

# Program Guide



Explore the wide variety of programs we have for community members of all ages this spring at the Library! We hope to see you across our five branches and remember, you can always connect with us by visiting [BoisePublicLibrary.org](http://BoisePublicLibrary.org) or calling (208) 972-8200.

Please check our online calendar ([BoisePublicLibrary.org/Calendar](http://BoisePublicLibrary.org/Calendar)) frequently as programs are subject to change.

**REMINDER: All Library locations will be closed on May 27.**

 This icon indicates Earth Day specific programming.

## BABIES, TODDLERS, AND PRESCHOOL

### Baby Stories & Play

Designed for children ages 24 months and under and their caregivers to share rhymes, songs, stories, and open play time. This program is a great way to meet others in the community and set your baby up for early literacy success!

<b>Baby Stories &amp; Play</b>	Every Monday 10:30 a.m. & 2 p.m.	Library! at Cole & Ustick (Sagebrush Room)
	Every Tuesday at 2 p.m.	Main Library (Hayes Auditorium)
	Every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m.	Library! at Collister (Sycamore Room)
	Every Thursday at 10:30 a.m.	Library! at Bown Crossing (Martie Brennan Room)
	Every Friday at 10:30 a.m.	Library! at Hillcrest (Canyon Room)

### Family Storytime

Designed for children ages 5 and under and their caregivers to enjoy stories, music, movement, and play together.

<b>Family Storytime</b>	Every Tuesday at 10:30 a.m.	Library! at Hillcrest (Canyon Room)
	Every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m.	Library! at Cole & Ustick (Sagebrush Room)
	Every Thursday at 10:30 a.m.	Library! at Collister (Sycamore Room)
	Every Saturday at 10:30 a.m.	Main Library (Hayes Auditorium)

### Family Storytime in the Grass

Join us in the grass behind the Library! at Bown Crossing. We recommend bringing a blanket for your group to sit on. Storytime may be canceled due to adverse weather or smoke.

<b>Family Storytime in the Grass</b>	Every Friday at 10:30 a.m. beginning May 3 – June 28	Library! at Bown Crossing (Grassy area behind library)
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# BABIES, TODDLERS, AND PRESCHOOL CON'T



## Earth Day Nature Storytime

Celebrate Earth Day with a special nature themed storytime followed by a hands on sustainable activity exploring our spectacular world.

<b>Earth Day Nature Storytime</b>	Monday, April 22 from 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.	Library! at Bown Crossing (Martie Brennan Room)
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## Music and Movement

Designed for children and their caregivers to enjoy singing and dancing together.

<b>Music and Movement</b>	Every Tuesday at 10:30 a.m.	Library! at Cole & Ustick (Sagebrush Room)
	Every Tuesday at 10:30 a.m.	Library! at Bown Crossing (Martie Brennan Room)
	Every Friday at 10:30 a.m.	Main Library (Hayes Auditorium)

## New Baby Support Group

Join us on Thursdays at the Main Library for a support group designed for parents of new babies. Each week will feature a different topic related to caring for infants. **PLEASE NOTE:** This program is restricted to infants 12 months and under and their caregivers, but older siblings are welcome. This program runs for 6-week sessions with a 2-week break.

<b>New Baby Support Group</b>	Every Thursday at 10 a.m.	Main Library (Hayes Auditorium)
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## Pajama Storytime

Hop in your favorite jammies, grab your stuffie, and head to the Library for Pajama Storytime! We'll read books, share songs, and have loads of fun! This program is designed for families of any age or make-up.

<b>Pajama Storytime</b>	Every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.	Main Library (Hayes Auditorium)
	Every Thursday at 6:30 p.m.	Library! at Cole & Ustick (Sagebrush Room)

## Play and Learn

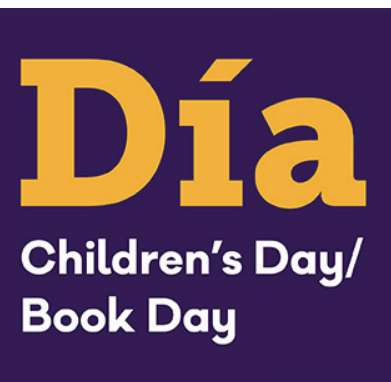
This open play time is designed for children ages 5 and under and their caregivers to enjoy open-ended play and socialization together. While all ages are welcome to attend, this program is intended for children ages 0-5.

<b>Play and Learn</b>	Every Friday at 10:30 a.m.	Library! at Cole & Ustick (Sagebrush Room)
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## Preschool Storytime

Designed for children ages 3-5 and their caregivers to prepare children for kindergarten. Children will learn skills to get them ready to read and practice social skills for school.

