



Board Report for Thursday, September 28, 2023

Adult and Young Adult Services

Programs

Program attendance from August 14, to September 22, 2023:

- Austen Ball: 1 event, 48 people
- Book-Making Classes: 2 events, 31 people total
- Chapter 2 Book Club: 1 events, 5 people total
- Chess Club Wednesdays: 6 events, 64 people total
- Chess Club Saturdays: 3 events, 23 people total
- Crazy Crafters: 6 events, 93 people total
- D&D Days (Dungeons & Dragons): 5 events, 75 people total
- Great Book Giveaway: 1 months, 137 entries total
- Knit Together: 6 events, 34 people total
- Meet the Author: 0 events, 0 people total
- Money Matters: 1 events, 8 people total
- Tours/Outreach: 1 event, 45 people
- Write Over Here: 6 events, 44 people total

Photos from recent programs



Figure 1 / Jane Austen Ball Practice - English Country Line Dance, September 19, 2023



Figure 2 / Jane Austen Ball Practice - English Country Line Dance, September 19, 2023

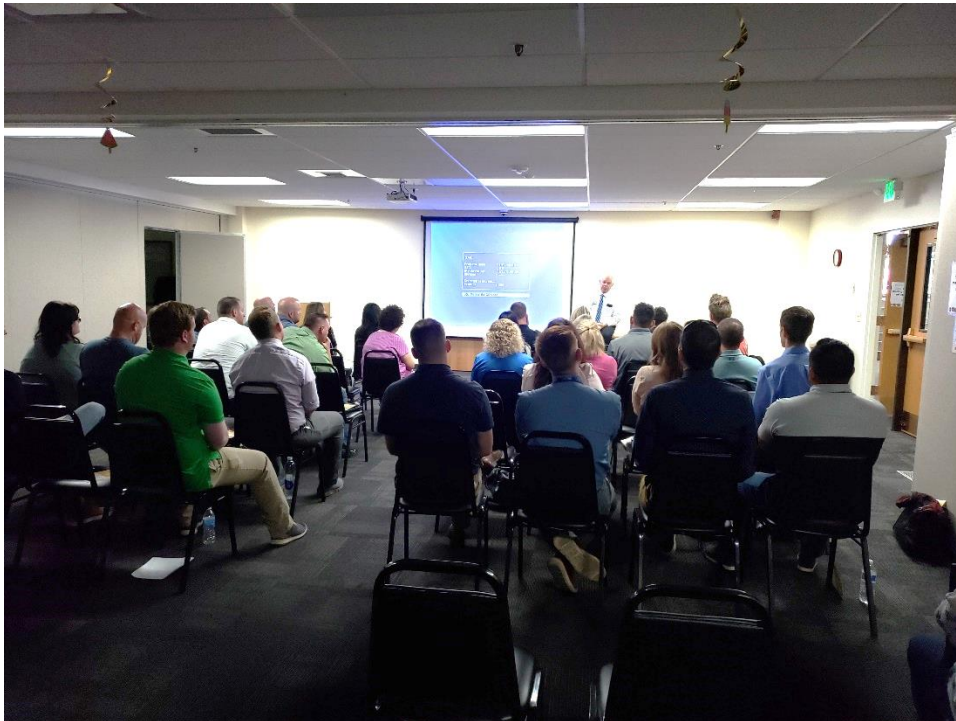


Figure 3 / Chamber of Commerce Outreach Visit, September 19, 2023

Summer Reading Wrap-up

- Adult program: Signups – 853; Rewards given – 1,873; Days read: 42,717
 - 4,756 entries for 28 grand prizes
- Teen program: Signups – 492; Rewards given: 2,151; Days read: 25,831
 - 2,330 entries for 41 grand prizes
- Summer Reading weekly entries (1 ticket per visit): 4,385 over 12 weeks

Extreme Book Nerd signups (total since January 4)

- Adult Extreme Book Nerd: 405 registered; 54 completed
- Teen Extreme Book Nerd: 95 registered, 7 completed
- Book Nerd Your Way: 419 registered, 83 completed

Upcoming programs

- Austen Ball, 7pm
 - October 3: Dance practice
 - October 10: Ball
- Banned Books Week, October 1-7 (will have displays up in September)
 - Banned Books Club: October 4, 7pm
- Book-Making Classes, 6:30pm
 - October 25: Halloween books
 - November 15: Christmas Carol miniature book
 - December 6: Pop-up Christmas cards
- Book Club in a Bag voting
 - October 16: nomination end
 - October 24: voting begins
 - November 30 ish: voting ends
- Chapter 2 Book Club, 7pm
 - October 10: *The Remarkable Journey of Coyote Sunrise* by Dan Gemeinhart
 - November 11: TBD
 - December 12: TBD
- Money Matters, 6:30pm
 - October 11: Behind the scenes of banking
 - November 8: Credit cards
- Trick or Treat, throughout October
- Write Over Here
 - Tuesdays at 7pm
- Write Over Here for Teens
 - Thursdays at 4:30pm

Upcoming special events in 2024

- Extreme Book Nerd: Kick off on Tues, January 2, or Wed, January 3?
- March Madness: March 4-30
- April: National Library Week (celebrated all month, maybe)

Staff

Staffing

- Ashley Larsen was hired full time and started those hours on September 4.
- Summer Pages' last day was August 28.

Meetings

- Staff met on September 11. Topics included: dress code, how to use functionality with Horizon, dealing with patrons, dealing with leaks in the building, and what we're currently reading.

Professional development included:

- *You're Not Listening: What You're Missing and Why It Matters* by Kate Murphy
- *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People: 30th Anniversary Edition* by Stephen R. Covey, with Sean Covey
- SirsiDynix: HznCirc-3100 Horizon Family Groups SELF-PACED
- Greater Idaho Falls Chamber After Hours
- Greater Idaho Falls Chamber luncheon with Idaho Lt. Governor Scott Bedke
- LITT Chats provided by ICfL: Graphic Novels; Teens and School Partnerships
- Laundromats and Libraries check-in meeting
- School Library Journal: Day of Dialog – Teen
- CapiraMobile by OCLC demonstration
- Lunch & Learn by the City of Idaho Falls – covered finance topics
- A Librarian's Guide to Homelessness webinars
- Various Ryan Dowd webinars
- Various collection development webinars
- Niche Academy webinars: Microsoft Publisher; Book Repairs

Miscellaneous

Comments from patrons:

- "I am SO lucky to be able to use this library! You're all so helpful. **Ten stars all around!!**" (reported by Liza Evans)
- A patron brought a drink specifically for Liza. It would have been the patron's sister's 39th birthday, so the patron was doing 39 acts of kindness. Liza was on her list, based on their interactions at the library.

Dave and Cathy Johnson are supporting a program at the Idaho Falls Art Council, and one of the benefits is that they get to have an ad in the event program. They have generously donated one of their ad spaces to the library. Beth and Liza are working with IFAC for design.