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Idaho Falls Public Library

## April Report

Adult, Young Adult, Maker Spaces

### Programs

#### Program attendance from January 26, 2024, to April 30, 2024:

- **Book/Card Making Classes:** 2 event, 29 people total  
*A volunteer-led program where bookmaking and pop-up techniques are taught; materials provided by IFPL. Minimal IFPL staff involvement.*
- **Chapter 2 Book Club:** 3 event, 34 people total, titles: *The Book of Lost Names* by Kristin Harmel; *When Stars are Scattered* by Victoria Jamieson and Omar Mohamed; *The 100-Year-Old Man Who Climbed Out the Window and Disappeared* by Jonas Jonasson  
*A book club moderated by an IFPL staff member using the Book Club in a Bag collection. Moderate IFPL staff involvement.*
- **Chess Club Wednesdays:** 13 events, 92 people total  
*A patron-led program that aims to teach people the basics of chess and inspire friendly competition. No IFPL staff involvement.*
- **Chess Club Saturdays:** 10 events, 85 people total  
*A patron-led program that aims to teach people the basics of chess and inspire friendly competition. No IFPL staff involvement.*
- **Crazy Crafters:** 13 events, 142 people total  
*A patron-led program where patrons can bring their current projects and socialize. No IFPL staff involvement.*
- **D&D Days (Dungeons & Dragons):** 12 events, 118 people total  
*A patron-led program where patrons are able to gather and play through a session of Dungeons & Dragons. No IFPL staff involvement.*
- **Family Game Night:** 13 events, 152 people total  
*Families and friends are encouraged to use our space and available games or puzzles for bonding. Minimal IFPL staff involvement.*  
Note: One event had 62 people, as a local Boy Scout did his Eagle Project for our puzzle and game cabinets
- **Great Book Giveaway:** 4 months, 473 entries total, sets given away: *Covenant* suspense; *Mordecai Tremaine* mysteries; *Happy birthday, President Lincoln*; *Cormoran Strike*; *Leather bound*; *I love libraries*; *Modern biographies*; and *Man's best friend*  
*Every time a patron checks out a book from the 3rd Floor, they can ask for a ticket to put into one of two book giveaways, created from donations.. The tickets are counted at the end of the month and a winner for each set is drawn. Medium staff involvement, as staff put together the sets and curate the tickets.*

- **Knit Together:** 13 events, 142 people total  
*A patron-led program where patrons can bring their current projects and socialize. No IFPL staff involvement.*
- **Literary Society:** 3 event, 9 people total  
*Run by IFPL staff, this monthly events invites patrons to come discuss their favorite books in a specific topic or genre. Heavy IFPL staff involvement.*
- **Money Matters:** 3 events, 16 people total  
*An educational series on banking, mortgage, credit, insurance, etc. Minimal IFPL staff involvement.*
- **Snake River Audubon Society:** 2 events, 48 people total
- **Winter Reading – Adults:** 444 adults signed up; 219 finished the challenge  
*This program is structured so participants read books in different categories, in addition to learning more about their Library. Heavy IFPL staff involvement in the creation of categories, but minimal after the program is started.*
- **Winter Reading – Teens:** 47 teens signed up; 17 finished the challenge  
*This program is structured so participants read books in different categories, in addition to learning more about their Library. Heavy IFPL staff involvement in the creation of categories, but minimal after the program is started.*
- **Write Over Here:** 13 events, 72 people total  
*Patrons are encouraged to work on and share their current writing projects. An IFPL staff member leads discussions on topics pertaining to plot, characters, etc. Moderate IFPL staff involvement*
- **Write Over Here for Teens:** 13 events, 45 people total  
*Patrons are encouraged to work on and share their current writing projects. An IFPL staff member leads discussions on topics pertaining to plot, characters, etc. Geared towards those in 7-12 grades. Moderate IFPL staff involvement*
- **Write Over Here – Teen Writing Camp:** 2 events, 76 people total  
*Teens in grades 7-12 join an IFPL staff member to discuss the fine art of writing. Heavy IFPL staff involvement.*
- **Tours/Outreach:**
  - United Way Mobile Resource Center at Tautphaus Park: 150 people
  - Compass Academy Holocaust display event: 50 people  
*Students came to the library to discuss their art pieces on 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor.*

