

Adult and Young Adult Services Report

Thursday, November 2, 2023

Programs

Program attendance from September 22, 2023, to October 26, 2023:

- **Austen Ball:** 2 events, 149 people
A dance at the library run by volunteer with minimal staff involvement. Period costumes (Pride & Prejudice style) encouraged.
- **Banned Books Club:** 1 event, 13 people
A book club run by the library that discusses books that have previously been banned somewhere. Done in honor of Banned Books Week.
- **Book-Making Classes:** 1 events, 20 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:** 1 events, 4 people total
A book club moderated by an IFPL staff member using the Book Club in a Bag collection.
- **Chess Club Wednesdays:** 4 events, 18 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:** 5 events, 26 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:** 5 events, 79 people total
A patron-led program where patrons can bring their current projects and socialize. No IFPL staff involvement.
- **D&D Days (Dungeons & Dragons):** 5 events, 55 people total
A patron-led program where patrons are able to gather and play through a session of Dungeons & Dragons. No IFPL staff involvement.
- **Great Book Giveaway:** 1 month, 89 entries total
Everytime 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. Minimal staff involvement. The tickets are counted at the end of the month and a winner for each set is drawn.
- **Knit Together:** 5 events, 34 people total
A patron-led program where patrons can bring their current projects and socialize. No IFPL staff involvement.

- **Meet the Author:** 1 event, 3 people total
A program where authors can explain their work and writing process, and can offer a signing, as well. Minimal IFPL staff involvement.
- **Money Matters:** 1 event, 4 people total
An educational series on banking, mortgage, credit, insurance, etc. Minimal IFPL staff involvement.
- **Write Over Here:** 5 events, 52 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.
- **Write Over Here for Teens:** 4 events, 11 people (NEW PROGRAM!)
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 13-18 year olds.
- **Trick or Treat:** Ended October 31
Patrons get a ticket to enter into a drawing for a giftcard from one of four downtown businesses for each day that they check out a wrapped book, which could either be a trick or treat. Patrons are not required to read the book. Heavy IFPL staff involvement, as they wrap and decorate the books.
- **Tours/Outreach:** Idaho Library Association Conference, 1 event, 45 people
Beth Swenson and Aleisha Stout presented about the tiered card systems to library staff members throughout the state of Idaho during the annual conference.

FY22-23 Program totals

- Adult programs: 306
- Adult attendance: 11,360
- Young Adult programs: 42
- Young Adult attendance: 1,192

Photos from recent programs, pages 3-10



Figure 1 / Austen Ball practice, October 3, 2023



Figure 2 / Staff at the Austen Ball, October 10, 2023



Figure 3 / Austen Ball, October 10, 2023



Figure 4 / Austen Ball, October 10, 2023



Figure 5 / Austen Ball, October 10, 2023



Figure 6 / Austen Ball, October 10, 2023



Figure 7 / Banned Books Club, October 3, 2023



Figure 8 / Banned Books Club, October 3, 2023



Figure 9 / Bookmaking, October 25, 2023



Figure 10 / Bookmaking, October 25, 2023



Figure 11 / Bookmaking, October 25, 2023



Figure 12 / Crazy Crafters, October 3, 2023



Figure 13 / Crazy Crafters, October 24, 2023



Figure 14 / Write Over Here, October 3, 2023



Figure 155 / Idaho Library Association Conference, October 6, 2023



Figure 166 / Beth Swenson presenting at the Idaho Library Association conference, October 6, 2023

Extreme Book Nerd signups (total since January 4)

- Adult Extreme Book Nerd: 411 registered; 82 completed
- Teen Extreme Book Nerd: 95 registered, 8 completed
- Book Nerd Your Way (adult): 375 registered, 95 completed
- Book Nerd Your Way (teen): 50 registered, 9 completed
- Total registered: 931; total completed: 194 (21%)

Upcoming programs

- Book-Making Classes, 6:30pm
 - November 15: Christmas Carol miniature book
 - December 6: Pop-up Christmas cards
- Book Club in a Bag voting
 - October 25: voting begins
 - November 30 ish: voting ends
 - <https://www.ifpl.org/book-club-in-a-bag-voting>
- Chapter 2 Book Club, 7pm
 - November 11: *The Thursday Murder Club* by Richard Osman
 - December 12: TBD
- Money Matters, 6:30pm
 - November 8: Credit cards
- Trick or Treat, ends October 31
- 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
- March-April ish: Creative Aging: Artist lead workshops for older learners (one of 5 locations in Idaho selected)
- April: National Library Week (celebrated all month, maybe)
- New programs that are in the works for 2024
 - Family Game Night: Families can gather and use our incredible array of board games and puzzles
 - Literary Society: Once a month, patrons will convene to talk about their favorite books
 - One Shot D&D: Patrons will learn the basic of Dungeons & Dragons with short campaigns

