

Program Guide

BOISE PUBLIC
Library!



Welcome to the Library's Fall Program Guide!

With the beginning of fall, the Library is looking forward to spooky stories featuring pumpkins and black cats, programs that inspire writers and readers, and book clubs that connect people of all interests across Boise. Whether you want to learn a new craft, try to new recipe, or join a dance party to wiggle with your friends, there is something for everyone this season at the Boise Public Library. Enjoy!

– Jessica Dorr, Boise Public Library Director

All Library locations will be closed:

Sept. 7 (Labor Day)

Nov. 11 (Veterans Day)

Nov. 26 (Thanksgiving Day)

Dec. 25 (Christmas Day)

Closing Early:

**2 p.m. on Dec. 24
(Christmas Eve)**

**6 p.m. on Dec. 31
(New Year's Eve)**

Visit boisepubliclibrary.org/calendar for the most up-to-date program information or call us at 208-972-8200 (TTY: 711). Programs subject to change.

BABIES, TODDLERS, AND PRESCHOOL (Ages 0-5)

Baby Stories and Play

Library staff will help you nurture your child's reading through 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! Designed for children 0-24 months and their caregivers.

Baby Stories and Play	Mondays, 10:30-11:30 a.m.	Library! at Cole and Ustick - Sagebrush Room
	Mondays, 2-3 p.m.	
	Wednesdays, 10:30-11:30 a.m.	Library! at Collister - Sycamore Room
	Thursdays, 10:30-11:30 a.m.	Library! at Bown Crossing - Martie Brennan Room
	Fridays, 10:30-11:30 a.m.	Library! at Hillcrest - Canyon Room

Family Storytime

Join us for stories, games, music, and other educational activities for children 5 and under and their caregivers.

Family Storytime	Tuesdays, 10:30-11 a.m.	Library! at Hillcrest - Canyon Room
	Wednesdays, 10:30-11 a.m.	Library! at Cole and Ustick - Sagebrush Room
	Thursdays, 10:30-11:30 a.m.	Library! at Collister - Sycamore Room

Halloween Parade and Party

Come get spooky at the Downtown Library! We'll begin with a parade and trick-or-treating through the Library, followed by crafts and games in the Youth Services area. Costumes are highly encouraged!

Halloween Parade and Party	Friday, Oct 30, 10:30-11:30 a.m.	Downtown Library -Youth Services
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Music and Movement

Get moving and grooving! Music and Movement focuses on healthy and fun ways to move your body with activities like yoga and dance! This program is geared toward ages 2-5, but all ages are welcome!

Music and Movement	Mondays, 10:30-11 a.m.	Library! at Collister - Sycamore Room
	Tuesdays, 10:30-11 a.m.	Library! at Cole and Ustick - Sagebrush Room

Music and Movement - Halloween Parade

A Halloween-themed parade through the Library to various trick-or-treating stations. Costumes are highly encouraged!

Music and Movement - Halloween Parade	Tuesday, Oct. 27, 10:30-10:45 a.m.	Library! at Bown Crossing - Martie Brennan Room
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Music and Movement in the Park

Shake, shimmy, and dance! This program is primarily music-based, and is designed for ages 0-6 and their caregivers. Please bring a blanket or chair to sit on and dress for the weather.

Music and Movement in the Park	Tuesdays, 10:30-11 a.m.	Ivywild Park (416 W. Ivywild St.)
	Fridays through Nov. 27, 10:30-11 a.m.	Ann Morrison Park, Old Timer's Shelter (1130 W. Royal Blvd.)

Pajama Storytime

Put on your jammies and grab your stuffie for an evening of stories, dance, and fun! This program is designed for families of any age or makeup. Pajamas are encouraged by not required.

Pajama Storytime	Wednesdays, 6:30-7 p.m.	Downtown Library -Youth Services
	1st Wednesdays of the month, 6:30-7 p.m.	Library! Bown Crossing - Children's Area

Play and Learn

Enjoy some open-ended play time and socialization with other children ages 5 and under and their caregivers.

Play and Learn	Fridays, 10:30-11:30 a.m.	Library! at Cole and Ustick - Sagebrush Room
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BABIES, TODDLERS, AND PRESCHOOL (Ages 0-5) CONT'D

Preschool Storytime

Prepare your children for kindergarten with fun, interactive stories and a craft. For children ages 3-5 and their caregivers.

