



## Board Report for Thursday, June 6, 2024

Adult Services, Young Adult Services, and Makerspace

### Adult/Young Adult Programs

#### Program attendance from May 1, 2024, to June 1, 2024:

- **Book-Making Classes:** 1 event, 28 people total  
*A volunteer-led program where bookmaking and pop-up techniques are taught; materials provided by IFPL. Minimal IFPL staff involvement. NOTE: Starting in July, this program is being rebranded as "Paper Arts."*
- **Chapter 2 Book Club:** 1 event, 16 people total, title: *The Good Girl's Guide to Murder* by Holly Jackson  
*A book club moderated by an IFPL staff member using the Book Club in a Bag collection. Moderate IFPL staff involvement.*
- **Chess Club Wednesdays:** 4 events, 21 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:** 4 events, 19 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:** 4 events, 84 people total  
*A patron-led program where patrons can bring their current projects and socialize. No IFPL staff involvement.*
- **D&D Days (Dungeons & Dragons):** 4 events, 41 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:** 4 events, 22 people total  
*Families and friends are encouraged to use our space and available games or puzzles for bonding. Minimal IFPL staff involvement.*
- **Great Book Giveaway:** 1 month, 75 entries total, sets given away: *The Book was Better* and *All the Girls*  
*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:** 4 events, 31 people total  
*A patron-led program where patrons can bring their current projects and socialize. No IFPL staff involvement.*

- **Lit Fusion:** Runs May 1-31, total entries: 149  
*Participants use a modified Plinko board to determine a genre and a time era, then work with IFPL staff to find a book that fits. Moderate IFPL staff involvement.*
- **Literary Society:** 1 event, 3 people total, topic: Graphic Novels  
*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:** 0 events, 0 people total <--- Cancelled by presenter  
*An educational series on banking, mortgage, credit, insurance, etc. Minimal IFPL staff involvement.*
- **Snake River Audubon Society:** \* events, \* people  
*The SRAS focuses on birds in Idaho. No IFPL staff involvement.*
- **Summer Reading – Adults:** 322 adult signed up since June 3, 2024  
*Adults are encouraged to set daily reading goals, and upon completion of those goals, can come claim prizes. Heavy IFPL staff involvement.*
- **Summer Reading – Teens:** 167 teens signed up since June 3, 2024  
*Teens are encouraged to set daily reading goals, and upon completion of those goals, can come claim prizes. Heavy IFPL staff involvement.*
- **Write Over Here:** 2 events, 19 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:** 2 events, 14 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*
- **Tours/Outreach:**
  - United Way Mobile Resource Center at Dora Erickson, May 2, 2024: 150 people

Total events: 34

Total people: 1,161

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

- Adult Extreme Book Nerd: 362 registered; 19 completed (5.2%)
- Teen Extreme Book Nerd: 59 registered, 3 completed (5.1%)
- Book Nerd Your Way (adult): 311 registered, 32 completed (10.2%)
- Book Nerd Your Way (teen): 44 registered, 1 completed (2.3%)
- Total registered: \*; total completed: \* (7.1%)

### Upcoming programs

- Book/Card Making Classes, Wednesdays, 6:30pm
  - June 12: Secret Book Safe
- Chapter 2 Book Club, Tuesdays, 7pm
  - June 11: *Uprooted* by Naomi Novik
- Family Game Night, Thursdays, 6:30pm
  - Families can gather and use our incredible array of board games and puzzles
- Literary Society, Thursdays, 7pm
  - Patrons will convene to talk about their favorite books in a specific genre or category
    - June 20: Psychological Thrillers
- Money Matters, Wednesdays, 6:30pm
  - June 12: Mortgages with Zach Hardy with ICCU
- Write Over Here, Tuesdays, 7pm
- Write Over Here for Teens, Thursdays, 4:30pm

### Upcoming new programs

- Spanish Book Club (new name coming), 1<sup>st</sup> Mondays of the month, starting in July
  - During this patron-led book club, patrons will discuss books they are currently reading. The purpose is to engage the Spanish-speaking community.
- Conversaciones, Date and Time TBA
  - This patron-led program will encourage patrons to practice their Spanish and English speaking skills with native speakers of both languages.
- Teen INC (Innovate 'n' Create), July 10-Aug 14
  - Our popular teen Makerspace program is back! Staff members Caden and Sami will lead teens in experiencing technology and creating works of art.
- LybraryWyrms, starting July 10
  - Staff member Melissa will lead teens through the ins and outs of D&D by offering mini-campaigns that only take a month. It's perfect for the beginner.
- Teen Summer Writing Camp, July 15-19
  - Staff member Melissa will help teens go in-depth with all things writing related!

## Makerspace

### Programs

- **Brickfast Club:** 5 events, 31 people total  
*All ages are invited to come build with our LEGO-like bricks. Minimal IFPL staff involvement.*
- **Coding for Kids:** 8 events, 21 people total  
*Kids (ages 8-12) learn the basics of Scratch (a coding language) over a six-week period. Heavy IFPL staff involvement.*
- **Tech for Teens:** 6 events, 6 people total  
*Teens (ages 12-17) focus on one Makerspace element, such as drones or 3D printing, over a six-week period. Heavy IFPL staff involvement.*

### Service usage

- 3D printers: 119 people, \$86.24 items sold
- Audio room: 5 people
- Cricut: 14 people
- Glowforge: 12 people
- Sewing machines: 0 people

### Service certifications

- Audio room: 4 people
- Cricut: 3 people
- Filament: 10 people
- Glowforge: 5 people
- Resin: 0 people
- Sewing machines: 0 people

### Feedback

- In this new session of Technology for Teens, we have been focusing on 3D printers and one teen kept asking when the next class was going to be. Another teen said, "I think this will be my favorite class from now on" when I mentioned that we would be 3D printing things we make in Tinkercad. For almost every single 3D printer certification I've done with a family, the younger kids physically cannot stop moving because of how excited they are to start printing. – Reported by Caden

## Outreach

### Events

- November 16, 2023, Greater Idaho Falls Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours

- Met with Chamber members in a casual situation; discussed several programs coming up and was offered the help from the Chamber

### **Meetings**

- May 28, 2024: Beth met with members of the Idaho Falls Astronomical Society to discuss the possibility of having a telescope that IFPL patrons can check out.
- Beth visited the Idaho Falls Rotary Club and has started the process of hopefully joining.

## Staff

### **Staffing**

- Nothing to report

### **Meetings**

- Department meetings held on May 20. Topics included the cash register, issuing library cards, and programs

### **Professional development included:**

- *Brief: Make a Bigger Impact by Saying Less* by Joseph McCormack
- LiLI 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.