

rediscover reading



Idaho Falls Public Library

Adult Services, Young Adult Services, and Makerspace – November 2025

Information gathered from November 1, 2025 – December 13, 2025

Professional Development

- Ashley- 5 hours; Reducing Police Calls, Advanced Body Language, Too Many Bags, Homeless De-Escalation
- Enrique- 5 hours; Anti-Racism Basics, Anti-Racism Leadership, Assessing Collections with Diversity Audits,
- Lisha- 4 hours; Media Literacy Now, Killer Reads Booklist, Adult Favs, Page Turners & Heart Burners
- Marzi- 3 hours; Addressing Homeless Issues
- Sami- 3 hours; New Homeless De-Escalation
- Liza – 1 hour; Try Strategic Merchandising to Pump Up Library Usage

Makerspace

Item usage

3D printers: 167 people
Audio room: 35 people
Cricut: 22 people
Glowforge: 62 people
Resin 3D printer: 12 people
Sewing machines: 1 person
Telescopes: 5 people

Item certifications

Filament 3D printer: 15 people; total: 315
Audio room: 5 people; total: 80
Cricut: 5 people; total: 58
Glowforge: 2 people; total: 112
Resin 3D printer: 1 person; total: 30
Sewing machines: 0 people; total: 12

Happy Patron Stories

A man just renewed his card and said, "I was upset because I broke my phone this morning, but it made me bored enough to come renew this card so, you know, silver linings." Haha. – Sami Viehweg

Just handed a patron her stack of books in Drive-Thru, and a little voice popped up from the backseat, "More?!" It made me laugh. – Beth Swenson

Sometimes I get a lil' emotional when kids are just SO excited to get books. I just made new accounts for a whole family and they live in temp housing so they can only get 2 items each, and the kids were chatting to each other, figuring out what books they could share and what books they would get next time and it was so wholesome 🥰

- Sami Viehweg

I have two happy stories!

First, a guy came to tell me today how amazing it is that this library offers a coding class for kids! It really is cool. Shoutout to Caden! 🎉

The second is I was able to help a girl print a document who spoke no English at all AND just casually talk to her while we waited for her partner to bring money in from the car. I was SO proud of myself. She told me my Spanish really is not as bad as I think it is. 🥰 -Sami Viehweg

I had a lady stop by who just moved here and she couldn't stop talking about how beautiful our library is. She asked if it was pretty new because the design was so beautiful and it's so well taken care of. She said she's been in a lot of libraries over the years and this one is amazing. I agree! – Marzi Wilson

A patron was looking for the same Christmas stocking pattern book she has been using for years so she could make a stocking for a new family member. The book wasn't where it was supposed to be; three people looked for weeks to find it. Jes was able to track it down; it was a Christmas Miracle! – Liza Evans