b>Geared for:</b>	Grades 7-12
<b>Staff involved:</b>	Beth
<b>Benefits:</b>	Encourages kids to read. Not everyone can be an Extreme Book Nerd.

<b>Program title:</b>	<b>Lit Fusion</b>
<b>Description:</b>	Patrons use a modified Plinko board to get a mix of genres and/or years and then find a book to fit that genre. Each time they play, they get an entry into a drawing for a gift card.
<b>Occurrence:</b>	Yearly, in May
<b>Geared for:</b>	Ages 13+
<b>Staff involved:</b>	Beth
<b>Benefits:</b>	It's fun. It doesn't get a lot of usage, so I may need to think of ways to modify it.

<b>Program title:</b>	<b>National Library Week/IFPL Book Lovers Month</b>
<b>Description:</b>	Events varies, but the intent is to celebrate libraries.
<b>Occurrence:</b>	Yearly, in April.
<b>Geared for:</b>	Ages 13+
<b>Staff involved:</b>	Beth, Melissa, Sami
<b>Benefits:</b>	Reward patrons for using the library, kind of like our "thank you" for coming in.
<b>Notes:</b>	

<b>Program title:</b>	<b>Summer Reading</b>
<b>Description:</b>	Patrons get rewards for daily reading in one of our biggest programs.
<b>Occurrence:</b>	Yearly, generally June-August
<b>Geared for:</b>	Grades 7-12; Ages 18+
<b>Staff involved:</b>	Beth, though all staff touch it in some way
<b>Benefits:</b>	Patrons LOVE it. Brings people in. A lot of people we won't see during the school year, but they definitely come for Summer Reading. Also, a great way to partner with local business for prizes.

<b>Program title:</b>	<b>Winter Reading</b>
<b>Description:</b>	Patrons get rewards for reading and completing tasks.
<b>Occurrence:</b>	Yearly, usually the Monday after Thanksgiving to the last Saturday in February.
<b>Geared for:</b>	Grades 7-12; Ages 18+
<b>Staff involved:</b>	Beth, though all staff touch it in some way
<b>Benefits:</b>	Keeps people reading throughout the winter; encourages to find out about library services and programs.

<b>Program title:</b>	<b>Book Madness</b>
<b>Description:</b>	Like March Madness, but for books! Or literature.
<b>Occurrence:</b>	Yearly, in March
<b>Geared for:</b>	Ages 13+
<b>Staff involved:</b>	Lisha, Beth
<b>Benefits:</b>	People have fun with it.

<b>Program title:</b>	<b>Book Club in a Bag Nominations</b>
<b>Description:</b>	Patrons can submit and vote on the sets we add to our Book Club in a Bag collection
<b>Occurrence:</b>	Changed – used to be nominations were in September – October, with voting in November and December, but now nominations are open year-round, with voting in November (ish).
<b>Geared for:</b>	18+
<b>Staff involved:</b>	Beth, Liza
<b>Notes:</b>	

## Patron-led Programs

The programs are done solely by volunteers and require little staff involvement (usually just cleaning up or creating promotional materials).

- Chess Club
- Conversaciones
- Crazy Crafters
- Cuéntame un libro
- D&D Days
- Game Night
- Nerd Gym

## Possible future Programs

Major events like the Austen Ball – like a Fantasy Ball, where people can come dressed as their favorite fantasy character and party with us.

Computer classes for older adults.

Specific programs for the 18-26 year-old crowd.

Programming geared towards older adults

Programs for challenges of aging serving those living with dementia and Alzheimer's, and their caregivers.

Monthly art programs, memory cafés, puzzles, visits with animal shelters, etc.

Gardening programs