<b>Preschool Storytime</b>	Every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m.	Main Library (Hayes Auditorium)
	Every Thursday at 10:30 a.m.	Library! at Cole & Ustick (Sagebrush Room)



## DÍA DE LOS NIÑOS

**Tuesday, April 30 from 5-8 p.m., Main Library (Hayes Auditorium)**

Boise Public Library is partnering with The Idaho Commission for Libraries (ICfL) to host Día de los Niños. El Día de los Niños (Children's Day/Book Day), often known as Día, is a celebration of children, families, and reading that culminates every year on April 30. Celebrated since 1925 throughout Mexico, Día emphasizes the importance of literacy and reading fun for children of all linguistic and cultural backgrounds by encouraging family reading and increased understanding of other cultures.

# BABIES, TODDLERS, AND PRESCHOOL CON'T

## Preschool Stories and Crafts

Join us for stories and crafts! Each month, we explore exciting themes through captivating stories, specially curated for kids aged 3- 5. After the story, unleash creativity with fun crafting activities that tie into our monthly theme.

<b>Preschool Stories and Crafts</b>	Fridays, March 8, April 12 from 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.	Library! at Bown Crossing (Martie Brennan Room)
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## Toddler Storytime

Designed for children ages 2-3 and their caregivers to enjoy stories, music, movement, and play together.

<b>Toddler Storytime</b>	Every Monday and Tuesday at 10:30 a.m.	Main Library (Hayes Auditorium)
	Every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m.	Library! at Bown Crossing (Martie Brennan Room)

# YOUTH

## Art Lab

Join us for an imaginative adventure at our new school age program: Art Lab! Children will unleash their creativity through open-ended art activities, with exciting twists of science, technology, engineering, art, and math (STEAM) elements, sparking their curiosity and inspiring innovative thinking.

<b>Art Lab</b>	Every Thursday at 4 p.m.	Main Library (Hayes Auditorium)
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## Earth Day Pollinator Garden

Join the Library! at Cole & Ustick to celebrate Earth Day this April by helping us plant our pollinator garden. We will learn about local pollinators and plants, plant our garden, and have seeds for you to take home to help the pollinators in your neighborhood. Come back to the library throughout spring and summer to check on our garden and watch it grow!

<b>Earth Day Pollinator Garden</b>	Thursday, April 25 from 4 – 5 p.m.	Library! at Cole & Ustick (Sagebrush Room)
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## Improv Games

Join us at the Library! at Bown Crossing for a fun new acting program this spring break. We will learn new improv skills through fun games!

<b>Improv Games</b>	Friday, March 22 at 11 a.m.	Library! at Bown Crossing (Martie Brennan Room)
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## Kids Crafts

Join us as we offer a themed monthly craft for kids the second Saturday of the month.

March 9: Found Objects Collage with magazine clipping and small art items.

April 13: Tin Foil Art with twine and colored sharpie pens

May 11: Rainbow in a Jar using colored chalk and salt.

<b>Kids Crafts</b>	Saturdays, March 9, April 13, May 11 from 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Library! at Cole & Ustick (Bitterbrush Room)
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## LEGO® Club

Build LEGO® creations with other kids. Try a building challenge or use your imagination!

<b>LEGO® Club</b>	Every Monday at 4 p.m.	Main Library (Hayes Auditorium)
	Thursday from 4 – 5 p.m.	Library! at Cole & Ustick (Sagebrush Room)
	Every Friday from 4 - 5 p.m.	Library! at Bown Crossing (Martie Brennan Room)
	Tuesdays, March 19, April 16, May 14 from 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.	Library! at Hillcrest (Canyon Room)

## Make a Galaxy Jar

Have you ever wanted to hold the universe in your hands? Come to the Library! at Bown Crossing and make your own colorful galaxy in a jar! Supplies will be limited - **REGISTRATION STRONGLY ENCOURAGED.**

<b>Make a Galaxy Jar</b>	Thursday, March 28 from 4 – 5 p.m.	Library! at Bown Crossing (Martie Brennan Room)
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# YOUTH CON'T

## Read to a Therapy Dog

Kids read to a certified therapy dog for 5-10 minutes to build confidence and have fun! With the focus on the dog, children feel less pressure or embarrassment about their reading skills.

<b>Read to a Therapy Dog</b>	Tuesdays, (March 5, 19), (April 2, 16, 30), (May 14, 28) from 4 – 5 p.m.	Library! at Bown Crossing (Martie Brennan Room)
	Fridays, March 22, April 26, May 24, at 4 p.m.	Library! at Cole & Ustick (Sagebrush Room)
	Every Saturday from 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.	Library! at Collister (Sycamore Room)

## School Age Fun

Kids experience fun, hands-on activities in this program. Topics rotate each session.