Preschool Storytime	Thursdays, 10:30-11:30 a.m.	Library! at Cole and Ustick - Sagebrush Room
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Saturday Stories and Play

Start the weekends with a fun storytime followed by open play time. Suitable for children 5 and under and their caregivers.

Saturday Stories and Play	1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month, 10:30-11:30 a.m.	Library! at Cole and Ustick - Sagebrush Room
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Scary Storytime

Celebrate Halloween with stories and a spooky craft activity. For children ages 3-5.

Scary Storytime	Friday, Oct 30, 10:30-11 a.m.	Library! at Bown Crossing - Martie Brennan Room
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Stories and Sensory Play

Stories and Sensory Play combines reading with other activities that use the senses, such as sensory bins, felt stories, songs, and dance. Sensory play helps children develop language and motor skills, as well as help with cognitive growth and social interactions. Together, we'll explore mini-sensory bins, specially curated for kids aged 2-5. We'll also work on a craft.

Stories and Sensory Play	2nd Fridays of the month, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.	Library! at Bown Crossing - Martie Brennan Room
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Storytime in the Grass

Come join us in the grass between the Library! at Bown Crossing and Riverside Elementary for an outdoor storytime! We will read stories, sing songs, and play games to help practice early literacy skills. Don't forget to bring a blanket to sit on! Suitable for children 5 years and under.

Storytime in the Grass	Fridays in Sept. and Oct., 10:30-11 a.m.	The grass between the Library! at Bown Crossing and Riverside Elementary
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Tales and Trails

Get to know some of Boise's beautiful paths and trails! Each week, Library staff will share a story and lead participants on a short walk through nature. Families of all ages and makeup are welcome. See Library calendar for weekly location and registration information. Not all walks are stroller-friendly. **REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**

Tales and Trails	Thursdays, 9-10 a.m. through Oct. 29	Various
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Tales and Trails - Hyatt Hidden Lakes Reserve

Each week, Library staff will share a story and lead participants on a short walk through Hyatt Hidden Lakes Reserve. This walk is stroller-friendly. Families of all ages and makeup are welcome. Please bring the following with you, as needed: weather appropriate clothing, good footwear, water, sunscreen and hat. **REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**

Tales and Trails - Hyatt Hidden Lakes Reserve	Mondays, Sept. 14 through Nov. 16, 9-10 a.m.	Hyatt Hidden Lakes Reserve (5301 N. Maple Grove Rd.)
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Toddler Storytime

Come enjoy songs, stories, and learning together! This program is designed for children ages 2-3 and their caregivers.

Toddler Storytime	Wednesdays, 10:30-11 a.m.	Library! at Bown Crossing - Martie Brennan Room
	Thursdays, 10:30-11:30 a.m.	Library! at Hillcrest - Butte Room



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 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 (Ages 6-11)

Author Visit: Shannon Hale

Join Rediscovered Books and Boise Public Library for a talk with author Shannon Hale. She'll discuss her newest book, *Dream Big*. There will be a signing following the talk. **REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**

Author Visit: Shannon Hale	Monday, Sept. 21, 6:30-8 p.m.	Library! at Hillcrest
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Build-a-Monster

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

Build-a-Monster	Wednesday, Oct. 21, 4-5 p.m.	Library! at Bown Crossing - Martie Brennan Room
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Community STEAM DAY

STEAM Day will provide hands-on learning experiences. Activities will highlight STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, and math) and storytelling. Create videos and animations, program robots, build characters, explore augmented reality, and more! Open to learners of all ages. Brought to learners by Onramp Program and Boise State University College of Innovation and Design, in conjunction with Boise Public Library and other local STEAM partners.

Community STEAM DAY	Friday, Oct. 16, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.	Library! at Cole and Ustick - Sagebrush Room
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Crafternoons for Kids

Join us for a new arts and crafts project every week! Designed for kids ages 6-11. Younger children may need adult assistance.

Crafternoons for Kids	Tuesdays, 4-5 p.m.	Library! at Collister - Sycamore Room
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Create and Connect

Create and Connect is a drop-in program for kids ages 5-13 and their families where you get to decide how you spend your time! Build something awesome with LEGO®, create your own craft or drawing, read or relax in a cozy corner, and then, if you would like, you can share what you've made or learned during the optional group circle at the end. Snacks are provided, and everyone is welcome - come explore, create, and connect in your own way!

