

rediscover reading



Idaho Falls Public Library

Community Engagement and Adult/Teen Programming November 2025

Information gathered from August 25 – November 1, 2025

Adult/Young Adult Programs

- **4-H:** 4 events, 7 people
- **Austen Ball:** 3 events, 259 people
- **Book Club in a Bag nominations and voting:** 64 nominations
- **Book Friends Silent Book Club:** 3 events, 9 people
- **Caregiver Connections:** 3 events, 15 people
- **Chapter 2 Book Club:** 2 events, 22 people
- **Chess Club Wednesdays:** 9 events, 15 people
- **Chess Club Saturdays:** 10 events, 44 people
- **Conversaciones:** 9 events, 49 people
- **Crazy Crafters:** 11 events, 161 people
- **Cuéntame un libro:** 2 events, 10 people
- **D&D Days (Dungeons & Dragons):** 10 events, 136 people
- **Family Game Night:** 9 events, 112 people
- **Great Book Giveaway:** 2 months, entries: 58
- **Library League Trivia:** 1 event, 15 people
- **Literary Society:** 2 events, 2 people
- **LybraryWyrms:** 9 events, 44 people
- **Meet the Author:** 1 event, 4 people, author: Robert Wylie
- **Money Matters:** 1 event, 1 person
- **NaNoWriMo:** 2 events, 13 people
- **Narcan:** 1 event, 10 people
- **Never Too Late:** 5 events, 40 people
- **One More Chapter Book Club:** 3 events, 13 people
- **Paper Arts:** 2 events, 37 people
- **Pokémon Club:** 1 event, 5 people
- **Trick or Treat:** Runs October 1-31, total entries: 234
- **U of I Extension programs:** 1 event, 5 people
- **Write Over Here:** 6 events, 121 people
- **Write Over Here for Teens:** 9 events, 39 people
- **Your Future is Now:** 1 event, 5 people

- **Special programs/events**

- **Golden Ticket:** 1 event, 62 people

We hid golden tickets in books on the 3rd Floor for patrons to find. They were then able to enter into a drawing to win a gift card.

- **Senior Fraud and Financial Exploitation Prevention Roadshow:**

1 event, 60 people

This program helped people, specifically older adults, learn how to spot fraud. In partnership with the Idaho Department of Finance; the Idaho Commission on Aging – Adult Protective Services; AARP Idaho; cyberIdaho; Idaho Commission for Libraries; the Consumer Protection Division – Office of the Attorney General; and University of Idaho Extension.

- **View the Night Sky with the Idaho Falls Astronomical Society:**

1 event, 22 people

Patrons learned how to use the new donated telescopes.

Total events: 133; total people: 1,624

Photos from recent programs, pages 2 – 5



Figure 1 / September 24, 2025 – Senior Fraud and Financial Exploitation Prevention Roadshow



Figure 2 / September 25, 2025 - Never Too Late Recital



Figure 3 / September 25, 2025 - Never Too Late students and instructor



Figure 4 / October 7, 2025 - Austen Ball



Figure 5 / October 7, 2025 - Austen Ball



Figure 6 / October 7, 2025 - Austen Ball participants



Figure 7 / October 29, 2025 - Halloween Parade (Liza and Keri)

Extreme Book Nerd signups (total since January 8):

- Adult Extreme Book Nerd: 363 registered; 92 completed (25%)
- Teen Extreme Book Nerd: 77 registered, 9 completed (12%)
- Book Nerd Your Way (adult): 569 registered, 158 completed (28%)
- Book Nerd Your Way (teen): 94 registered, 19 completed (20%)
- Total registered: 1,103; total completed: 278 (25%)

Turn the Page Reading Program for Teens (total since February 24):

- Registered: 63; prizes claimed: 86

Upcoming special events and programs

- November 15, 11am-4pm: INL eWaste
- November 26, 10am-3pm: Blood Drive with American Red Cross
- December 1, 7pm: NaNoWriMo 2.0 Survivors Party
For those who have participated in National Novel Writing Month 2.0, we'll have treats and badges.
- December 1 – February 28: Winter Reading
- December 9-10, 10:30am-3:30pm: Mental Health First Aid, with Eastern Idaho Public Health and College of Eastern Idaho Workforce Training & Continuing Education
- January 2, 11am-4pm: Switch It Up (name pending)
We'll break out the Switch 2 for people to play games with us!
- January 5, 5-8pm: Extreme Book Nerd Kickoff
- January 6: Extreme Book Nerd 2026 officially begins

Makerspace

Programs

- **Brickfast Club:** 8 events, 100 people
- **Coding for Kids:** 42 events, 94 people
- **Tech for Teens:** 25 events, 26 people
- **Teen INC (Innovate & Create):** 7 events, 41 people