<b>School Age Fun</b>	Every Wednesday from 4 - 5 p.m.	Library! at Collister (Sycamore Room)
	Every First and Third Thursday from 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. (Through May 16)	Library! at Hillcrest (Canyon Room)



## School Age Fun – DIY Bee Hotels

Join us for a special, Earth Day edition of School Age Fun and build DIY Bee Hotels!

<b>School Age Fun – DIY Bee Hotels</b>	Wednesday, April 24 from 4 - 5 p.m.	Library! at Collister (Sycamore Room)
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## Spring into Creativity: An Open Crafting Event

Celebrate Spring by releasing your inner artist. Come to the Library! at Bown Crossing for an hour of open crafting and fun! We'll provide the supplies - you provide the creativity!

<b>Spring into Creativity</b>	Thursday, April 25 from 4 - 5 p.m.	Library! at Bown Crossing (Martie Brennan Room)
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## STEAM Club

Kids ages 8-12 are invited to drop in for a weekly STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics) Club. The program will focus on using Apple tools and technology to explore creativity and coding. Projects include coding robots, animation, and more! Participants should be able to read at a 4th grade level. *This program is conducted in partnership with the Onramp Program at Boise State University.*

<b>STEAM Club</b>	Every Wednesday at 4 p.m.	Library! at Cole & Ustick (Sagebrush Room)
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## SUMMER READING AND LEARNING KICKOFF CELEBRATION!

**Saturday, May 18 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.  
at JUMP (1000 W Myrtle St, Boise)**

Join us and partner libraries and organizations from across the Treasure Valley to celebrate the beginning of summer. Explore the many ways you and your family can get involved with local organizations. There will be exhibitors offering educational and fun options for kids and families. Enjoy storytime, music, food, pictures with mascots and more!

## SUMMER READING BRANCH KICKOFF EVENTS

**Thursday, May 23 from 4-5 p.m.  
at all Boise Public Library Branches**

Can't make the big celebration? Join your local branch for branch-specific kickoff events! Each branch location will have their own events for folks to get registered, collect their first prize book, and get a jumpstart on summer reading!

## TEENS

### How to Play the Pokémon Card Game

Are you between the ages of 8-17 and interested in learning how to play the Pokémon Trading Card Game? Register for a one-hour crash course on the basics of the game. Our Pokémon Professors will have you ready to play in our weekly league.

**\*THIS IS A REGISTRATION ONLY PROGRAM** for kids/teens who do not already know how to play. Basic reading ability and math up to division is necessary for the enjoyment of the game.

<b>How to Play Pokémon</b>	Wednesday, March 20 at 4 p.m.	Library! at Bown Crossing (Martie Brennan Room)
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### Teen Anime Club

Celebrate all things anime with other teens each week.

<b>Teen Anime Club</b>	Every Wednesday at 5 p.m.	Main Library (Hayes Auditorium)
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### Teen Hangout

Calling all teens! Join us for crafts, games, movies, and hanging out with other teens. Snacks provided.

<b>Teen Hangout</b>	Every Tuesday at 3:30 p.m.	Library! at Cole & Ustick (Sagebrush Room)
	Every Tuesday at 5 p.m. (March 5 – April 30)	Main Library (Hayes Auditorium)

### Teen Pokémon Prom

A prom for fans of all things Pokémon! Join us in the Main Library's Hayes auditorium for food, music, dancing, card trading, trivia, and so much more! Cosplay your favorite Pokémon (what would Pikachu wear to prom?), wear your best formal attire, or be your casual self. **FOR TEENS IN 7TH-12TH GRADE.**

<b>Teen Pokemon Prom</b>	Friday, April 26 from 5 - 7 p.m.	Main Library (Haye's Auditorium)
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### Teen Video Game Night

Calling all teens for a videogame night at the Library! at Hillcrest! We'll be playing Nintendo Switch games and hanging out.

<b>Teen Videogame Night</b>	Every 2nd and 4th Thursday at 6 p.m. (Through May 23)	Library! at Hillcrest (Camas Room)
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## ADULTS

### Afternoon Soiree

Join Afternoon Soiree as we explore different topics related to food, culture, and adventure. With author visits, food tastings, travelogs, and more, this program is for curious folks who want to find out more about the world in a relaxed, social setting.

<b>Afternoon Soiree</b>	Tuesdays, March 19, April 16, May 21, from 1:15 – 2:30 p.m.	Library! at Collister (Sycamore Room)
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### Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group

Conducted by trained facilitators from the Alzheimer's Association, this new support group is a safe place to develop a support system, exchange helpful information, talk through issues, share feelings and ways of coping, and keep up to date about local resources.

