

Program Guide



Community Helper Storytime

Discover the Library’s wide variety of programs for community members of all ages and interests! From engaging storytimes for kids to hands-on workshops for adults, there’s something for everyone. Visit us across our five branches and stay connected by checking out BoisePublicLibrary.org or calling us at (208) 972-8200.

Keep an eye on our online calendar at BoisePublicLibrary.org/Calendar, as programs may be subject to change due to weather or public health protocols.

Reminder: All Library locations will be closed on January 20 (Idaho Human Rights Day) and February 17 (Presidents’ Day).

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!

Baby Stories & Play	Mondays at 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m.	Library! at Cole & Ustick - Sagebrush Room
	Tuesdays at 2 p.m.	Downtown Library - Hayes Auditorium
	Thursdays from 10:30-11:30 a.m.	Library! at Bown Crossing - Martie Brennan Room
	Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.	Library! at Collister - Sycamore Room
	Fridays at 10:30 a.m.	Library! at Hillcrest - Canyon Room

BABIES, TODDLERS, AND PRESCHOOL CONT'D

Community Helper Storytime

Community Helpers in April. Visit with your local Community Helper from the United States Post Office, Republic Services, US Forest Service: Wildland Firefighters, Valley Regional Transit, and the Humane Society during our regularly scheduled Toddler Storytime. Check our online calendar for details.

Community Helper Storytime	Tuesdays, April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 from 10:30-11:30 a.m.	Library! at Hillcrest - Canyon Room
	Wednesdays, April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 from 10:30-11:30 a.m.	Library! at Bown Crossing - Martie Brennan Room
	Thursdays, April 3, 10, 17, 24 from 10:30-11:30 a.m.	Library! at Cole & Ustick - Sagebrush Room

Family Storytime

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

Family Storytime	Saturdays at 10:30 a.m.	Downtown Library - Hayes Auditorium
	Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.	Library! at Cole & Ustick - Sagebrush Room
	Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.	Library! at Collister - Sycamore Room
	Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.	Library! at Hillcrest - Canyon Room

Music and Movement

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

Music and Movement	Fridays at 10:30 a.m.	Downtown Library - Hayes Auditorium
	Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.	Library! at Bown Crossing - Martie Brennan Room
	Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.	Library! at Cole & Ustick - Sagebrush Room

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.

Pajama Storytime	Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.	Downtown Library - Hayes Auditorium
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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.

Play and Learn	Fridays at 10:30 a.m.	Library! at Cole & Ustick - Sagebrush Room
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Preschool Explorers

Preschool Explorers invites children to do what they do best: explore! Storytime will be followed by hands-on activities where children are invited to use all five senses and their natural curiosity to explore the wonders of nature and STEAM topics. Designed for children ages 3-6 and their caregivers. PLEASE NOTE: This program will meet outdoors on the first week of every month.

Preschool Explorers	Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.	Downtown Library - Hayes Auditorium
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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.

Preschool Storytime	Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.	Library! at Cole & Ustick - Sagebrush Room
	Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.	Downtown Library - Hayes Auditorium

Stories and Sensory Play

Join us for stories and a sensory exploration! Together, we'll explore exciting themes through captivating stories, specially curated for kids aged 2-5. Unleash creativity and exploration with fun engaging activities for children and their caregivers.

Stories and Sensory Play	2nd Fridays, January 10, February 14, March 14, April 11 from 10:30-11:30 a.m.	Library! at Bown Crossing - Martie Brennan Room
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BABIES, TODDLERS, AND PRESCHOOL CONT'D

Toddler Storytime

Join us for Toddler Storytime every Wednesday. This program is designed for children ages 2-3 and their caregivers. Come enjoy songs, stories, and learning together!

Toddler Storytime	Mondays & Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.	Downtown Library - Hayes Auditorium
	Wednesdays 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.

Art Lab	Thursdays at 4 p.m.	Downtown Library - Hayes Auditorium
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Crafternoons for Kids

School age kids will have the opportunity to fuel their creative engines through a weekly art project. Come join us at the Library! at Collister and let your creative juices flow.

Crafternoons for Kids	Tuesdays at 4 p.m.	Library! at Collister - Sycamore Room
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Kids Crafts

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

Jan. 11 - Salt Watercolor Art

Feb. 8 - Valentine Hearts

March 8 - Crumpled Paper Art

April 12 - Cosmic Suncatcher

Kids Crafts	Saturdays, January 11, February 8, March 8, April 12 from 11 a.m.-12 p.m.	Library! at Cole & Ustick - Sagebrush Room
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LEGO® Club

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

LEGO® Club	Thursdays at 4-5 p.m.	Library! at Collister - Sycamore Room
	Mondays at 4-5 p.m.	Downtown Library - Hayes Auditorium
	Fridays from 4-5 p.m.	Library! at Bown Crossing - Martie Brennan Room

Lego Robotics

Come hang out and build with LEGO Bricks and battery packs to build realistic, mechanically functioning builds! We will get creative and use our imaginations, with new themes every week!