Create and Connect	Mondays, 4-5:30 p.m.	Library! at Hillcrest - Front Porch
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Homeschool Huddle

Join us for Homeschool Huddle, for kids ages 6-11! Kids will experience fun, hands-on STEAM activities in this program. All families are welcome to attend, even if you do not homeschool. We encourage caregivers to stay and chat with each other during the program. Topics rotate each session!

Homeschool Huddle	2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month, 2-3 p.m.	Library at Cole and Ustick - Sagebrush Room
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Free Digital Subscriptions!

Newspapers, Magazines, Movies, and More

Find news from the *Idaho Statesman*, a movie to watch with the kids, or an idea for dinner with *The New York Times Cooking*. There's something for everyone at your fingertips!



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boisepubliclibrary.org/digital-resources

YOUTH (Ages 6-11) CONT'D

Kids' Crafts

Enjoy a variety of fun crafts each month! All materials are provided.

Kids' Crafts	2nd Saturdays of the month, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.	Library! at Cole and Ustick - Sagebrush Room
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School Age Fun

Join us for fun, hands-on activities such as cardboard forts, stop-motion animation, window painting, and more. Activities rotate each session. For kids ages 6-11.

School Age Fun	Wednesdays, 4-5 p.m.	Library! at Collister - Sycamore Room
	Thursdays, 4-5 p.m.	Library! at Hillcrest - Front Porch

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, 4-5 p.m.	Library! at Collister - Sycamore Room
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Stuffed Animal Sleepover

Bring your stuffed animal friend to Pajama Storytime for a special stuffed animal sleepover at the Library! Your stuffy will get to spend the night at the Library to read books, have fun, and make new friends. Pickup your stuffies on Friday, October 9.

Stuffed Animal Sleepover	Wednesday, Oct. 7, 6:30-7 p.m.	Library! at Bown Crossing - Children's Area
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TEENS (Ages 12-18)

Nintendo Club

Join us as we play a variety of multiplayer games on the Nintendo Switch. We will have a selection of games that we rotate through, so there's bound to be something fun for every gamer – including snacks!

Nintendo Club	Mondays, 4-5:30 p.m.	Library! at Bown Crossing - Martie Brennan Room
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Panel Power: A Comic Book Club for Teens!

Panel Power is a meeting for teen comic book fans. It includes history lessons, group discussions, craft activities, and more. Come down and meet with other nerds about graphic novels, superheroes, and all the sorts. It'll be fun!

Panel Power: A Comic Book Club for Teens!	1st and 3rd Fridays of the month, 4-5 p.m.	Library! at Hillcrest - Front Porch
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Seeing Things – Photography for Teens

Join us in a fun, hands-on way to explore cameras, composition, and visual storytelling. Through guided lessons, outdoor shoots, and collaborative projects, you'll learn how to capture meaningful images while developing your visual voice. Bring your cameras or smart phones; no special equipment required.

Seeing Things – Photography for Teens	1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month, 4-5 p.m.	Library! at Collister - Catalpa Room
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Teen Club: Dungeons and Dragons

Join us after school as we learn to play Dungeons and Dragons and go on grand adventures! All skill levels are welcome. Ages 12-17.

Teen Club: Dungeons and Dragons	2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month, 4-5 p.m.	Library! at Cole and Ustick - Sagebrush Room
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TEENS (Ages 12-18) CONT'D

Teen Club: Life Skills

Join us for a monthly program that will help teens learn the skills they'll need to meet the challenges of adulthood. We'll include workshops and hands-on activities to build confidence and set teens up for success in relationships, work, home, and life. Ages 12-17.

Teen Club: Life Skills	3rd Thursdays of the month, 4-5 p.m.	Library! at Cole and Ustick - Sagebrush Room
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Teen Club: Video Games

Join us after school for a variety of video games! Ages 12-17.

Teen Club: Video Games	1st Thursdays of the month	Library! at Cole and Ustick - Sagebrush Room
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Teen Hangout

Join us to play games, do arts and crafts and just hang out! Snacks provided.