<b>Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group</b>	Every First and Third Friday at 10 a.m.	Library! at Hillcrest (Butte Room)
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## PERSONALIZED PICKS

Want some help finding what to read, watch or play next? Get personalized recommendations from our librarians by filling out a brief form to let us know what you're looking for, whether it's for you or someone else in your household. We'll email you back with a list of recommendations or we'll grab them from the shelf for you to pick up from the Library—you get to choose! [BoisePublicLibrary.org/Picks](http://BoisePublicLibrary.org/Picks)

## ADULTS CON'T

### Beginners Meditation and Discussion Group

Join the Library! at Collister for a group discussion and a short practice of beginning meditation. Together we will navigate many meditation styles and philosophies. Have you tried to establish a meditation practice in the past? If so, what obstacles did you encounter? If not, what questions or concerns do you have? Let's get together and discuss our experiences and support one another as we experiment with meditation. This course is currently set up as a monthly meet-up.

<b>Beginners Meditation and Discussion Group</b>	Tuesdays, March 12, April 9, May 14, from 6 - 7 p.m.	Library! at Collister (Catalpa Room)
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### Book Clubs

Enjoy lively book discussions. Please see the descriptions on our web calendar for more information about each book club.

<b>Bestsellers of the Classical Era</b>	Mondays, March 25, April 22 from 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.	Main Library (Bingham Room)
<b>Books and Brews – Push and Pour</b>	Mondays, March 11, April 8, May 13 from 6:30 – 8 p.m.	Push & Pour (13 S Latah St. Suite 2)
<b>Books and Brews – The Lift</b>	Wednesdays, March 20, April 17, May 15, from 6 – 7:30 p.m.	The Lift (4091 W. State St., Boise, ID 83703)
<b>Book Club at the Library! at Bown Crossing</b>	Fridays, March 1, April 5, May 3 from 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.	Library! at Bown Crossing (David Eberle Room)
<b>Collister Book Club</b>	Tuesdays, March 12, April 9, May 14, from 2 – 3:30 p.m.	Library! at Collister (Catalpa Room)
<b>Hillcrest Book Club - Adults</b>	Wednesdays, March 27, April 24, May 22 from 2 - 3:30 p.m.	Library! at Hillcrest (Canyon Room)
<b>Movie Book Club</b>	Fridays, March 29, April 26, May 24 at 11:30 a.m.	Library! at Bown Crossing (David Eberle Room)
<b>Pages &amp; Spades: Book Club for Gardeners</b>	Wednesday, March 27 at 6 p.m.	Library! at Hillcrest (Butte Room)
<b>Short Story Club</b>	Fridays, December 8, January 12, and February 9 from 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.	Library! at Bown Crossing (David Eberle Room)
<b>Ultimate Book Nerd Book Club</b>	Saturdays, March 23, April 20, May 25, from 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Library! at Bown Crossing (David Eberle Room)

### Bridgerton High Tea!

Dust off your Regency best! Come celebrate the release of Season 3 of Bridgerton with us. Tea and snacks will be provided along with crafting and activities, including a costume contest, flower arrangements, and discussions about the books and TV show. Please see our online calendar for further details.

<b>Bridgerton High Tea</b>	Saturday, May 18 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.	Library! at Bown Crossing (Martie Brennan Room)
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### Bunco Night

Join us for Bunco. Fun to play and easier to learn. If you can roll some dice and count to 21 then you have all you need to join us for a night of fun! A great way to meet new people! Light snacks will be provided. **REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**

<b>Bunco Night</b>	Thursday, March 21 at 6 p.m.	Library! at Hillcrest (Butte Room)
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### Coffee and Conversations

Please join the Mental Health Coordinator and library staff for a cup of coffee on us! Discover new books, connect with other library users, and learn about resources in the community. Activities may include board games and crafts. We hope to see you there!

<b>Coffee and Conversations</b>	Every Second and Fourth Friday of the Month from 10 – 11:30 a.m.	Main Library (Marion Bingham Room)
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## ADULTS CON'T

### Computer Basics

Are you new to computers? Let us teach you basic computer skills at The Library! at Hillcrest. Learn to use a mouse and keyboard, open and save files, start an email account, and more. This program is for people with little to no experience with computers. PC laptops and hardware will be provided. Space is limited to six people per session, so registration is required. Two sessions per month will cover the same material, so only register for both if you want a review.

<b>Computer Basics</b>	First and Third Fridays of the month, from 12 – 1 p.m.	Library! at Hillcrest (Butte Room)
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### Craft Clubs in the Library

**CRAFTERNOONS** – A monthly craft project covering a variety of art media. All skill levels welcome. Drop in and make something exciting and maybe make a few new friends too. This program is geared toward adults and seniors. **REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.**

**LAIID-BACK CRAFT CLUB FOR NEW ADULTS** – If you enjoy crafting and are **18-25 years old**, this is the group for you! Join us on the 2nd Thursday of the month for snacks and crafts (bring your own or try our craft of the month,) and take a break from real life for a while.