Lego Robotics	Saturdays, January 4 11, February 1, March 1, April 5 from 11 a.m.-12 p.m.	Library! at Bown Crossing - Martie Brennan 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

YOUTH CONT'D

Read to a Therapy Dog

Join us for our Read to a Therapy Dog program, where kids get a chance to practice their reading skills by reading to a Certified Therapy Dog! Kids can read to a dog for 5-10 minutes and the dogs will love it! Children believe they are teaching the dog to read, but they are actually teaching themselves. With the focus on the dog, children feel less pressure or embarrassment about their reading skills. They have fun, build confidence, and increase their love of reading!

Read to a Therapy Dog	Saturdays at 10:30-11:30 a.m.	Library! at Collister - Sycamore Room
	Fridays, January 24, February 28, March 28, April 25 from 4-5 p.m.	Library! at Cole & Ustick - Sagebrush Room
	January 7 & 21; February 4 & 18; March 4 & 18; April 1, 15 & 29 from 4-5 p.m.	Library! at Bown Crossing - Martie Brennan Room

School Age Fun

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

School Age Fun	Thursdays from 4-5 p.m.	Library! at Hillcrest - Canyon Room
	Wednesdays at 4-5 p.m.	Library! at Collister - Sycamore Room
	Thursdays at 4-5 p.m.	Library! at Cole & Ustick - Sagebrush Room

Sewing Club for Kids

Come learn how to sew or expand your skills at our weekly Sewing Club for Kids! We'll have sewing machines, fabric, and all the notions you need to sew your own projects. A variety of beginner and intermediate patterns will be provided for both hand and machine stitching.

Sewing Club for Kids	Fridays at 4 p.m.	Library! at Collister - Sycamore Room
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TEENS

Build Your Vision Board

Come build a vision board! Teens will map out their ideas, dreams, and goals for the future using collage materials.

Build Your Vision Board	Wednesday, January 8 at 3:30p.m.	Library! at Hillcrest - Canyon Room
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Dungeon Club:

TTRPG enthusiasts, beware of the slime monsters! Be it a gelatinous cube, or just a jiggly lil' guy, slime monsters are a staple creature in TTRPGs. Learn how to build a slime army for your party to defeat or befriend! These pieces are intended to be used in tabletop roleplaying systems by adding visual interest to maps and dioramas. All supplies will be available for use and anything you make you get to keep! **Registration encouraged to secure your spot and supplies! Teens and Adults, ages 12+.**

Dungeon Club: Slime Monsters!	January 30, 6-7:45 p.m.	Library! at Bown Crossing - Martie Brennan Room
Dungeon Club: Healing Potions	Thursday, April 24, 6-7:45 p.m.	Library! at Bown Crossing - Martie Brennan Room



DICK EARDLEY SENIOR CENTER POP-UP LIBRARY

Visit our pop-up Library at the Dick Eardley Senior Center each month to check out books and more. See our online calendar for dates.

TEENS CONT'D

Eco Friendly Notebooks

Teens, join us in making unique eco-friendly upcycled notebooks for Earth month. Get creative and help the environment!

Eco Friendly Notebooks	Wednesday, April 9 at 3:30 p.m.	Library! at Hillcrest - Canyon Room
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Fireside Crafting: A Quiet Craft Time

Register to guarantee your spot! Need a space to relax and work on your current project? Or are you looking to start a new project, but without the social pressures of a class? This is the event for you! Bring your projects, your headphones, and your favorite blanket or chair. Various art supplies and tea will be on hand. **Teens and Adults, ages 12+.**

Fireside Crafting: A Quiet Craft Time	February 6 from 5:30-7:45 p.m.	Library! at Bown Crossing - Martie Brennan Room
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Make Mini-Zines

Join us at the library to learn how to make miniature zines! These little printworks are a great outlet for creative expression and can include poetry, short essays, collage, and much more. Materials will be provided.