Teen Hangout	Tuesdays, 4-5 p.m.	Library! at Cole and Ustick - Sagebrush Room
	Tuesdays through Dec. 8, 5-6 p.m.	Downtown Library

Teen Renaissance Faire

Hear ye, fair and good teens of the Library! You are invited to a Renaissance Faire! Join us for an afternoon of frivolity, merriment, and for a chance to be named a Knight of the Realm! Costumes are encouraged, no weapons please.

Teen Renaissance Faire	Tuesday, Oct. 6, 4-5 p.m.	Library! at Cole and Ustick - Sagebrush Room
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TTRPG, But You're a Cow: Escape into the City!

The premise of this game is simple: Be a cow. Do cow-like things. Have some bovine adventures. Don't worry about creating your cow ahead of time – we'll go through character creation at the beginning of the game. Just bring yourself, enjoy some snacks, and get ready to moo-ve around the big city! **REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**

TTRPG, But You're a Cow: Escape into the City!	Wednesday, Aug. 19, 4-5:30 p.m.	Library! at Bown Crossing - Martie Brennan Room
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1000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN



Get your child ready to read by sharing books together!

- For kids ages 0-5
- Pick up a reading log at your library
- Earn prizes along the way!



boisepubliclibrary.org/using-the-library/1000-books-before-kindergarten/

TEENS/ADULTS (Ages 12+)

Book Binding: Beginner's

Looking for a new craft to do? Want to learn how to make a book of your own? Join us in learning the basics of Coptic or French Link Binding! For ages 12 and older. **REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**

Book Binding: Beginner's	Thursday, Sept. 24, 5:30-7:30 p.m.	Library! at Bown Crossing - Martie Brennan Room
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Dungeon Club: Mini Painting

Do you have a character that needs a new mini? Are you working on terrain for your next campaign? Bring your minis, paints, and brushes and spend an evening with your fellow hobbyists! If you are new to the hobby – or just want to give it a try – some supplies will be provided. For ages 12 and older.

Dungeon Club: Mini Painting	Thursdays, Sept. 17 and Nov. 19, 6-7:30 p.m.	Library! at Bown Crossing - David Eberle Room
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Dungeon Club: World Maps

Working on your own homebrewed world, but stumped on how the world looks? This is the session for you! Learn how to draw basic maps complete with mountain ranges, cities, rivers and more. Utilize the power of beans to craft convincing continents and bodies of water! By the end of this session, you'll have a wonderful map to dazzle your players with. For ages 12 and older. **REGISTRATION ENCOURAGED.**

Dungeon Club: World Maps	Thursday, Sept. 3, 6-7:30 p.m.	Library! at Bown Crossing - Martie Brennan Room
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Embossed Metal Ornaments

Join us for a fun class to learn basic metal embossing and make unique metal ornaments. For ages 12 and older. **REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**

Embossed Metal Ornaments	Wednesday, Nov. 25, 5:30-7 p.m.	Library! at Bown Crossing - Martie Brennan Room
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Goth Craft Club: Lightbulb Hot Air Balloons

Join us as we turn lightbulbs into whimsical (or malevolent) hot air balloon ornaments. For ages 12 and older. **REGISTRATION ENCOURAGED.**

Goth Craft Club: Lightbulb Hot Air Balloons	Thursday, Nov. 12, 6-7:30 p.m.	Library! at Bown Crossing - Martie Brennan Room
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Hobbitcore Crafts: Painted Wood Ornaments

As the nights grow long and cold, it is the perfect time to fill your world with cozy decorations! Learn the art of decorating wood slices with paint and nature-inspired motifs. Whatever you make is yours to keep! For ages 12 and older. **REGISTRATION ENCOURAGED.**

Hobbitcore Crafts: Painted Wood Ornaments	Thursday, Nov. 5, 6-7:30 p.m.	Library! at Bown Crossing - David Eberle Room
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Junk Journaling

Get creative and try something new – Junk Journaling! A junk journal combines writing with images, drawings, daily scraps, mementos, and much more. Experiment with various mixed-media journaling techniques and create something uniquely you. Supplies and practice journals will be provided. For ages 12 and older.

Junk Journaling	Tuesdays, Sept. 22, Oct. 27 and Nov. 24, 4-5 p.m.	Library! at Hillcrest - Front Porch
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Painting Pokemon Cards: Spooky Edition!

