

Library Board Report - Children's Department

November 6, 2025

Key Takeaways

- Fall into Reading Challenge: 55 participants
- Halloween jack-o'-lantern Hunt, weekly activities for October, an average of 200 children each week have completed the Jack-o'-lantern hunt.
- We distributed over 140 educational bags from the Association for the Education of Young Children during the Halloween Storytime and Trick-or-Treat Parade.

Weekly Programs (average attendance)

- Art Club – art experiences: family STEM adventures: 20
- Book Babies – Emergent literacy skills for babies and toddlers: 52
- Family Storytime – Building reading skills together: 26
- Kinder Prep – skills for kindergarten readiness, October: 41
- STEAM Program, Ben Baranko from the Idaho Environmental Coalition, October 14, Morse Code Bracelets: 15
- Storytime – Early learning and literacy skills for preschool ages: 44
- Family STEM – Family STEM adventures: 14
- Dance Party – Whole body movement for positive emotions: 37

Year Long Programs

- Extreme Book Nerd for Kids: 111 sign-ups
- EBNK Your Way: 240 sign-ups
- Special Edition Library Buttons: 317 participants
- 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten, Year to Date Total: 55 sign-ups

Recent Programs

- Fall into Reading Challenge: 65 participants
- Pop in and Play, 10/20/25: 74 participants
- Halloween Storytime, 10/29/25: 310 participants

Upcoming Programs

- Special Storytime: Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, November 5, 2025
- Idaho Family Read Week, Special Storytime Galaxy night
- Stuffed Animal sleepover, in conjunction with Idaho Family Read Week, November 10, 2025

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

INL STEAM Morse Code 10/14/25



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Morse Code

10/14/25



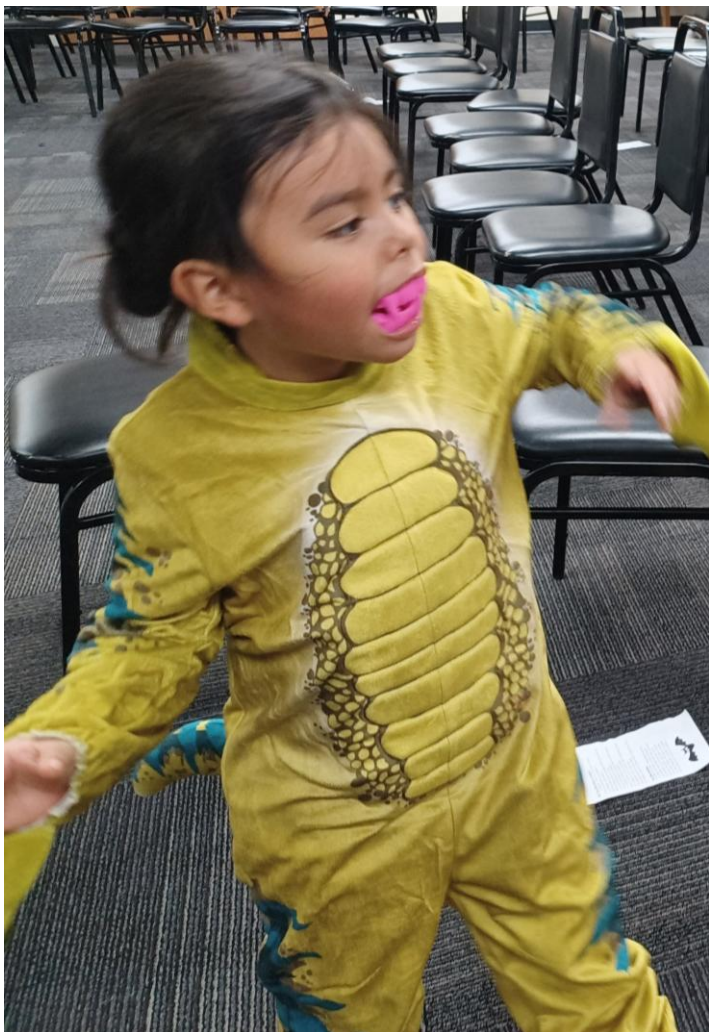
**Family STEM
Building
Pumpkin Bots
10/25/25**



Halloween Storytime and Parade

10/29/25







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