<b>Crafternoons in the Library</b>	Wednesdays March 20, April 17, May 15, from 3 – 5 p.m.	Library! at Hillcrest (Butte Room)
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<b>Laid-back Craft Club for New Adults</b>	Thursdays, March 14, April 11, May 9, at 6 p.m.	Main Library (Hayes Auditorium)
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### Creative Corner

Join us for our weekly gathering at the Library! at Bown Crossing. Bring any creative project that you want to work on and get to know other creative folks from the area!

<b>Creative Corner</b>	Every Wednesday from 12 - 2 p.m.	Library! at Bown Crossing (Martie Brennan Room)
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### Creative Writing Group

Are you an aspiring writer, or desiring to expand your creative toolkit? Looking to meet fellow writers? Join us at the Library! at Cole & Ustick for our Creative Writing Group. Each month time will be given to writing prompts, discussion topics, personal writing time, and the opportunity to share your work. Writers of all levels are welcome. Come and explore the incredible joy of writing with us!

<b>Creative Writing Group</b>	Every First and Third Wednesday of the month from 6 – 7:30 p.m.	Library! at Cole & Ustick (Bitterbrush/Melissa Blue Room)
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### Crocheting, Knitting, and Sewing Groups

Learn a new skill, bring your own project, or just enjoy the group conversation with our crocheting, knitting, and sewing groups at the Library.

<b>Unraveled: A Yarn Guild</b>	Every Tuesday from 2:30 – 4 p.m.	Library! at Hillcrest (Butte Room)
<b>Knitting Society</b>	Wednesdays from 2 – 3:30 p.m.	Library! at Cole & Ustick (Bitterbrush Room)
<b>Threadbenders</b>	Thursdays, March 21, April 18, May 16, from 6 – 7:30 p.m.	Library! at Collister (Sycamore Room)
<b>Knit and Crochet at Main</b>	Thursdays, March 21, April 18, May 16, from 6 – 7:30 p.m.	Main Library (3rd Floor near Idaho Room)



## Sign-Up for our Monthly Newsletter!

Stay up-to-date with the Boise Public Library. [BoisePublicLibrary.org/Newsletter](https://BoisePublicLibrary.org/Newsletter)

# ADULTS CON'T

## Fit and Fall Proof

Fit and Fall Proof classes help older adults to maintain an independent, freely functioning lifestyle. Learn simple exercises to increase strength, balance, and endurance, and help prevent accidental falls. In partnership with the Central District Health Department. **REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.** Please contact CDH's Fit & Fall Proof™ Coordinator at 208-327-8591 for current availability.

<b>Fit and Fall Proof</b>	Every Monday and Wednesday from 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.	Library! at Hillcrest (Canyon Room)
	Every Tuesday and Thursday from 9:15 – 10 a.m.	Library! at Collister (Sycamore Room)
	Every Tuesday and Thursday at 12 p.m.	Library! at Cole & Ustick (Sagebrush Room)

## Idaho Department of Labor Job Fair

The Idaho Department of Labor is holding a job fair at Boise Public Library. Employers are ready to hire qualified applicants. Bring your resume and be prepared to interview!

<b>Job Fair</b>	Wednesday, May 15 from 11:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Main Library (Hayes Auditorium)
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## Memory Café

Memory Café is where family caregivers and their loved one with memory loss can get together in a safe, supportive, and engaging environment in a break from normal routine. It is a time to socialize, enjoy activities, learn from monthly topics, and build resources for changing needs.

<b>Memory Café</b>	Thursdays, March 21, April 18, May 16 from 1 – 2:30 p.m.	Library! at Bown Crossing (Martie Brennan Room)
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## Mending Workshop

When your clothes have a rip or hole in them, don't toss them - mend them! In this workshop taught by Erika Knipe, you will learn basic mending techniques to prolong the life of your clothes. **THIS EVENT IS FOR 18+ AND REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.**

<b>Mending Workshop</b>	Saturday, April 27 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.	Library! at Bown Crossing (Martie Brennan Room)
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## Mystery/Thriller Book Extravaganza

Join Idaho Sisters in Crime for a book fair! Come out and support local crime, mystery, suspense, and thriller authors. Authors interested in participating can contact Sherry Briscoe at sherryabriscoe@gmail.com. For more information on Idaho Sisters in Crime, visit idahosinc.com/.

<b>Mystery/Thriller Book Extravaganza</b>	Saturday, March 16 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.	Library! at Cole & Ustick (Sagebrush Room)
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## Paint and Sip

Join us at the Library! at Cole & Ustick to paint your own abstract masterpiece in this fun, step-by-step program. We'll enjoy sparkling water and follow along with nationally recognized artist Martha Channer to learn what inspires abstract painting and create our own modern art. All skill levels are welcome! **REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED** and will open 3 weeks before each event.