Make Mini-Zines	Monday, January 6 from 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.	Library! at Collister - Sycamore Room
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Pokémon Build and Battle Tournament

Do you want to be the best like no one ever was? Join us in a Build and Battle Tournament as we find out who is a true Pokémon Master! Registration is required for this 16 person tournament and each participant will receive a Build and Battle Box to keep and use in the tournament. Each Build & Battle Box includes four booster packs and a 40-card deck featuring key cards from the set. Players will be given 20 minutes to open their Build and Battle Box and organize it into a 40 card deck to play with in the tournament. No personal cards will be allowed in the tournament and extra energy will be provided. **Registration is required, must be between the ages of 8-17 to play.**

Pokémon Build and Battle Tournament	Saturday, February 8 from 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m.	Library! at Bown Crossing - Martie Brennan Room
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Pokémon Prom

A prom for fans of all things Pokémon! Join us in the Downtown 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. **Teens in 7th-12th grade.**

Pokémon Prom	Friday, April 18 from 5-7 p.m.	Downtown Library - Hayes Auditorium
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Self Care Day

Join us for a teen self-care day! There will be a variety of crafts to make so you can have a DIY spa day.

Self Care Day	Wednesday, February 12 at 3:30 p.m.	Library! at Hillcrest - Canyon Room
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Tabletop Miniature Painting

Come to the Library! at Bown Crossing and paint your latest tabletop miniature with us. Bring your brushes and paints and enjoy an evening with your fellow hobbyists! If you are new to the hobby - or just want to try it out - some supplies will be provided, as well. **Teens and adults, ages 12 and up.**

Tabletop Miniature Painting	Wednesday, January 22; Thursday, February 20; Wednesday, March 19; Thursday, April 17 from 6-7:30 p.m.	Library! at Bown Crossing - Martie Brennan Room
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TEENS CONT'D

Teen Anime Club

Celebrate all things anime with other teens (ages 12-17) each week.

Teen Anime Club	Wednesdays at 5 p.m.	Downtown Library - Hayes Auditorium
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Teen Botanists

Teens, express your inner botanist in this hands-on class where you will choose a plant and a pot and help something grow!

Teen Botanists	Wednesday, March 12 at 3:30 p.m.	Library! at Hillcrest - Canyon Room
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Teen Hangout

If you are age 12-17, join us for Teen Hangout on Tuesdays! Meet up to do crafts, play games, and hang out.

Teen Hangout	Tuesdays at 5 p.m.	Downtown Library - Hayes Auditorium
	Tuesdays at 3:30 p.m.	Library! at Cole & Ustick - Sagebrush Room

Teen Homework Hour

Come hang out and work on your homework. Need supplies for a school project? We might have what you need, please feel free to ask!

Teen Homework Hour	Wednesdays from 3:30-4:30 p.m.	Library! at Hillcrest - Gem Room
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ADULTS

Adult Arts & Crafts

Interested in exploring your creative side, but unsure where to start? Join us for Adult Arts and Crafts on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month for a variety of fun projects using different supplies and media. See the online calendar for each month's scheduled project.

Adult Arts & Crafts	2nd Tuesday of the month from 6-7:30 p.m.	Library! at Collister - Sycamore Room
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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.

Afternoon Soiree	3rd Tuesday of the month from 1-2:30 p.m.	Library! at Collister - Sycamore Room
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American Red Cross Blood Drive

Every day, the Red Cross of Idaho delivers lifesaving help and hope in communities big and small through the power of volunteers and the generosity of donors. Be part of something amazing! Give blood = Save up to 3 lives.

Please visit RedCrossBlood.org and use sponsor code "CULibrary" to donate at the Cole and Ustick branch, "Bown" to donate at the Bown branch or "Hillcrest" to donate at the Hillcrest branch.

American Red Cross Blood Drive	Friday, January 10 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.	Library! at Cole & Ustick - Sagebrush Room
	Wednesday, March 12 from 1-6 p.m.	Library! at Hillcrest - Butte Room
	Thursday, March 20 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.	Library! at Bown Crossing, Martie Brennan Room
	Friday, April 18 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.	Library! at Cole & Ustick - Sagebrush Room

Around the World in Chocolate for Adults!

Gear up for Valentine's Day with this fun chocolate tasting adventure. Participants will learn a little about the history of chocolate, how it's made, and get to try dark chocolate from 6 different countries. **Space is limited, make sure to register when registration opens on January 29.**

Around the World in Chocolate for Adults!	February 12 at 6 p.m.	Library! at Bown Crossing - Martie Brennan Room
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ADULTS CONT'D

Beneficial Bugs! - A Gardening Series

You find an insect in your garden, is it Friend or Foe? Join the Boise Public Library, Boise Parks & Recreation, and leading local entomologists for an interactive series which will help you know the difference and protect the insects that are helping your garden to be healthy! Register early!