**Total events: 144; total people: 2,706**

### **Extreme Book Nerd signups (total since January 3):**

- Adult Extreme Book Nerd: 336 registered; 6 completed (.018%)
- Teen Extreme Book Nerd: 52 registered, 1 completed (.019%)
- Book Nerd Your Way (adult): 283 registered, 18 completed (.06%)
- Book Nerd Your Way (teen): 32 registered, 0 completed (0%)
- Total registered: 703; total completed: 25 (.036%)

Pictures from recent programs and outreach, pages 3-7



Figure 1 / Never Too Late, March 11, 2024



Figure 2 / Never Too Late, March 11, 2024

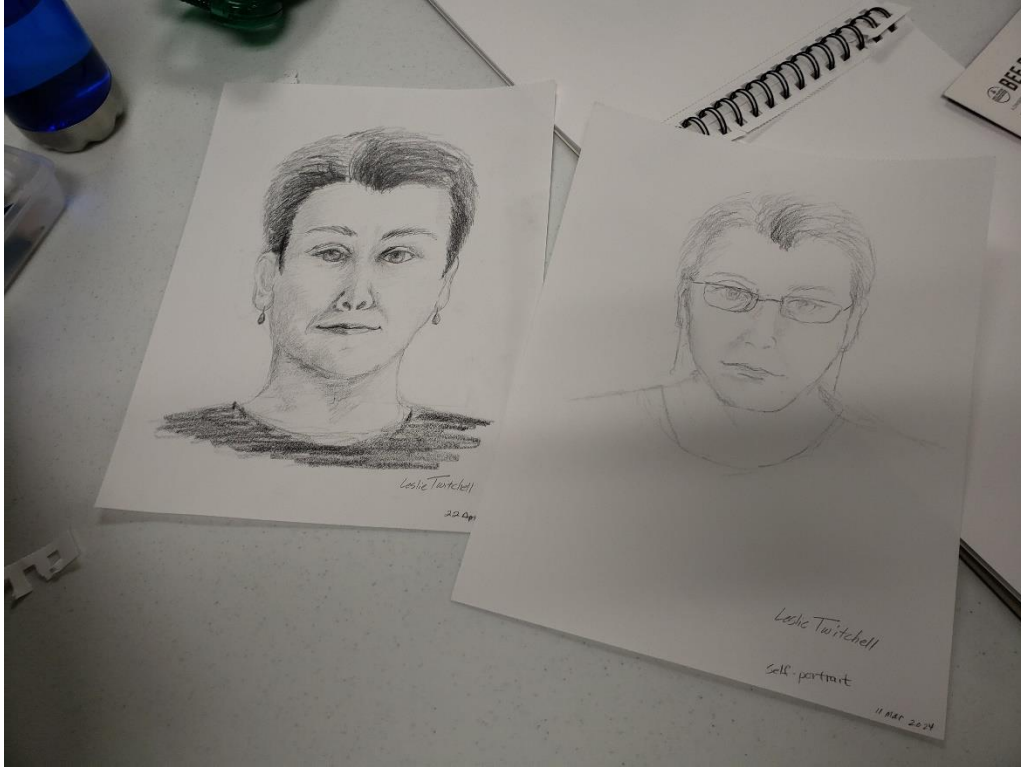


Figure 3 / Never Too Late, April 22, 2024



Figure 4 / Never Too Late, April 29, 2024

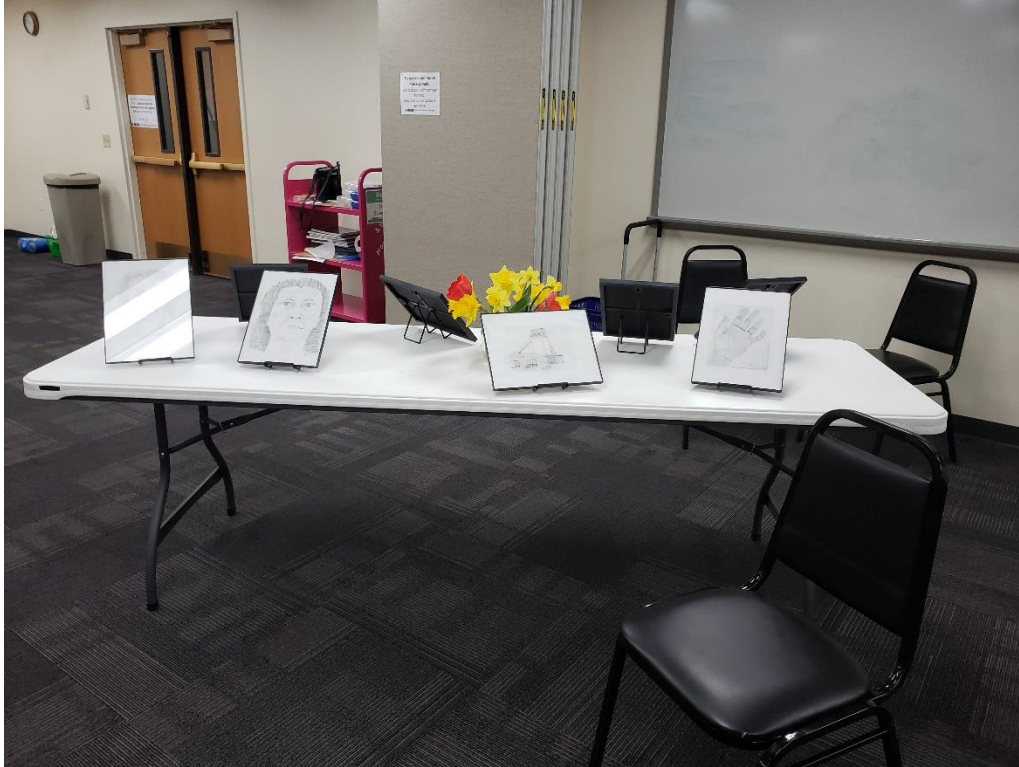


Figure 5 / Never Too Late, April 29, 2024



Figure 6 / Never Too Late, April 29, 2024



Figure 7 / Chess Club, April 10, 2024

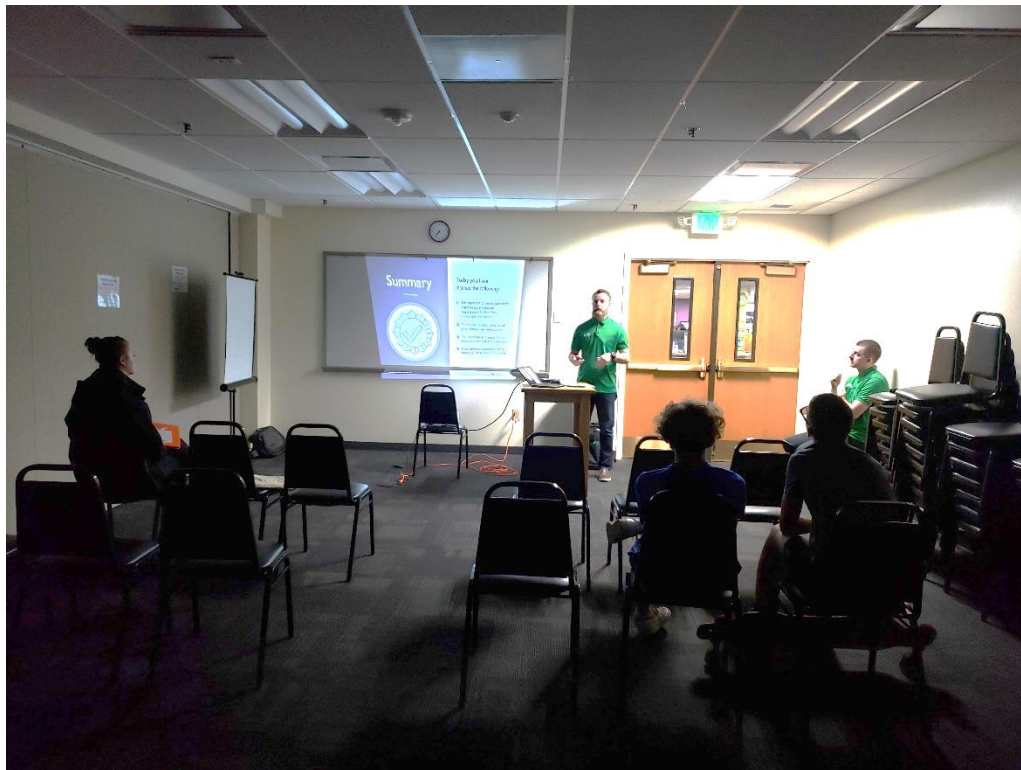


Figure 8 / Money Matters, April 10, 2024



Figure 9 / Outreach, April 20, 2024

### Upcoming programs

- Book/Card Making Classes, Wednesdays, 6:30pm
  - May 15: French link with soft covers
  - June 12: Secret box safe
- Chapter 2 Book Club, Tuesdays, 7pm