<b>Paint and Sip</b>	Tuesdays, March 19, April 16, May 28, from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.	Library! at Cole & Ustick (Sagebrush Room)
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## Question, Persuade, and Refer (QPR) Suicide Prevention Gatekeeper Training

Join the library's Mental Health Coordinator and Terry Reilly for a suicide prevention gatekeeper training. QPR trains individuals to be suicide prevention "gatekeepers" which is someone who is able to recognize the warning signs that someone may be contemplating suicide and how to support them with seeking help. Gatekeepers can be anyone, and can include parents, friends, and neighbors. As a QPR-Trained Gatekeeper, you will learn to: recognize the warning signs of suicide, know how to offer hope, and know how to get help and save a life.

<b>QPR Training</b>	Thursday, May 9 from 6 – 7 p.m.	Main Library (Marion Bingham Room)
	Thursday, May 30 from 4 – 5 p.m.	



## ADULTS CON'T

### Resume and Cover Letter Workshop

At this workshop, we'll review your documents with you and show you tools and resources for writing and designing resumes, cover letters, and other application materials that can help catch the eye of employers. Please bring a printed copy of any document you want help revising. We will print up to 10 copies of your resume & cover letter for free.

<b>Resume and Cover Letter Workshop</b>	Thursdays, March 14, April 11, May 9 from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Main Library (Bingham Room)
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### Scrapbooking

Want to keep those pictures to remember forever? Join us for a fun Scrapbooking program.

<b>Scrapbooking</b>	Friday, March 15 at 12:30 p.m.	Library! at Bown Crossing (Martie Brennan Room)
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### Speak German to Me

Familiar with German and want people to talk to? Used to know German and want to get back into it? Join us every Saturday for German conversation.

<b>Speak German to Me</b>	Every Saturday from 1 – 2 p.m.	Library! at Collister (Catalpa Room)
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### Speed Friending

Speed Friending is an event where individuals are paired off for one-on-one conversations in short intervals. During these intervals, each pair is given the opportunity to talk, ask questions, and possibly spark a new friendship. **FOR ADULTS 18+.**

<b>Speed Friending</b>	Thursday, May 2 from 6 – 7:30 p.m.	Library! at Hillcrest (Butte Room)
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### Spice of the Month Club!

The Spice of the Month Club is a great way to try out new spices and share recipes with other home cooks! Participants will learn a little of the history of the spice of the month and take home a sample as well as some recipes to try at home. March: saffron, April: bay leaves, May: salt.

<b>Spice of the Month Club</b>	Fridays, March 15, April 19, May 17, from 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.	Library! at Bown Crossing (David Eberle Room)
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## ALL AGES EVENTS

### Ben Clanton – Author Visit

Boise Public Library is excited to be partnering with Rediscovered Books to host a visit by acclaimed children's author Ben Clanton. Clanton is the New York Times bestselling author and illustrator of the Narwhal and Jelly series. His picture books include Mo's Mustache; Vote for Me!; Rot, the Cutest in the World!; Boo Who?; It Came in the Mail; Something Extraordinary and Rex Wrecks It!. He lives with his wife and kids in Seattle, Washington.

<b>Author Visit</b>	Thursday, April 4 at 6 p.m.	Main Library (Hayes Auditorium)
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### Bingo

Join us for an all-ages bingo session!

<b>Bingo</b>	Every other Tuesday starting March 12 at 4:30 p.m.	Library! Bown Crossing (Martie Brennan Room)
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### Cottagecore Crafts

Welcome to the Cottagecore Club, a place where we learn to make cozy handmade crafts for our daily lives!

March 21 – Herbarium Bottles: Learn how to arrange and suspend dried flowers into bottles.

May 23 – Magical Light Up Crystals: Learn how to create magical, flickering "crystal" clusters for a cozy ambiance.

All supplies will be available for use and anything you make you get to keep. This event is recommended for ages 12 and up. **REGISTRATION IS ENCOURAGED.**

<b>Herbarium Bottles</b>	Thursday, March 21 from 6 – 7:30 p.m.	Library! at Bown Crossing (Martie Brennan Room)
<b>Magical Light Up Crystals</b>	Thursday, May 23 from 6 – 7:30 p.m.	

# ALL AGES EVENTS CON'T

## English Practice Meet-Up

Hello! Do you want to practice speaking English? Come talk with us!

<b>English Practice Meet-Up</b>	Mondays, March 11, April 8, May 13, from 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Main Library (Marion Bingham Room)
	Every Friday from 10 – 11 a.m.	Library! at Collister (Catalpa Room)



## Earth Day Celebration

Join us at the Library! at Collister to celebrate Earth Day! We'll plant seeds, make recycled art, and learn about making sustainable practices a part of your everyday life.

