FOOTHILLS SCHOOL LASER ENGRAVING ART RECEPTION
On November 28, the Library! at Collister hosted an exhibition of artwork by third and fourth grade students from Foothills School of Arts and Sciences. Students had studied the solar system, planets, and extraterrestrial life. Inspired by the original Pioneer Plaque sent by NASA in 1972 on the Pioneer 10 spacecraft, they drew their own designs and engraved them on wood using the Library’s laser engraver. The student-created engraved plaques drew a crowd of nearly 50 friends, family, and customers.

DEATH CAFÉ
The Library! at Collister hosted a death café facilitated by local writer and author Amy Pence-Brown. Nearly 100 community member gathered in small groups to eat cake, drink tea, and discuss the powerful, difficult topic of death with Ms. Pence-Brown moderating the conversations.

MAKER RESOURCES
Faculty from Boise State University visited the Main Library for a tour of maker resources including the large format printer, virtual reality, and the laser engraver.

FALL READING PROGRAM
Youth Services staff imagined, implemented, and created a system-wide Fall Reading Program for children. For each book a participant read, they were given a colorful sticker that they could add to the “paint by sticker” poster hanging at each location. As more books were read, the picture was created. Kids had fun guessing what it was going to be.

CHECKING OUT IN YOUTH SERVICES
A Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) pad and receipt printer have been added to the Youth Services desk at the Main Library to enable customers to more easily check-out Kidpacks and other items while visiting the children’s area.

COMMUNITY CENTER BOOK REFRESH
In cooperation with Acquisitions and Technical Services (ATS), staff at the Library! at Hillcrest were able to refresh an aging and damaged supply of books at Grace Jordan and Whitney Community Centers (part of the City of Boise’s Parks and Recreation Department). In total, about 600 items that had been withdrawn from Hillcrest’s collection were organized and transported to the centers for children to read and borrow while there after school and over spring and summer break.