Beneficial Bugs! - A Gardening Series	Wednesdays, April 2, April 9, April 16 at 6 p.m.	Library! at Hillcrest - Butte Room
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Blend Your Own Tea!

Experiment with different tea leaves and ingredients to create your personalized blend to take home. Program will also include a taste test of your creations! Don't forget to register! Registration opens March 12!

Blend Your Own Tea!	March 26 from 6-7 p.m.	Library! at Bown Crossing - Martie Brennan 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.

Books and Brews – Push and Pour	Mondays, January 13, February 10, March 10, April 14 from 6:30-7:30 p.m.	Push & Pour (13 S Latah St. Suite 2)
Books and Brews – Sockeye Alehouse	3rd Wednesday of the month from 6-7:30 p.m.	Sockeye Alehouse (3823 N Garden Center Way, Boise, ID 83703)
Book Club at the Library! at Bown Crossing	First Friday from 10:30-11:30 a.m.	Library! at Bown Crossing - David Eberle Room
Collister Book Club	2nd Tuesday from 2-3:30 p.m.	Library! at Collister - Catalpa Room
Hillcrest Book Club	Wednesdays, January 22, February 26, March 26, April 23 at 2 p.m.	Library! at Hillcrest - Butte Room
Queer Book Club	1st Wednesday from 6-7 p.m.	Library! at Hillcrest - Canyon Room
Short Story Book Club	Second Friday, 10:30-11:30 a.m.	Library! at Bown Crossing, David Eberle Room
Ultimate Book Nerd Book Club	Mondays, January 27, February 24, March 24, April 28, from 12:30-1:30 p.m.	Downtown Library - Marion Bingham Room

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.**

Bunco Night	Thursdays, February 6, March 6, April 3 from 4:30-6:30 p.m.	Library! at Hillcrest - Butte Room
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Chocolate Truffle Dipping Class

Join us to learn how to dip delicious chocolate truffles, and also make a festive box for giving! All supplies are included. Please register each participant separately. This class will cap at 16 participants.

Chocolate Truffle Dipping Class	Wednesday, February 12 at 6 p.m.	Library! at Hillcrest - Canyon Room
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Coffee and Conversations

Please join library staff for a cup of coffee, hot chocolate, or tea! Connect with other library users and learn about resources in the community. Activities include puzzles, coloring, and games. We hope to see you there!

Coffee and Conversations	2nd and 4th Friday from 10-11:30 a.m.	Downtown Library - Marion Bingham Room
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Complete Unfinished Works of Art

Have you ever looked at a work of art and thought "this would be way better with walrus tusks and glitter," or maybe, "why don't any of these animals have wings?" or maybe even, "What this painting needs is a wookiee!" Come show off your creative art skills and add your own flair to unfinished works of art! Supplies provided.

Complete Unfinished Works of Art	April 16 from 6-7 p.m.	Library! at Bown Crossing - Martie Brennan Room
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Craft Clubs

CRAFT CLUB – Bring in any work-in-progress project you have or start something new while spending time socializing. Any sort of craft is welcome as long as you are able to bring in your own supplies

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.

Craft Club	Tuesdays, January 7, February 4, March 4, April 1 from 6-7:30 p.m.	Library! at Cole & Ustick - Sagebrush Room
Crafternoons in the Library	3rd Wednesday of the month from 3-4:30 p.m.	Library! at Hillcrest - Butte Room
Laid-back Craft Club for New Adults	2nd Thursday of the month at 6 p.m.	Downtown Library - Hayes Auditorium

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!

Creative Corner	Wednesdays 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!

Creative Writing Group	Wednesdays, January 15 & 29, February 5 & 19, March 5 & 19, April 2 & 16 from 6-7:30 p.m.,	Library! at Cole & Ustick - Sagebrush Room
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DIY Business Market Research Workshop

Please join us for our monthly drop-in program with an information services librarian to go over business market research available to our library community. This will be a chance to ask questions about our business databases, our collection, or our website, and to get hands on practice. Laptops will be provided for program use, as well as a webguide/instructional to follow along with.

DIY Business Market Research Workshop	1st Monday of the month from 6-7 p.m.	Downtown Library - Marion Bingham Room
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English Practice Meet-Up

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

English Practice Meet-Up	Fridays at 10 a.m.	Library! at Collister - Catalpa Room
	Thursdays from 12-1 p.m.	Downtown Library - Marion Bingham Room



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ADULTS CONT'D

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.