<b>Earth Day Celebration</b>	Friday, April 19 from 4 – 5 p.m.	Library! at Collister
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## Free Comic Book Day!

Visit any Boise Public Library location Free Comic Book Day, an annual event where comic shops and libraries give away a comic book for FREE. Choose from a variety of fun titles from different comics publishers. There's a limit of two comics per person, available while supplies last. And a huge thank you to **The Collector's Outpost**, for sponsoring our celebration of Free Comic Book Day.

<b>Free Comic Book Day</b>	Saturday, May 4 all day	All Branch Locations
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## Free Swap

Find some new treasures! Clothing, home goods, toys, books all accepted. No donation necessary to participate. We will be accepting donations the week of the swap, April 22 - April 27. Any leftover items will be donated to a local thrift store.

<b>Free swap</b>	Dropoff: April 22 - 27	Library! at Hillcrest (Butte Room)
	Swap: Friday, April 26 and Saturday, April 27 all day	

## Make D&D Terrain: Potions Shop Counter

Learn how to use craft a magical potions shop counter! This piece can help set the stage by adding a visually interesting piece to cities and towns. All supplies will be available for use and anything you make you get to keep! This Program is for ages 12+. **REGISTRATION IS ENCOURAGED.**

<b>D&amp;D Terrain</b>	Thursday, April 18 at 6 p.m.	Library! at Bown Crossing (Martie Brennan Room)
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## Mending Café

Get help repairing ripped seams, patching holes, replacing lost buttons, or completing minor alterations at Collister's quarterly Mending Café! We'll have sewing machines and supplies on hand to help fix your clothes, bags, and other fabric goods.

<b>Mending Café</b>	Thursday, April 25 from 4:30 – 6 p.m.	Library! at Collister (Sycamore Room)
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## Pokémon League

Come and play the Pokémon Trading Card Game with other Pokémon enthusiasts! A Pokémon League provides a nearby place for you to get together with other fans of the Pokémon Trading Card Game, and have some fun. Using your own cards (we will have some decks to borrow), you can play, trade, and even earn cool prizes! The best part is that you can do all this with other Pokémon players who love collecting and playing just as much as you do. **FOR FANS AGES 8+.**

<b>Pokémon League</b>	Every Tuesday from 6 – 7:30 p.m.	Library! at Bown Crossing (Martie Brennan Room)
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## The Ribbon of Jewels – with Boise Department of Arts & History and Parks & Recreation

Join us during Women's History Month to celebrate the amazing women and civic leaders who helped shape the City of Boise. As part of the Ribbon of Jewels series of events, the Library and Parks & Recreation are going to offer guided tours at three of the parks.

<b>The Ribbon of Jewels</b>	Wednesday, March 6 at 6 p.m.	Library! at Hillcrest (Butte Room)
	Thursday, March 21st from 6 – 7:30 p.m.	Marianne Williams Park
<b>Guided Tours</b>	Thursday, April 18th from 6 – 7:30 p.m.	Bethine Church River Trail
	Thursday, May 16th from 6 – 7:30 p.m.	Kathryn Albertson Park

# ALL AGES EVENTS CON'T

## Scott Marchant – Wildflower Hikes in Idaho

Join Boise-based hiking guidebook author, Scott Marchant, for a presentation and slideshow highlighting outstanding wildflower hikes from his five central Idaho guidebooks.

<b>Wildflower Hikes in Idaho</b>	Thursday, March 28 at 6:30 p.m.	Library! at Collister (Sycamore Room)
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## Snailed It!

Make a small home decoration to celebrate the gardening season! We will be painting a happy snail onto wood slices.

<b>Snailed It!</b>	Friday, April 5 from 1 – 2 p.m.	Library! at Bown Crossing (Martie Brennan Room)
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## Tabletop Miniature Painting

Come to the Library! at Bown Crossing and paint your latest tabletop miniature with us. Some supplies will be provided, but feel free to bring your own, as well. **RECOMMENDED FOR AGES 12+.**

<b>Tabletop Miniature Painting</b>	Thursday, May 16 from 6 – 7:30 p.m.	Library! at Bown Crossing (Martie Brennan Room)
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## COMMUNITY RESOURCE POP-UPS

The Library! works with several organizations to host pop-ups that provide resources and services to community members.

- **Lawyers in the Library every 1st Tuesday at the Main Library:** The Idaho Volunteer Lawyers Program provides a safety net for low-income individuals and families who can't afford to pay for civil legal services. Contact the Library for more information
- **Our Path Home Outreach every Wednesday at rotating Library locations:** Outreach specialists will be available to assist with housing assessments, provide referrals to resources, and answer questions. Please contact the Housing Crisis Line at (208) 336-HOME (4663) if you or someone you know is in housing crisis.