Have a bunch of Pokemon cards, and don't know what to do with them? Let's paint on them! This session, you'll learn how to paint on bulk cards with acrylic paint, pens, and other supplies. The theme this round is "Keeping it spooky!" For ages 12 and older. **REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**

Painting Pokemon Cards: Spooky Edition!	Thursday, Oct. 8, 6 - 7:30 p.m.	Library! at Bown Crossing - Martie Brennan Room
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ADULTS (Ages 18+)

Adult Social

Join other adults for some socialization while doing various activities. Supplies and light refreshments will be provided.

Adult Social	2nd Thursdays of the month, 6:30-7:45 p.m.	Library! at Cole and Ustick - Sagebrush Room
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Afternoon Soiree

Join us for an afternoon exploring new ideas, enjoying great conversations, and having fun! We have rotating topics and projects each month.

Afternoon Soiree	2nd Thursdays of the month, 6:30-7:45 p.m.	Library! at Collister - Catalpa Room
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Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group

Conducted by trained facilitators from the Alzheimer's Association, this support group on the Boise Bench 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	1st and 3rd Mondays of the month, 10:15-11:15 a.m.	Library! at Hillcrest - Canyon Room
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American Red Cross Blood Drive

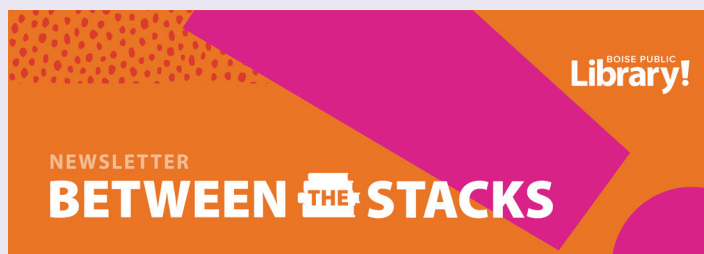
One blood donation can save three lives. Schedule your appointment online at redcrossblood.org or through the Blood Donor American Red Cross app. User sponsor code "CU Library" for the Library! at Cole and Ustick or "Bown" for the Library! at Bown Crossing. **REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**

American Red Cross Blood Drive	Monday, Sept. 28 and Dec. 28, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.	Library! at Bown Crossing - Martie Brennan Room
	Friday, Nov. 13, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.	Library! at Cole and Ustick - Sagebrush Room

Book Clubs

Boise Public Library hosts a wide variety of book clubs at many different locations. More details for each club at boisepubliclibrary.org/calendar Try one out and see which is best for you!

Books and Brews	2nd Mondays of the month, 6:30-7:30 p.m.	Push & Pour (13 S. Latah St.)
	3rd Wednesdays of the month, 6-7:30 p.m.	Burger N' Brew (4295 W. State St.)
	1st Thursdays of the month, 6-7:30 p.m.	Common Ground Coffee and Market (6419 W. Ustick Rd.)
Bown Crossing Library Book Club	Sept. 4 (<i>Tilt</i> by Emma Pattee), Oct. 2 (<i>The Haunting of Hill House</i> by Shirley Jackson), Nov. 6 (<i>Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret</i> by Judy Blume) and Dec. 4 (<i>The Bear and the Nightingale</i> by Katherine Arden), 10:30-11:30 a.m.	Library! at Bown Crossing - Martie Brennan Room
Collister Book Club	2nd Tuesdays of the month, 2-3:30 p.m.	Library! at Collister - Catalpa Room
Queer Book Club	1st Wednesdays of the month, 6-7 p.m.	Library! at Hillcrest - Front Porch
Short Story Book Club	2nd Fridays of the month, 10:30-11:30 a.m.	Library! at Bown Crossing - David Eberle Room
Ultimate Book Nerd Book Club	3rd Wednesdays of the month, 1-2 p.m.	Library! at Hillcrest - Front Porch



Our monthly newsletter, *Between the Stacks*, is the best way to keep in touch with all the wonderful programs, events, and resources the Boise Public Library has to offer. Sign up for the newsletter and see for yourself!
boisepubliclibrary.org/newsletter



ADULTS (Ages 18+) CONT'D

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! **REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**

Bunco	1st Thursdays of the month, 4:30-6:30 p.m.	Library! at Hillcrest - Butte Room
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Classic Horror Movie Nights