Fit and Fall Proof	Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12-1 p.m.	Library! at Cole & Ustick - Sagebrush Room
	Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:15-10 a.m.	Library! at Collister - Sycamore Room
	Mondays & Wednesdays from 10:30-11:30 a.m.	Library! at Hillcrest - Butte Room

Introduction to Watercolor

Presented by the Idaho Watercolor Society, this program will provide an introduction to using watercolors to create stunning paintings. All supplies will be provided.

Introduction to Watercolor	Saturday, January 25 from 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.	Library! at Collister - Sycamore Room
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Japanese Tea Ceremony

Simple in practice yet powerful in symbolism, the tea ceremony has been a staple of Japanese culture for nearly 500 years. Join us as we learn about the history of the tea ceremony, the history of Sen no Rikyu, the history of Japan, and how to drink tea, with members of the Idaho Japanese Association, followed by a demonstration of a traditional Japanese tea ceremony. Tea and treats provided. **Registration required and opens Feb 26.**

Japanese Tea Ceremony	March 12 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.	Library! at Bown Crossing - Martie Brennan Room
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Knit and Crochet Society

Join us at the library and bring your crochet, knitting, macramé, or embroidery, and work on projects with friends!

Knit and Crochet Society	3rd Thursdays of the month from 6-7:30 p.m.	3rd floor of the Downtown library
	3rd Wednesday of the month from 2-3:30 p.m.	Library! at Cole & Ustick - Sagebrush Room

Learn to Knit

Do you want to learn to knit, but are too scared to take the first step? Confused by the variety of yarn and knitting supplies? Come learn at the Library! Basic supplies will be provided. Over the course of four weeks, you will build your skills and create a beautiful project. Registration is required.

Learn to Knit	Wednesdays, January 8, 15, 22, 29, from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.	Library! at Hillcrest - Butte Room
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Make Mini-Zines

Join us at the library to learn how to make miniature zines! These little printworks are a great outlet for creative expression and can include poetry, short essays, collage, and much more. Materials will be provided.

Make Mini-Zines	Monday, January 6 from 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.	Library! at Collister - Sycamore Room
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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. **THIS IS A FREE PROGRAM.**

Memory Café	Thursdays, January 16, February 20, March 20, and April 17 from 1-2:30	Library! at Bown Crossing - Martie Brennan Room
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One-on-One Business Resource Tutorial

Would you like some help finding business resources? Schedule a one-on-one session with an information services librarian! Call, email, or stop by to schedule this service.

One-on-One Business Resource Tutorial	Mondays from 6-7 p.m. (excluding the first Monday of the month)	2nd floor or 3rd floor area, depending on space and business needs
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Pages & Spades: a Winter Book Club for Gardeners

Join Boise Public Library and Boise Parks & Recreation for this Winter only gardeners book club as we read and discuss books that help us prepare for the upcoming 2025 growing season! We select books that focus on ways to protect the earth and our struggling pollinators through improved environmental stewardship:

Jan. - *The Darkness Manifesto: On Light Pollution, Night Ecology, and the Ancient Rhythms That Sustain Life*
by Johan Elklof

Feb. - *Weyward* by Emilia Hart

March - *Soil: The Story of a Black Mother's Garden* by Camille T. Dungy

Pages & Spades: a Winter Book Club for Gardeners	Tuesdays, January 28, February 25, March 25 at 6 p.m.	Library! at Hillcrest - Butte 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.

Paint and Sip	Wednesdays, January 22, February 26, March 26, April 23 from 6-7:30 p.m.	Library! at Cole & Ustick - Sagebrush Room
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Party Games

Get your game on! Enjoy camaraderie with others as we play entertaining party games like Psychiatrist, Dictionary, Charades and more!

Party Games	Thursdays, January 24, February 28, March 27, April 24 from 10-11 a.m.	Library! at Bown Crossing - Martie Brennan Room
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Popsicle Snowflake Crafts for Adults!

Crafts aren't just for kids! Are you looking to spice up your winter decor? Look no further than this easy Popsicle Snowflake craft! Bring a friend and get creative with this fun craft you can use to decorate your spaces. **Space is limited so make sure to register when registration opens on Jan 2.**

Popsicle Snowflake Crafts for Adults!	January 15 from 6-7 p.m.	Library! at Bown Crossing - David Eberle Room
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Quirky Crafts

Do you need more opportunities to meaningfully connect? On the first Friday of every month come and make a mystery craft while you socialize in a low pressure environment! Crafts are kept small and simple so we can talk and meet new people. Supplies are provided and registration is recommended. Walk-ins are always welcome but the craft portion of the event will depend on available supplies.

Quirky Crafts	First Fridays from 1-2 p.m.	Library! at Bown Crossing - Martie Brennan Room
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Readers Theater

Bring out the thespian in you! Join a low key readers theater at Bown Crossing library that will feature comedies, drama, and mystery. We will provide the scripts and basic props, you provide the voice.