  - May: *A Good Girl's Guide to Murder* by Holly Jackson
  - June: TBA
- Family Game Night, Thursdays, 6:30pm
  - Families can gather and use our incredible array of board games and puzzles
- Lit Fusion, May 1-31 ← New program!
  - Patrons use our fancy Lit Fusion board to get a genre and a time period to read from/about. They can enter into a drawing for a gift certificate.

- Literary Society, Thursdays, 7pm
  - Patrons will convene to talk about their favorite books in a specific genre or category
    - May 16: Graphic novels, led by Beth
    - June 20: Psychological thrillers, led by Lisha
- Money Matters, Wednesdays, 6:30pm
  - May 8: Life insurance, with Brenden Craft, American Family Insurance
  - June 12: Mortgages, with Zach Hardy, Idaho Central Credit Union
- Summer Reading, June 3 – August 24
- Write Over Here, Tuesdays, 7pm
- Write Over Here for Teens, Thursdays, 4:30pm

### Upcoming events

- New programs in the works for 2024
  - Conversaciones  
*A place for patrons to practice their Spanish/English skills, led by patrons*
  - Lybrary Wyrms: July-August  
*Beginning D&D for teenagers, led by Melissa*
  - Teen INC (Innovate 'N' Create): July-August  
*Teen makerspaces with technology and crafts, led by Caden and Sami*

## Outreach

### Upcoming events

- May 2, 6-8pm: Dora Erickson Family Night with United Way

### Meetings

- Boy Scouts of America
  - Beth attended a meeting with the Boy Scouts of America as they are attempting to increase their members

## Staff

### Staffing

- Sami Viehweg was made fulltime and will help cover the Makerspace area.
- Jennifer Pittser quit in February.

## **Meetings**

- Department meetings have been held fairly regularly each week. Topics covered: using Horizon, upcoming programs, dealing with patrons, etc.

## **Professional development included:**

- *Brief: Make a Bigger Impact by Saying Less* by Joseph McCormack
- LITT chat provided by ICfL – topics: marketing,
- LiLL webinars provided by ICfL
- Beth is enrolled in Director 101, provided by ICfL. Topics covered have been policies and procedures, daily operations, and current legislation affecting libraries.
- Staff attended an all-day training session provided by ICfL about interlibrary loans, databases, e-Rate, and other online offerings.