



Adult Services, Young Adult Services, and Makerspace

Information gathered from May 30, 2026 – August 27, 2026

Professional Development

- Ashley- 8 hours; Fall 2026 Library Preview, Reycraft 2026 New Releases, Workday Training, Manga & Graphic Novels Spotlight, *101-How to Handle Problematic Behavior
- Camille- 8 hours; Social Workers in Libraries, Self-care and Burnout Prevention, Autism; a Conversation with Carly Danesh-Jones, Body Odor; How to Address It
- Kim-9 hours; LIFT Training, Workday Training
- Lisha- 7 hours; Book Buzzes with ALMA, Pride is Better Together, Nonfiction Readers Advisory, Adult Fave Booklist, Adventure is Out There Booklist
- Marzi- 6 hours; Morning Bookbuzz, Workday Training, Addressing Library Anxiety, ADA Workplace Basics, What We're Getting Wrong About Teens and Tech
- Melissa- 9 hours; 101-The Science of Conflict, Too Many Bags, The Power of Folklore, Fights; How to Prevent and Stop, Homeless Training: Quick Lessons
- Sami- 7 hours; Homelessness is a Housing Problem, Workday Training, Teens & Tech, Beyond Dewey, How to Handle Problematic Behavior
- Teri- 8 hours; LIFT Training, Homeless Library

Makerspace

Item usage

3D printers: 355 people
Resin 3D printer: 46 people
Glowforge: 61 people
Cricut: 31 people
Audio room: 54 people
Sewing machines: 2 people
Telescopes: 5 people

Item certifications

Filament 3D printer: 55 people; total: 465
Resin 3D printer: 6 people; total: 42
Glowforge: 9 people; total: 142
Cricut: 9 people; total: 86
Audio room: 4 people; total: 101
Sewing machines: 1 person; total: 18

Happy Patron Stories

I had a patron come through the drive thru and I asked her about suckers and she said "no I am alone today" so I asked if SHE wanted one of her own and she said "actually yeah, I do" And then we got chatting about summer reading and she is signing up now when before she didn't think she was going to do it this year. Yeah! – Lisha Hansen

A patron just found a book he read when he was nine. He's been trying to find it for years; put everything he could remember into ChatGPT and the only answer he got was "that sounds like a book that was gifted to your library and there's no digital record of it." He totally just walked to the shelf where it was when he was a kid, pulled a few out to look at the covers and found it. Absolutely made his day! – Liza Evans

I had a patron who is in his mid-20s and has moved away from Idaho Falls come and check in with me today. He came back a few minutes later to ask about the law etc. Then he told me all about how much he loved this library growing up and where he would go and spend his time when he was here. He said this library was one of the few places he liked when he lived here and where he felt comfortable. It was really sweet and gave me all the feels today. – Lisha Hansen

A kid was looking at the Haiku 3D print and trying to guess what IFPL stood for. He yells, "Idaho Falls Plants Library! Because you guys have all those trees!" – Sami Viehweg

I've had two sets of patrons today tell me that they appreciate that the library has made it so easy for them to get the certified info they need for their Downwinders claims. – Marzi Wilson

Had a security guard from the Melaleuca fireworks call because they found someone's keys and they had their library card on it. I took the card number and called the gal to let her know where they were at. Proceeded to listen to her fall out of bed and scramble for her shoes, bumping into walls and running out of breath as I gave her the details. she was very grateful. Library cards save lives. just sayin'. – Melissa Rivers

Linda Milam just came through the drive-thru. We chatted for a while, and then she told me that when we announced the drive-thru opening, she was excited at the idea of being able to just pick up her books but worried about not being able to talk to the library employees. She has been delighted that she can still visit with everyone when she comes through and is grateful for that interaction. – Liza Evans