Readers Theater	Thursdays, January 9, February 13, March 13, April 10 from 12:45-1:45 p.m.	Library! at Bown Crossing - Martie Brennan Room
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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.

Resume and Cover Letter Workshop	Thursdays, January 9, February 13, March 13, April 10 from 10-11:45 a.m.	Go to BoisePublicLibrary.org for locations
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Scam Savvy Seniors

Cyber criminals are getting better at what they do. We'll show you how to protect your money by using proven techniques to identify when someone is trying to steal from you!

Scam Savvy Seniors	Wednesday, March 19 at 2 p.m.	Library! at Hillcrest - Canyon 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 Downtown 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 at rotating Library locations:** Our Path Home Street Outreach provides services to those experiencing a housing crisis. 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.

Our Path Home Street Outreach Pop-Up	Every 1st Wednesday and 3rd Monday from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.	Downtown Library
	Every 2nd Wednesday from 2 – 4 p.m.	Library! at Hillcrest

- **Terry Reilly Health Services:** Terry Reilly Health Services is a community health center that provides medical, dental, behavioral health, and pharmacy services. Terry Reilly will be at the Downtown 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.

Terry Reilly Health Services Pop-Up	Every 1st Wednesday and 3rd Monday from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.	Downtown Library
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ADULTS CONT'D

Self Care Workshop

Join us for a relaxing evening in our new Self Care series. This program meets monthly at the Library! at Cole and Ustick and features a selection of community presenters on a wide variety of self care topics. **This event is for ages 16 and up.**

JAN: Yoga Nidra Guided Meditation – All are welcome to a restorative evening of Yoga Nidra – a guided meditation practice that may be done reclining comfortably or sitting. This evening's practice is designed to bring comfort, relaxation, and restoration to the entire nervous system. Perfect for any skill level from very beginning to experienced. This relaxing evening is brought to you by Jessica D. Adams Counseling, LLC. Please bring pillows (2) and blankets (2) and a mat if you have one. Chairs will be available for those who wish to sit. Wear comfortable, warm clothing and socks. Prepare to be guided in gentle stretching prior to meditation.

FEB: Somatic Workshop – Guided by Soma Relief's practitioners Rebecca and Kira. This event is the perfect self care practice just in time for Valentine's Day! (Greek word Somatic meaning: of the body.) This workshop is designed to help you gently access the magic of reconnecting with your body and emotions in a supportive way, focusing on releasing tension and finding relaxation through guided movement and breathwork. Whether you're new to somatic practices or looking to deepen your experience, this session offers a peaceful space for self care and renewal. Please bring a pillow to sit on and relax. Chairs will be provided for those who prefer not to sit on the floor.

MARCH/APRIL: House Plant Care = Self Care – Tending to indoor house plants can bring much happiness to the soul. However, for many, caring for indoor plants adds a responsibility that can feel enormous. Learning the 3 basic needs of all indoor plants will liberate you to create your own indoor living space. Participant questions related to their own plants welcome. Feel free to bring photos of any house plant you need help with.

Yoga Nidra Guided Meditation	Thursday, January 9 from 6:30-7:30 p.m.	Library! at Cole & Ustick - Sagebrush Room
Somatic Workshop	Thursday, February 13 at 6:30-7:30 p.m.	Library! at Cole & Ustick - Sagebrush Room
House Plant Care = Self Care	Thursdays, March 13 & April 10 from 6:30-7:30 p.m.	Library! at Cole & Ustick - Bitterbrush Room

Sewing 101

Ever wanted to learn to use a sewing machine? Join us for Sewing 101 at the Downtown Library. In 3 classes we'll show you how to prepare your fabric for best results, how to thread a sewing machine and do basic troubleshooting, and how to finish your project. By the end of the series, you'll have a tea towel, a fabric bag, and microwavable heating pad.

Sewing 101	Wednesdays, January 15; Monday February 24; Monday March 24; Monday April 21 from 6-7:30 p.m.	Downtown Library - Marion Bingham 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 at Collister for German conversation.

Speak German to Me	Saturdays from 1-2 p.m.	Library! at Collister - Catalpa Room
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Speed Friending

Join us for an evening of 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. Meet new people, make connections, and make some friends! **FOR ADULTS 18+.**

Speed Friending	Thursday, January 30 at 6 p.m.	Library! at Hillcrest - Butte Room
	Thursday, April 24 at 6 p.m.	

ADULTS CONT'D

Spice of the Month Club!

