

Community Engagement Adult, Teen, and Makerspace Programs Report for June 2026 Meeting

Information gathered from April 26 – May 30, 2026

Adult & Teen Programs

- **4-H:** 3 events, 10 people
- **Author Visit:** 1 event, 6 people, author: Anne Marie Wells (via Zoom)
- **Booked at Noon Book Club:** 1 event, 9 people
- **Caregiver Connections:** 1 event, 6 people
- **Chapter 2 Book Club:** 1 event, 9 people
- **Chess Club Wednesdays:** 5 events, 13 people
- **Chess Club Saturdays:** 5 events, 34 people
- **Conversaciones:** 5 events, 14 people
- **Crazy Crafters:** 5 events, 73 people
- **Cuéntame un libro:** 1 event, 2 people
- **D&D Days (Dungeons & Dragons):** 5 events, 80 people
- **Game Night:** 5 events, 36 people
- **Journal Jam:** 1 event, 0 people
- **Lit Fusion:** Runs May 1-31, total entries: 49
- **Literary Luck:** 2 months, 163 entries
- **LybraryWyrms:** 5 events, 47 people
- **Mental Wellness Series with NAMI:** 1 event, 14 people
- **Narcan:** 1 event, 5 people
- **National Library Week** (Celebrated throughout April)
 - **Stickers and bookmarks handed out:** 200+
 - **Book in a Jar:** 72 entries
- **Nerd Gym:** 5 events, 17 people
- **Paper Arts:** 1 event, 17 people
- **Write Over Here:** 5 events, 36 people
- **Write Over Here for Teens:** 5 events, 31 people
- **Special programs/events**
 - **A Day With Our Founding Fathers:** 1 event, 75 people
 - We partnered with the Daughters of the American Revolution Old Fort Hall Chapter to bring a event where people could sign a copy of the Declaration of Independence, take selfies

with Founding Fathers, view panels from the Moments that Made US exhibit, and more.

- Fostering FAQs: 1 event, 1 person
 - This event was for people to ask questions from a representative from Fostering Idaho to learn more about becoming a foster parent. Even though we didn't have anyone attend, several people wanted it offered again, as they weren't able to make the date we had set.

Total events: 70; **total people:** 1,019

Upcoming special events and programs

- **Blood & Read:** June 9, 10am-3pm; in conjunction with the American Red Cross, patrons can donate blood and get a book during our blood drive.
- **Miss Idaho Community Service Initiative Poster Session:** June 11, 10am-1pm; in conjunction with the Miss Idaho program. Patrons can see what the contestants are doing for their communities.
- **Midsummer Eve's Ball:** date TBD, 6:30-9pm. Patrons will be able to show off their favorite fantasy costumes, dance, eat, and be merry.

Notes or changes to existing programs

- Conversaciones has concluded. The volunteer who was running it noticed that attendance was dropping. This fall, we'll be offering an ESL class with this volunteer.
- Cuéntame un libro will have its last session on June 8.



Figure 1 / A Day With Our Founding Fathers, May 2, 2026



Figure 2 / A Day With Our Founding Fathers, May 2, 2026

Adult & Teen Reading Programs

Extreme Book Nerd signups (total since January 6):

- Adult Extreme Book Nerd: 336 registered; 15 completed (4%)
- Teen Extreme Book Nerd: 42 registered, 1 completed (2%)
- Book Nerd Your Way (adult): 448 registered, 37 completed (8%)
- Book Nerd Your Way (teen): 75 registered, 4 completed (5%)
- Total registered: 901; total completed: 57 (6%)

Turn the Page Reading Program for Teens (total since January 26):

- Registered: 14; Prizes earned: 13

Makerspace Programs

Programs

- **Brickfast Club:** 8 events, 41 people
- **Coding for Kids:** 23 events, 30 people
- **Tech for Teens:** 17 events, 27 people
- **Teen INC (Innovate & Create):** 2 events, 6 people

Total events: 50; **total people:** 104

Notes or changes to existing programs

- Teen INC was experiencing some attendance issues. I had hoped that by scheduling it on Fridays at 11am, we could take advantage of kids in D91 that didn't have to go to school due to Intervention Fridays. This turned out not to be the case. Since a lot of work goes into these programs, we're going to try offering it during the summer on Wednesdays at 2pm. No decision has been made yet about what will happen with the program when school gets back in session.



Figure 3 /Teen INC - Creation and final product of stained glass windows, May 8, 2026

Community Engagement and Outreach

Displays

- Water Festival Poetry with Idaho Department of Environmental Quality, April 28-May 4
 - They displayed work from local students in 5th and 6th grades.
- Idaho Tennis Association, May 1-30
 - We displayed books from our collection for patrons to check out, and they had some information about getting involved in the sport.
- Fostering Idaho, May 1-30
 - We displayed books from our collection for patrons to check out, and they provided bookmarks and other information about becoming a foster parent.