Total events: 82; total people: 261



Figure 8 / October 24 - Teen INC, Laser cut ghostly portraits



Figure 9/ October 24 - Teen INC, Laser cut ghostly portraits

Community Engagement and Outreach

Events

- Senior Center visit: 20 people
In order to fulfill requirements for a grant, I visited the Senior Center and informed patrons about getting a library membership, using Libby, and accessing the Talking Book Service.
- United Way Mobile Resource Center at Linden Park Elementary: 160 people
With other local agencies, I visited the school during their school carnival and advocated the use of the library.
- Idaho PTA's More Social Less Media - Eastern Idaho: 250
I informed participants about library services and how they can use less screen time with books (or use screen time for good with things like Libby).
- Eagle Rock Middle School Honors History Classes: 3 classes, 66 students
I visited with 8th graders preparing for the National History Day competition and told them about library services, basic research techniques, and resources from LiLi.org.
- Eastern Idaho Public Health Literacy Center: 180 people (estimated)
We have a literacy center at EIPH's clinic so children waiting for appointments can work on early literacy skills.

Total events: 7, total people: 646

Meetings

- Meeting with Karla LaOrange, District 91's Superintendent
Topics included collaborating on offering a parenting class and training for elementary school library staff.
- Bonneville County Interagency Council
I learned about what other nonprofits in the county are doing, in addition to giving a brief overview with what the library is doing and talking with several different agencies.
- Eastern Idaho Public Health and College of Eastern Idaho Workforce Training and Continuing Education
We discussed continuing the Narcan program, in addition to offering other programs such as Mental Health First Aid.

Display Partnerships

- **Compass Academy:** English Grammar students created games and other interactive displays to help teach people about grammar.
- **Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), Constitution Week:** DAR set out some information about the United States Constitution.

- **Eastern Idaho Public Health (EIPH), Breast Cancer Awareness Month:** EIPH put out information about free mammograms, in conjunction with a display about book about women's health issues from IFPL.

Upcoming

- December 12, 7:30pm: Night at the Museum with Museum of Idaho

Photos from recent events and displays

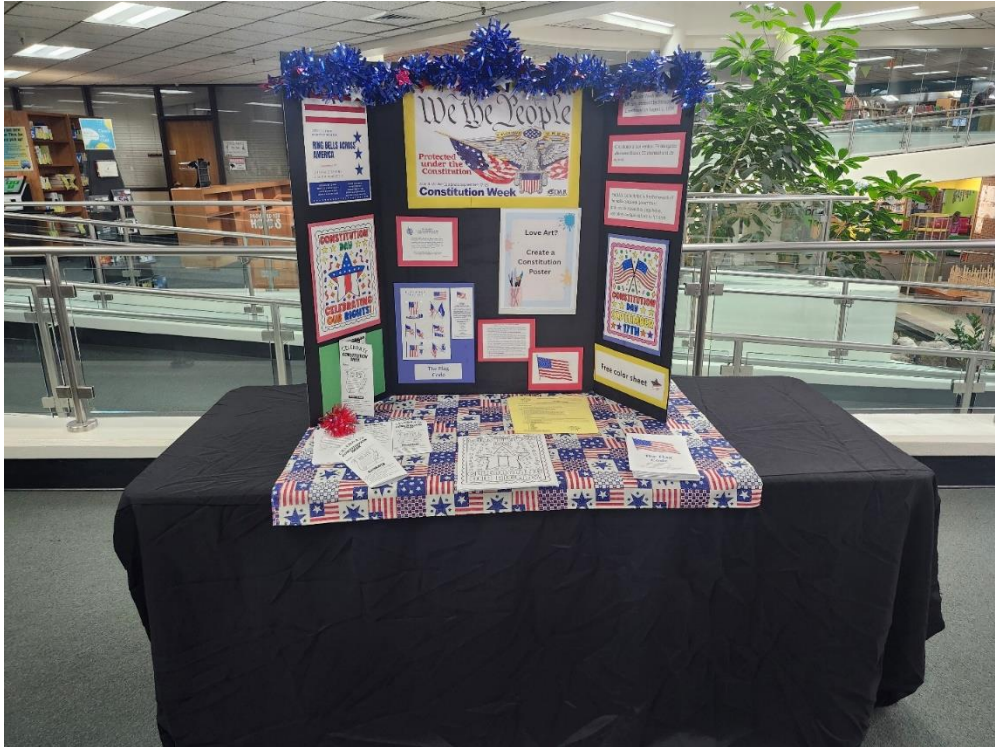


Figure 10 / Daughters of the American Revolution Constitution Week display



Figure 11 / October 20, 2025 - Eastern Idaho Public Health Breast Cancer Awareness Month display



Figure 122 / September 30, 2025 - Idaho PTA More Social Less Media