Celebrate classic horror cinema! We'll showcase three iconic horror films throughout the month of October. Popcorn and soda will be provided. Drop-ins are welcome, but **REGISTRATION ENCOURAGED.**

Classic Horror Movie Nights	Thursdays, Oct. 15 (<i>Little Shop of Horrors</i> , 1960), Oct. 22 (<i>Last Man on Earth</i> , 1964) and Oct. 29 (<i>House on Haunted Hill</i> , 1959), 6-7:45 p.m.	Library! at Hillcrest - Butte Room
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Coffee and Conversations

Join the Community Resource Coordinator and 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 coloring, puzzles, and games.

Coffee and Conversations	2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month, 10-11:30 a.m.	Library! at Cole and Ustick
	2nd and 4th Fridays of the month, 10-11:30 a.m.	Downtown Library

Coming Home: Women's Reentry Networking Group

In collaboration with Recovery Idaho and the Idaho Department of Correction Reentry Program, the Library! at Cole and Ustick is hosting a program for women returning from incarceration. This program will begin with time for attending organizations and individuals to introduce themselves, followed by a presentation on a rotating topic, and ending with time to speak with individuals and organizations about services available to help establish a home, reunite with children, and find employment. If you are a woman returning from incarceration, this program is for you! Come chat for five minutes or stay for the whole time.

Coming Home: Women's Reentry Networking Group	4th Wednesdays of the month, 12-1:15 p.m.	Library! at Cole and Ustick - Sagebrush Room
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Crafternoons

A monthly craft project for adults covering a variety of art media. All skill levels are welcome! Come create something amazing, and maybe even make a few new friends, too. **REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**

Crafternoons	3rd Wednesdays of the month, 3-4:30 p.m.	Library! at Hillcrest - Butte Room
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Creative Corner

Bring a creative project that you want to work on or try something new using our project starter supplies.

Creative Corner	Wednesdays, 12-2 p.m.	Library! at Bown Crossing - Martie Brennan Room
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Creative Writing Group

Do you want to connect with a creative writing community? This program is where writers help writers. Each month we focus on an element of the writing process with coaching, writing prompts for growth, peer support for works in progress, sharing of various writing tools, and author presentations. Writers of all genres and levels are welcome. **REGISTRATION ENCOURAGED.**

Creative Writing Group	1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month, 6-7:30 p.m.	Library! at Cole and Ustick - Sagebrush Room
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English Practice Meet-Up

Do you want to practice speaking English? Come and talk to us! We'll meet weekly for guided conversation and practice.

English Practice Meet-Up	Fridays, 10-11 a.m.	Library! at Collister - Catalpa Room
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ADULTS (Ages 18+) CONT'D

Fit and Fall Proof

Fit and Fall Proof™ is designed to help senior citizens prevent injuries and the subsequent loss of independence. Class participants learn simple exercises to increase strength, balance and endurance, which can help prevent the accidental falls and tripping sometimes associated with age. Please contact CDH's Fit & Fall Proof™ Coordinator Mike Rice at 208-327-8591 for current availability. **REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**

Fit and Fall Proof	Mondays and Wednesdays, 10:30-11:30 a.m.	Library! at Hillcrest - Butte Room
	Tuesdays and Thursdays, 12-1 p.m.	Library! at Cole and Ustick - Sagebrush Room
	Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:15-10 a.m.	Library! at Collister - Sycamore Room
	Tuesdays and Fridays, 1-2 p.m.	Library! at Bown Crossing

Fiber Arts Society

Bring your fiber arts projects to the Library! at Cole and Ustick and join other crafters in a creative and social setting! Crafters of all skill levels are welcome. We also have an ongoing community service project aimed to give back to those in need. Anyone can participate, but it's not mandatory. What we are looking for is any handmade cold weather items like hats, gloves, socks, scarves, etc. Please reach out to dwrta@cityofboise.org with any questions.

Fiber Arts Society	Wednesdays, 2-3:30 p.m.	Library at Cole and Ustick - Sagebrush Room
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The Good Death

Victoria Craig, therapist and life coach, will explore the topic of aging, caregiving, and end-of-life issues. Victoria recently completed her DoulaGivers certification and the topics rotate monthly.