The Spice of the Month Club is a great way to try out new spices and share recipes and ideas 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. Jan. - Sumac, Feb. - Fenugreek, March - Ajowan, April - Bergamot.

Spice of the Month Club	3rd Friday, January 17, February 21, March 21, April 18 from 10:30-11:30 a.m.	Library! at Bown Crossing - David Eberle Room
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Suminagashi Marbling

Come join us as we take on the art of Suminagashi marbling. Suminagashi marbling is a Japanese paper marbling technique that involves floating sumi ink on water in concentric rings to make vivid and unique designs

Suminagashi Marbling	Saturday, March 22 from 11 a.m.-12 p.m	Library! at Bown Crossing - Martie Brennan Room
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Tax Help

AARP Tax Help – AARP Foundation is providing complementary 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 Help – Get tax help through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA) with the Boise State University Department of Accountancy. Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments recommended. Check the library's online calendar for exact dates and times. Make an appointment through TaxHelpID.org.

AARP Tax Help	Thursdays & Fridays, from 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.	Library! at Hillcrest - Butte Room
VITA Tax Help	Wednesdays & Thursdays, Jan 29 - Apr 17th. Times vary by day.	Downtown Library - Marion Bingham Room

Tech Help

Need help using a computer, cellphone, or other device? Set up a 1-on-1 tech appointment visit or call to make an appointment: Library! at Hillcrest: 208-972-8342 or Library! at Cole & Ustick: 208-972-8300.

Tech Help	Ongoing by appointment	Call or visit to make an appointment
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Threadbenders

Join a group of creative and crafty threadbenders at the Library! at Collister. Bring your own knitting, crocheting, embroidery, or hand-stitching project to work on. All skill levels welcome.

Threadbenders	3rd Thursday from 6-7:30 p.m.	Library! at Collister - Sycamore Room
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EARTH DAY CELEBRATIONS

Tuesday, April 22 at 4 p.m., Various Locations

Join Boise Public Library as we celebrate Earth Day and the new trees you earned by completing over 6,000 passport activities during last year's Summer Reading Program! Celebrations will be held at five city parks—Julia Davis, Cassia, Helen B. Lowder, Sunset, and Winstead. We'll have crafts, games, and more! See your local branch for more details.

ADULTS CONT'D

Unraveled: A Yarn Guild

Join a fun group of local yarn enthusiasts as we gather every week to knit, crochet, or weave our own personal projects, or items for Boise area humanitarian needs. Limited supplies for humanitarian projects are available.

Unraveled: A Yarn Guild	Mondays from 3-4:30 p.m.	Library! at Hillcrest - Butte Room
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Water Wise Landscaping and Gardening Workshop Series

Join the Ada Soil and Water Conversation District for an exploration into the importance of backyard conservation. The Library! at Cole and Ustick will hold an 8-week series with guest presenters on a variety of topics such as water use, soil health, and garden design. Visit www.adaswcd.org/waterwise-classes for more information or to register for a class.

Water Wise Landscaping and Gardening Workshop Series	Thursdays, March 6, March 13, March 27, April 3, April 10, April 17, April 24, May 1 from 6-7:30 p.m.	Library! at Cole & Ustick - Sagebrush Room
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ALL AGES EVENTS

3rd Annual Winter Plant Swap

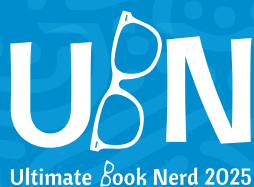
Shake off those winter blues and brighten up your living space with a new plant! Join your fellow plant lovers and participate in a plant and cuttings swap. Bring an established plant or those cuttings you've been rooting in your window and trade them out for something new. Meet new plant friends, rescue some sad seedlings, and build your collection! Please ensure all cuttings/plants are healthy and pest-free. The plant swap will be open all day.

3rd Annual Winter Plant Swap	Friday, January 10 from 10 a.m.-6 p.m.	Library! at Hillcrest - Butte 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.

Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group	Fridays January 3 & 17; February 7 & 21; March 7 & 21; April 4 & 18 from 12-1 p.m.	Library! at Hillcrest - Butte Room
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2025 ULTIMATE BOOK NERD LAUNCH PARTY

January 19 | 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Downtown Library - Marion Bingham Room

Join fellow book nerds celebrate the start of the 2025 Ultimate Book Nerd Challenge! Bring a book from your bookshelf you'd like to swap for a new-to-you read, organize a journal to track your reading (while supplies last), and enjoy a cup of coffee/tea while chatting with fellow book nerds, and more!

If you finished the 2024 challenge, we will have your swag available for pick up*! If you can't make it to the party, that's okay! We will email you the following week when your swag is ready for pick up at your home library.

