

**Library Board Report - Children's Department**  
**December 4, 2024**

**Weekly Programs:** (average attendance)

- 1000 books before Kindergarten:
- Book Babies – Emergent literacy skills for babies and toddlers: 32
- Dance Party – Whole body movement for positive emotions: 35
- Little Makers – STEM activities for preschool ages: 23
- STEAM Club K-3 – STEAM activities, early grades: 19
- STEAM Club 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> – STEAM activities, early grades: 22
- Storytime – Early learning and literacy skills for preschool ages: 48
- Pokémon Club – Pokémon card games and how to trade them: 65

**Recent Programs**

- 1000 books before kindergarten: 5 new signups
- Idaho Family Read Week Storytime: 34
- Pop in and Play, 11/6/24: 141
- Pop in and Play, 12/3/24: 130
- Month Long Program: November: Transportation Riddles: 91
- Halloween Parade, 385 total
- Kinderprep: average 6
- Pop in and Play, 11/19/24: 139

**Upcoming Programs**

- Cookies with Mrs. Claus – 12/7/24 Come listen to a story and decorate a cookie with Mrs. Claus!
- Santa Storytime – 12/17/24 at 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.

**Month Long Programs**

- Candy Cane Capers, Find all the candy canes hidden in the children's library?
- Grinch Scavenger Hunt, 12/18 – 12/30
- Grinch Crafts, 12/16 – 12/23
- Winter Crafts, 12/26 – 1/4/25

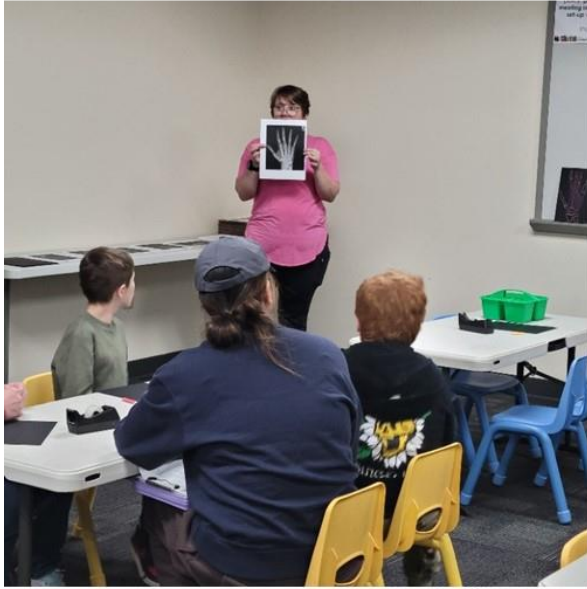
**Staff Trainings**

- Artful Connections: Stephanie Haines' Vision for Inclusive and Inspiring Communities (Niche Academy)
- Autism: A Conversation with Carly Daneh-ones (Niche Academy)
- Traumatic Brain Injury (Niche Academy)
- LITT: Marketing Chat on Canva (ICfL)
- 5 Essential Building Blocks for Quality Interactions Within the Early Childhood Environment (edWeb)
- Managing Stress and Building Self-Compassion for Better Mental Health (ICfL)
- The Power of Interactions: Evidence for SEL Impact on Literacy Learning (Reading Rockets)
- From Babbling to Books: Building Pre-Reading Skills (Reading Rockets)
- The Many Lessons Dr. Cipriano's Young Children Teach her about SEL (Reading Rockets)
- At the Center of Learning: School Libraries Foster Thoughtful, independent Learners with Learning Centers, Maura Madigan, American Libraries Magazine, March 1, 2023.
- Sexual Harassment: How to Respond to a Customer's Inappropriate Comments (Niche Academy)

# Pop in and Play 10/23/24: Sensory Play



# Thursday STEM Club - 10/24/24



# Little Makers 10/25/24



# Pokemon Club 10/28/2024



# Halloween Story time 10/31/24



# Idaho Family Read Week Special Family Transportation Storytime 11/4/24



# Pop in and Play 11/6/24: Transportation



# Special Annie Storytime 11/6/24



# Little Makers 11/8/24: STEAM Fairy Tales



# Wednesday Storytime Craft 11/20/24



# Pop in and Play 11/19/2024: Dramatic Play



# Wednesday Storytime Craft 11/20/24



# Dance Party 11/20/24



## Early Years Conference: Retelling a Story



Barbara Tew and Sharon Plummer attended the Early Years Conference in Boise this November. One idea that they were given was to provide an opportunity for children to retell stories. They could use puppets, flannel board pieces, 3D figurines, or act the story out. When children retell stories, they develop key skills like comprehension, sequencing, vocabulary building, memory recall, and understanding of what happened in the story.

We will implement story retelling during our Pop in and Play by having pictures available during of a book that we had read in story time earlier that day. We will have different types of materials available during Pop in and Play so that children will be able to retell stories each time.