Events

- Taylorview Middle School, 390 people
 - I was invited to present to 8th grade students about resources the library has to help these students make decisions on future careers. I presented to five classes, and I also included information about getting library memberships and available programs.
- Newcomers Club, 50 people
 - I presented to this club about library memberships, programs, services, and collections.
- TRIO military fair: 100 people
 - Along with several other agencies in the area, I attended this fair to talk about library memberships, programs, and services.

Total events: 7; Total people: 540

Meetings

- Early Learning Collaborative with United Way
 - Discussed ways to get information about the library to local caregivers and their families.
- Aleisha Stout and I talked with a reporter from Local News 8 about Summer Reading and Dracula.
 - https://localnews8.com/news/2026/05/26/bram-stoker-unleashed-dracula-129-years-ago-let-it-inspire-your-summer-reading-list/?utm_campaign=snd-autopilot&fbclid=IwY2xjawSMHGdleHRuA2FlbQlxMQBicmlkETFsMVRWVHdwemNvOGxRMVV2c3J0YwZhchBfaWQQMjlyMDM5MTc4ODIwMDg5MgABHv2TBtzFGYIxSeh9CmW-dPhnod54Drgm1iQeKyS8TzvDLat8EPk92skne_KN_aem_iwLDyTv1WSgTBwxZ5j2QTQ
 - Or just go to Local News 8's website and search for Dracula.
- Kiwanis – I've been able to attend the majority of meetings, and assisted with several service projects (read to kids at Head Start, present the Hope of America Award to local 6th graders)
- Rotary – I've been less able to attend meetings, as I have three Wednesdays in a row when I either had presentations or programs that conflicted with their meetings. However, because of the connections I've made with Rotary, I was able to persuade several entities to donate to our Summer Reading program.

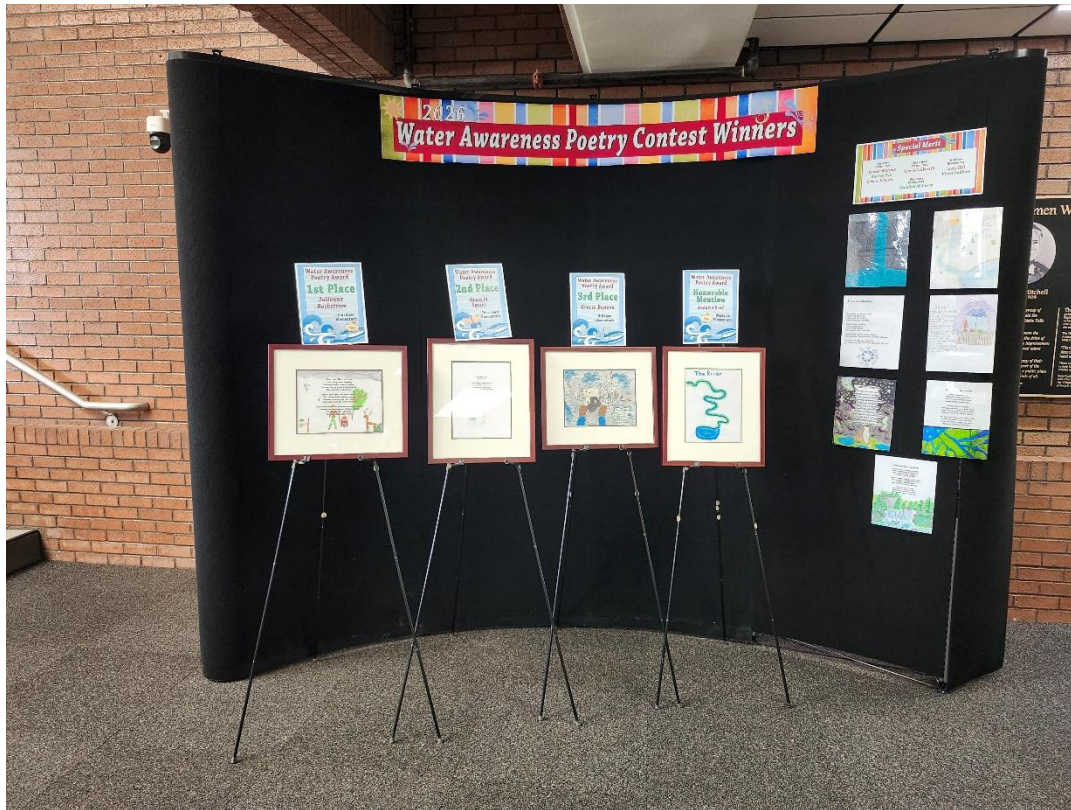


Figure 4 / Water Awareness Poetry Contest, May 2, 2026



Figure 5 / Water Awareness Poetry Contest, May 2, 2026



Figure 6 / Fostering Idaho display, May 2, 2026



Figure 7 / TRIO military fair, May 16, 2026

Happy Patron Stories

- A patron (and previous coworker, but not from this library) told me while picking up her items in the Drive-Thru of how much she loves being able to browse at our library. She snowbirds in Nevada and has access to several branches of the local library there, but she often can't find anything that speaks to her. If she wants something, it's often at another branch, and she gets annoyed by that. She loves having a large selection at her fingertips, and that it is very well organized and eye-catching.