Staff

Staffing

- Staff schedules are changing on November 6 to accommodate larger changes throughout the library

Meetings

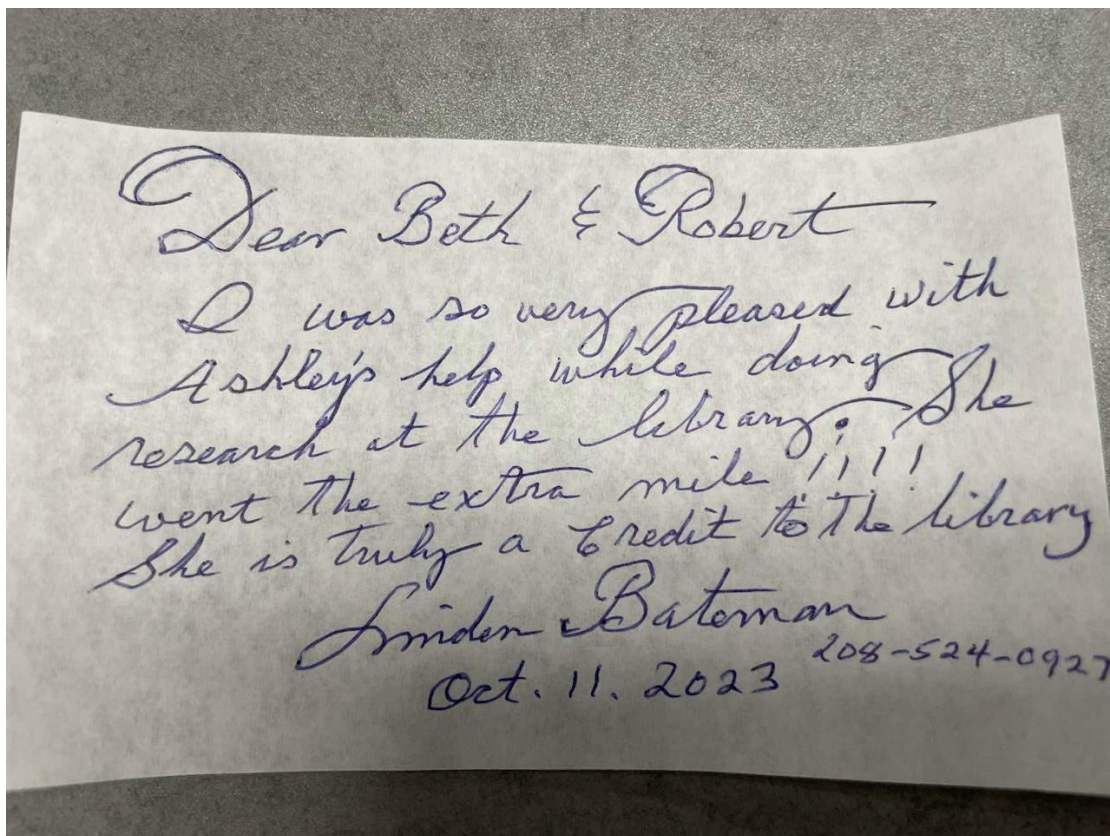
- Next department meeting is October 30, 2023.

Professional development included:

- *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People: 30th Anniversary Edition* by Stephen R. Covey, with Sean Covey
- LITT Chats provided by ICfL: Graphic Novels; Teens and School Partnerships
- Lunch & Learn by the City of Idaho Falls – covered property management and cyber security
- A Librarian's Guide to Homelessness webinars
- Various Ryan Dowd webinars
- Various collection development webinars
- Info2Go! What does "obscene" or "harmful to minors" mean exactly?
- Rally to Read: A Banned Books Week Event – ALA and Booklist
- Niche Academy webinars: Addressing Library Anxiety
- LinkedIn: Typography

Miscellaneous

Comments from patrons:



- Got a nice comment from a patron that she's always so impressed with how orderly the stacks are. She volunteers at the school library where her

children attend and we do a better job haha! – Reported by Aeryle Kuehn, 10/12/23

- Just had a patron tell me that she and her daughter miss me when I'm not here. – Reported by Liza Evans, 10/18/2023
- Teresa Smith, from Twin Falls, donated \$50 in memorial of her sister, Susan Williams, who was an avid Book Nerd participant. Susan unfortunately passed away this year, and Teresa is finishing up the Extreme Book Nerd Challenge in her honor. Based on discussions with Teresa about the kind of books Susan enjoyed, the following books were purchased with the donated money and a memorial plaque placed in each one.
 - *The Librarianist* by Patrick DeWitt, barcode 31212010149510
 - *The Little Village of Book Lovers* by Nina George, barcode 31212010086720
 - *Tom Lake* by Ann Patchett, barcode 31212010168098