The Good Death	1st Wednesdays of the month, 6-7:30 p.m.	Library! at Collister - Catalpa Room
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Happiness Quest

Join us for a six-month exploration of ways to achieve greater personal happiness.

Happiness Quest	Tuesdays, Oct. 20, Nov. 3, 17, Dec. 1 and 15, 6-7:45 p.m.	Library! at Collister - Sycamore Room
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Hillcrest Writing Ring

Join our critique and motivation group for aspiring writers of all genres! A topic on writing will be presented if there are no critiques that week. Register to receive notice of upcoming discussion topic and/or material for review. Due to the open and creative nature of literature, adult topics may be presented.

Hillcrest Writing Ring	Thursdays, Sept. 10, 24, Oct. 8, 22, Nov. 12, Dec. 10, 6-7:30 p.m.	Library! at Hillcrest - Butte Room
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Hyggeligt Bibliotek!

"Hygge [hue-gah] noun: A calm and comfortable atmosphere. Enjoying simple pleasures and spending quality time with friends and family." Come enjoy hygge moments with us at Boise Public Library! Cozy activities, drinks and light snacks.

Hyggeligt Bibliotek!	Wednesday, Dec. 9, 6-7:30 p.m.	Library! at Bown Crossing - Martie Brennan Room
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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.

ADULTS (Ages 18+) CONT'D

If You Can Dream It, You Can Publish It: An Introductory Zine Workshop

Come make a zine with Lawrence Shaw, a local artist and co-founder of Boise Zine Fest, Boise's longest-running independent print media festival. This workshop offers an overview of the history and culture of zine-making, followed by a creative brainstorming session designed to help participants generate ideas for their own zines. You will be able to create your own zine with materials we provide, or you can bring your own drawing, writing, or collage supplies.

If You Can Dream It, You Can Publish It: An Introductory Zine Workshop	Thursday, Oct. 1, 6-7:30 p.m.	Library! at Cole and Ustick - Sagebrush Room
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Laid-Back Craft Club for New Adults

If you enjoy crafting and are 18-25 years old, this is the group for you! You can either bring your own craft or try one of our monthly crafts in a laid-back atmosphere.

Laid-Back Craft Club for New Adults	Thursdays, Sept. 17, Oct. 15 and Nov. 19, 6-7:30 p.m.	Downtown Library
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Life Café

Join Karen Midlo, Community Educator and End-of-Life Doula, for presentations, documentary viewing, and short readings meant to inspire helpful conversation about living and dying well.

Life Café	2nd Tuesdays of the month, 6-7:30 p.m.	Library! at Collister - Catalpa Room
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Paint and Sip

Join us at the Library! at Cole and Ustick to paint your own masterpiece in this fun, step-by-step program. We'll enjoy sparkling water and follow along with a guided painting video. All skill levels are welcome. **REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**

Paint and Sip	Wednesdays, Sept. 23, Oct. 28, Nov. 25 and Dec. 9, 6-7:30 p.m.	Library! at Cole and Ustick - Sagebrush Room
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Quiet Create

This is a monthly program for adults that encourages parallel play (doing an independent activity while sharing space with others). The first half of this meetup is quiet with minimal chatting, and the second half encourages relaxed conversation. Bring a book, craft, game, project, or just show up! We'll have puzzles and coloring sheets on hand.

Quiet Create	2nd Wednesdays of the month, 5:30-6:30 p.m.	Library! at Hillcrest - Front Porch
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Scam Prevention Workshop with BPD

October is National Crime Prevention Month. Join the Library! at Hillcrest and members of the Crime Prevention Team with the Boise Police Department for guidance on common financial scams and tips to avoid them.

Scam Prevention Workshop with BPD	Tuesday, Oct. 13, 1-2 p.m.	Library! at Hillcrest - Butte Room
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Senior Social

Come socialize, meet new people, and play games. The first Friday of every month will be Bingo in partnership with the Dick Eardley Senior Center.

Senior Social	1st and 3rd Fridays of the month, 12:30-2 p.m.	Library! at Cole and Ustick - Sagebrush Room
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Sewing 201

Take your sewing skills to the next level with Sewing 201! These classes will cover intermediate sewing techniques with a variety of monthly projects designed to be completed over the course of two evening sessions. Sewing machines will be available but you can bring your own if you prefer. **REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**

Sewing 201	Tuesdays, Sept. 1, Sept. 22, Oct. 6 and Oct. 27, 6-7:30 p.m.	Library! at Collister - Sycamore Room
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Speak German to Me

Interested in German and want people to talk to? Used to know German and want to get back into it? Speak fluently and want to show us a thing or two? Join us for some German conversation!

