

Library Board Report - Children's Department

June 5, 2025

Key Takeaways

- Paws and Pages Partnering with Teton Toyota Group will focus on young readers, 1st to 3rd grade ages featuring Bo, the Teton Toyota Mascot.
- Problem Solvers, a math and science focused program for young children begins Friday, June 6th.
- Would You Rather, the month-long program for April has had 447 participants
- The Library met with Chukars fans on Chukars' Non-Profit Nights May 19 and May 30

Weekly Programs (average attendance)

- Art Club – art experiences: family STEM adventures: 8
- Book Babies – Emergent literacy skills for babies and toddlers: 45
- Family STEM – Family STEM adventures: 25
- Family Storytime – Building reading skills together: 27
- Ready for Kindergarten – Skills for Kindergarten readiness: 21
- STEAM Club K-3 – STEAM activities, early grades: 19
- STEAM Club 4th-6th – STEAM activities, early grades: 19
- Storytime – Early learning and literacy skills for preschool ages: 40
- Family STEM – Family STEM adventures: 25
- Dance Party – Whole body movement for positive emotions: 28

Year Long Programs

- Extreme Book Nerd for Kids: 6 new sign-ups; Total 66 of EBNK participants
- EBNK Your Way: 4 new sign-ups; Total 145 of EBNK Your Way participants
- Special Edition Library Buttons: 8 new sign-ups;
- Special Edition Library Buttons have had 125 total participants
- 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten, Year to Date Total: 95 children

Recent Programs

- Pop in and Play, 5/28/25: 101 participants

Upcoming Programs

- Summer Adventures and Little Explorers begin on June 9.
- Summer Reading Begins June
- Summer STEM at the Park on June 11 at 11 a.m. at Community Park

Staff Professional Development and Training

- Critical Thinking Skills: Active Listening
- Code Read
- Stories, Songs and Stretches
- The Benefits of Decodable Texts
- What are Decodable Books and Why are They Important?
- From Makeshift to Mainstay: What pandemic adaptations taught libraries about community



Paws & Pages

Summer Reading Program

June 10, July 8, & August 12
1pm • Meeting Room 1
Idaho Falls Public Library

Brought to you by:



Paws & Pages Summer Reading Program

The Idaho Falls Public Library and Teton Auto Group are teaming up to bring you this fun program, designed for kids entering 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grades. Each session will center around a book from the Good Dog series, featuring a loveable dog named Bo as the main character. Members from Teton Auto Group will read to the kids, and there will even be a chance to meet Teton Auto Group's mascot, also named Bo!

Teton Auto Group will supply the books and even a stuffed Bo for the kids to read with, to promote the love of reading.

Participants must have active memberships with the Idaho Falls Public Library in order to register for the program and receive the books. The program is capped to 50 children. Only children entering 1st-3rd grades are eligible. Children should attend all three sessions, which are on June 10, July 8, and August 12, at 1pm in Meeting Room 1.