*Swag will be available as long as delivery schedules run according to plan.

ALL AGES EVENTS CONT'D

Back in Black... Holes
 Have you ever wondered about or been excited by these invisible objects? How far away from Earth are they? What would happen if you entered one? Join us for a general talk (not an astrophysics lecture I promise) on some of the most powerful and misunderstood objects in the Universe. Andy Heidelberg is a space enthusiast and has been volunteering classrooms, STEM Nights, etc. as a NASA Solar System for the last 7 years.

Back in Black... Holes	Saturday, January 25 from 11 a.m.-12 p.m.	Library! at Bown Crossing - Martie Brennan Room
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Community Swap: Hobbies
 Have you given up old hobbies and are looking for a new one? Join your neighbors for a community swap! Drop off your gently used hobby supplies March 10-14, and shop with us on March 15.

Community Swap: Hobbies	Saturday, March 15 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.	Library! at Cole & Ustick - Sagebrush Room
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Death Cafe
 The Death Café provides an opportunity for an open conversation about death. Come join the conversation.

Death Cafe	Thursday, January 9 at 6 p.m.	Library! at Collister - Sycamore Room
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Earth Day Celebration
 We'll plant seeds, make recycled art, and learn about making sustainable practices a part of your everyday life.

Earth Day Celebration	Friday, April 19, from 4-5 p.m.	Library! at Collister (Catalpa and Sycamore Rooms)
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Free Swap
 Find some new treasures! Home goods, toys, books, and other miscellaneous items all accepted. No donation necessary to participate. We will be accepting donations the week of the swap, April 14th-April 19th. Any leftover items will be donated to a local thrift store.

Free Swap	Friday, April 18 & Saturday April 19, all day	Library! at Hillcrest - Butte Room
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Learn to Knit
 Do you want to learn to knit, but are too scared to take the first step? Confused by the variety of yarn and knitting supplies? Come learn at the Library! Basic supplies will be provided. Over the course of four weeks, you will build your skills and create a beautiful project. Registration is required.

Learn to Knit	Wednesdays, January 8, 15, 22, 29, from 6-7:15 p.m.	Library! at Hillcrest - Butte 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. ***THIS PROGRAM IS FOR FANS AGE 8 AND UP.**

Pokémon League	Tuesdays from 6-7:30 p.m.	Library! at Bown Crossing - Martie Brennan Room
	Wednesdays from 6-7:30 p.m.	Library! at Collister - Sycamore Room



WINTER READING PROGRAM

February 1-28 | All Locations | AGES 0-18

Beat the winter blues with a good story! Winter Reading encourages kids and teens ages 0-18 to read every day throughout February to earn fun prizes. Starts February 1! See BoisePublicLibrary.org for details.

ALL AGES EVENTS CONT'D

Tiny Art Show Series: Paint Night
 "Come to the Library! at Bown Crossing to create a 3x3 canvas masterpiece. Create a individual, unique piece of art that will be displayed at our Tiny Art Show on January 29. **Registration required.** Supplies will be provided.

Tiny Art Show Series: Paint Night	Wednesday, January 15 from 4-5:30 p.m.	Library! at Bown Crossing - Martie Brennan Room
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Tiny Art Show Series: Art Show
 Come tour a Tiny Art Show with the Library! at Bown Crossing. Come see 3x3 canvas artworks made by members of your community. Snacks will be provided. Snazzy attire optional.

Tiny Art Show Series: Art Show	Wednesday, January 29 from 4-5 p.m.	Library! at Bown Crossing - David Eberle Room
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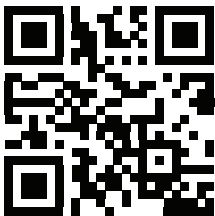
We Heart Dogs
 Come meet incredible working dogs and learn about all the amazing things they do! We'll have dog and human guests from various city departments and outside organizations There will also be games, crafts, and snacks! Note: while we would love to meet them, please leave your own dogs at home for this event.

We Heart Dogs	Saturday, February 8 from 12-1 p.m.	Downtown Library - Hayes Auditorium
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BOISE WRITER IN RESIDENCE, SUSAN BRUN
All Locations | All Ages
January 22, 6-7:45 p.m. – Library! at Collister, Sycamore Room
February 12, 6-7:45p.m. – Downtown Library, Marion Bingham Room
March 19, 6-7:45 p.m. — Library! at Cole & Ustick, Sagebrush Room (Culminating Event)
April – TBD – Alan Heathcock
 Please BoisePublicLibrary.org/Calendar for updates

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