

rediscover reading



Idaho Falls Public Library

Adult, Young Adult, and Makerspace Programs MONTH 2025

Information gathered from March 3 – March 29, 2025

Adult/Young Adult Programs

- **4-H:** 2 events, 9 people <--- new partnership, with 4-H and University of Idaho Extension
- **Caregiver Connections:** 1 event, 9 people <--- in partnership with Alzheimer's Association of Greater Idaho
- **Chapter 2 Book Club:** 1 event, 14 people, title: *Tunnel 29: The True Story of an Extraordinary Escape Beneath the Berlin Wall* by Helena Merriman
- **Chess Club Wednesdays:** 4 events, 12 people
- **Chess Club Saturdays:** 4 events, 21 people
- **Conversaciones:** 4 events, 13 people
- **Crazy Crafters:** 4 events, 55 people
- **Cuéntame un libro:** 1 events, 2 people
- **D&D Days (Dungeons & Dragons):** 4 events, 57 people
- **Dementia Friends:** 1 event, 10 people <--- in partnership with University of Idaho Extension
- **ESL @ IFPL:** 4 events, 34 people
- **Family Game Night:** 4 events, 36 people
- **INL eWaste:** 1 event, 140 people (in February, they collected 9,000 lbs of items to be recycled from our event alone!)
- **Let's Talk About It:** 1 event, 9 people, title: *Maid: Hard Work, Low Pay, and a Mother's Will to Survive* by Stephanie Land
- **Literary Society:** 1 event, 4 people, topic: Art in Books
- **LybraryWyrms:** 4 events, 33 people
- **Money Matters:** 1 event, 2 people
- **Narcan:** 1 event, 4 people
- **Paper Arts:** 1 event, 33 people
- **Write Over Here:** 4 events, 24 people
- **Write Over Here for Teens:** 4 events, 27 people

Total events: 57

Total people: 1,409

Extreme Book Nerd signups (total since January 8):

- Adult Extreme Book Nerd: 292 registered; 2 completed (1%)
- Teen Extreme Book Nerd: 46 registered, 0 completed (0%)
- Book Nerd Your Way (adult): 375 registered, 6 completed (2%)
- Book Nerd Your Way (teen): 55 registered, 1 completed (2%)
- Total registered: 768; total completed: 9 (.01%)

Upcoming special events and programs

- **Strengthening Families Month:** During April, IFPL is teaming up with Eastern Idaho Public Health (EIPH) and other agencies to bring awareness about child abuse and neglect.
 - Pinwheels will be outside the library, to bring attention to the month.
 - On April 2 from 10am-1pm, IFPL will host **Block Fest**, a building extravaganza for parents and children ages 8 months to 8 years old. Children will learn math, science, and literacy skills as they stack, build, create, and topple – all while having fun! Area agencies will be present to help parents with any parenting needs.
 - On April 2 at 6:30pm, EIPH will present the child abuse prevention training, **Stewards of Children**, in the 2nd Floor Program Room.
- **The Heart of Hospice** will be presented on April 7 at noon in the 2nd Floor Program Room. This program is in partnership with EIPH and Brio Home Health and Hospice.
- **Your Future is Now:** First Fridays of the month, 11am-2pm in the 2nd Floor Program Room. This program is in partnership with TRIO, which helps people get higher education. TRIO will cover higher education opportunities, FAFSA and other grants, and be around to answer questions; IFPL will advertise Learning Express, provided by Idaho Commission for Libraries.
- **One More Chapter:** Our new daytime book club will be on the 4th Tuesdays of the month at noon on the 3rd Floor, starting on April 22. Their first read is *The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini.
- The Daughters of the American Revolution is bringing a Revolutionary War exhibit to the library from April 28-May 10. There will be an opening reception at 7pm on April 28.
- The Department of Environmental Quality will have a display from April 30-May 12. The display has poems written by 5th and 6th graders in our area that focus on water.
- Leslee Blanch from University of Idaho Extension will be presenting **Brain Health** on May 14 at noon and **Improving Sleep** on May 21 at noon.
- A **Pokémon Club** for teens and adults will begin on May 19, at 4pm. This will coincide with Children's program, so older kids can get in on the fun.
- IFPL's Creative Aging program, **Never Too Late**, will be back From August 7-September 25, with this year's focus being watercolors.

Makerspace

Programs

- **Brickfast Club:** 4 events, 48 people
- **Coding for Kids:** 15 events, 30 people
- **Tech for Teens:** 9 events, 4 people
- **Teen INC (Innovate & Create):** 4 events, 19 people

Total events: 32

Total people: 101



Figure 1 / Teen Inc - 3D Paper Stars, March 14, 2025



Figure 2 / Teen Inc - Decorative Potions, March 21, 2025

Community Engagement and Outreach

Events

- Dora Erickson Family Literacy Night: 120 people
 - Beth met with many kids and their families. There were some kids who had forgotten that they had access to IFPL, and so they were encouraging their parents to take them. I hope they did!

Meetings

- Beth has been consistent in attending Kiwanis and Rotary meetings. She has also had meetings with the following agencies/businesses/people:
 - EIPH and other area agencies, to plan Strengthening Families Month
 - Volunteering with Kiwanis to raise funds for educational scholarships by working at the Mountain America Center, doing concessions
 - Meeting with fellow Kiwanians to plan Hope of America activities. Hope of America is an award given to 6th graders in our area.
 - Lunch & Learn with the City, learning about finances
 - Read Talk Play – to learn more on how to get early educational opportunities at the library (Aleisha attended, too)
 - Creative Aging zooms, to learn more about the Creative Aging grant and how to successfully implement this model of educating

Upcoming

- Beth will be attending United Way's outreach event at Tautphaus Park on Saturday, April 26, from 10am-1pm, to talk about the awesomeness of the library.