<b>Our Path Home Street Outreach Pop-Up</b>	Every 1st Wednesday and 3rd Monday from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.	Main Library
	Every 2nd Wednesday from 2 – 4 p.m.	Library! at Hillcrest
	Every 3rd Wednesday from 2 – 4 p.m.	Library! at Collister
	Every 4th Wednesday from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Library! at Cole & Ustick

- **Terry Reilly Health Services:** Terry Reilly will be at the Main Library every first Wednesday and third Monday of the month. Patient navigators will be available from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. to make future appointments, learn about their programs, provide education on insurance and social security benefits, and connect to important resources. For more information call (208) 318-1326.
- **American Red Cross Blood Drive:** Schedule your appointment online at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) or through the Blood Donor American Red Cross app. Check our online calendar for Red Cross blood drives that happen at various Library locations.

<b>American Red Cross Blood Drive</b>	Wednesday, March 13 from 1 – 6 p.m.	Library! at Hillcrest (Butte Room)
	Friday, April 19 from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.	Library! at Cole & Ustick, Sponsor Code: CULibrary (Sagebrush Room)
	Monday, March 11 from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Library! at Bown Crossing (Martie Brennan Room)

- **Tax Assistance** The Boise Public Library offers tax assistance programs for qualified residents. For more information about the programs and services that are available visit: [boisepubliclibrary.org/tax-info](http://boisepubliclibrary.org/tax-info).

**AARP Foundation** is providing complimentary tax assistance and preparation in Idaho through its Tax-Aide program. You do not need to be a member of AARP or a retiree to use this service, and all Tax-Aide volunteers are IRS-certified. All appointments are scheduled in-person. Please bring your documents with you in case you can be seen right away.

**VITA Tax Assistance** with the Boise State University Department of Accountancy. February through April. Dates and times vary. Search for "tax" in the online library calendar or sign up for an appointment at [TaxHelpID.org](http://TaxHelpID.org).

<b>AARP Tax Assistance</b>	Mondays and Thursdays, February 1 – April 11 (except February 19) from 10:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Library! at Hillcrest (Butte Room)
<b>VITA Tax Assistance</b>	February – April, dates and times vary. Visit <a href="http://TaxHelpID.org">TaxHelpID.org</a> for details.	Main Library (Bingham Room)

# ALL AGES EVENTS CON'T

**Upcycling Social Hour**  
Bring an item you would like to upcycle and socialize while you work. Basic crafting supplies and beverages will be provided.

<b>Upcycling Social Hour</b>	Friday, May 3 from 1 – 2 p.m.	Library! at Bown Crossing (Martie Brennan Room)
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 **Water Wise Landscaping and Gardening Workshop Series – with Ada Soil & Water Conservation District**

Learn how to plant a water wise garden this spring with the City of Boise and Ada Soil and Water Conservation District. Workshops on xeriscaping, plant selection and garden design will be held at our local libraries March through May 2024. **REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.** For more information and registration, visit [adaswcd.org/waterwise-classes](http://adaswcd.org/waterwise-classes)

<b>Water Wise Workshop</b>	March 6 – May 1 Every Tuesday and Wednesday at 6 p.m.	Tuesdays- Library! at Hillcrest (Butte Room) Wednesdays- Library! at Bown Crossing (Martie Brennan Room)
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**Why Plant Native? – with Boise Parks & Recreation**  
Native plants help the environment and save you time and money! Find out how at this event with Boise Parks & Recreation and the Golden Eagle Audubon Society.

<b>Why Plant Native?</b>	Wednesday, May 8 at 6 p.m.	Library! at Hillcrest (Butte Room)
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**Wire Wrapping with Stones for Beginners**  
Learn a basic technique for wire wrapping your favorite gemstones.

<b>Wire Wrapping with Stones</b>	Tuesday, March 26 from 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.	Library! at Bown Crossing (Martie Brennan Room)
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## DID YOU KNOW?

A Boise Public Library card offers benefits to all Boise residents:

- Borrow or download almost 600,000 titles from our collection of ebooks, emagazines, music, CDs, DVDs, newspapers, video games and more including National Geographic and the Idaho Statesman.
- Pick up holds without having to leave your car! Simply park, call the posted number, and a staff member will bring your materials to you.
- Stream videos, make art projects, learn a new language, and much more by accessing over 100 digital applications and resources including LinkedIn Learning.
- Use our mobile printing system to print from your device and retrieve copies from any of our locations.
- To learn more and get your library card, go to: [boisepubliclibrary.org/library-cards](http://boisepubliclibrary.org/library-cards)




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