Speak German to Me	Tuesdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m.	Library! at Cole and Ustick - Bitterbrush Room
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Spice Club for Adults

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 and recipes to try at home.

Spice Club for Adults	3rd Fridays of the month, 10:30-11:30 a.m.	Library! at Bown Crossing - David Eberle Room
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Threadbenders

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

Threadbenders	3rd Thursdays of the month, 6-7:30 p.m.	Library! at Collister - Sycamore Room
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Unraveled: A Yarn Guild

Join a 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, including preemie baby beanies for St. Alphonsus, crate blankets for the Idaho Humane Society, and beanies for the Boise Bicycle Project. Limited supplies for humanitarian projects are available.

Unraveled: A Yarn Guild	Mondays, 3-4:30 p.m.	Library! at Hillcrest - Butte Room
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Wordsmith Workshop

Teens and adults of any experience level and genre (poetry, fiction, memoir, etc.) are welcome to join this biweekly generative creative writing workshop. Each session will feature a piece of writing or art for discussion, an accompanying prompt, time to write, and the opportunity to share in a supportive environment.

Wordsmith Workshop	2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month, 6:30-7:30 p.m.	Library! at Collister - Catalpa Room
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The Library! works with several organizations to host pop-ups that provide resources and services to community members.

- **Community Resource Porch Pop-Up:** Housing specialists and patient navigators will be available. Our Path Home Street Outreach provides services to those experiencing a housing crisis. Terry Reilly Health Services provides medical, dental, behavioral health, and pharmacy services. Other community partners like HUD-VASH veteran services, WCA, and Thrive Community Services also attend.

Community Resource Porch Pop-Up	Every 1st Wednesday and 3rd Monday from 9:30-11:30 a.m.	Downtown Library
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- **Hays House Outreach:** Hays House is for youth ages 9-17 who need a safe place to stay.

Hays House Outreach	Every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month from 3-4 p.m.	Library! at Hillcrest
	Every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month from 3-4 p.m.	Library! at Cole and Ustick

- **Boise Legal Clinic:** These appointments will NOT be at the Downtown Library in 2026. The Idaho Volunteer Lawyers Program provides free legal clinics for low-income individuals and families (laserfiche.isb.idaho.gov/Forms/ClinicReg). You must have an appointment to attend. Please ask Library staff for assistance.

ALL AGES EVENTS

Black Friday Toy and Puzzle Swap

Help your unused toys and puzzles find a new home and “shop” sustainably on Black Friday weekend. Drop off your gently used puzzles and toys at the Library! at Cole & Ustick Nov 1-26. Please make sure all donations are clean and have all their pieces.

Black Friday Toy and Puzzle Swap	Friday, Nov. 27, 12-6 p.m.	Library! at Cole and Ustick - Sagebrush Room
	Saturday, Nov. 28, 10-2 p.m.	

Boise Public Library Pokémon League

Come and play the Pokémon Trading Card Game with other Pokémon enthusiasts! Using your own cards (or we 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 ages 8 and older.

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

Book Folding Sculpture - Owl

Learn how to mark and fold a book into the 3D image of an owl. This event is a prelude to our “Owls of Idaho” event on October 13, and it is also a perfect project for Halloween’s owl folklore. Instruction and all materials will be supplied.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Book Folding Sculpture - Owl	Tuesday, Oct. 6, 6:30-7:30 p.m.	Library! at Hillcrest - Butte Room
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Clothing Swap

Give your wardrobe a refresh without spending a dime! Drop off your gently used clothing and accessories at the Library anytime between Sept. 15-24 for sorting. Then, on Sept. 26, join us for the swap! Anyone is welcome to take clothing, regardless if he/she/they donated.

Clothing Swap	Saturday, Sep. 26, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.	Library! at Cole and Ustick - Sagebrush Room
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Christmas Caroling

Come sing along to popular Christmas hits for all ages! Back by popular demand this program will feature a live harpist to welcome the season.

Christmas Caroling	Saturday, Dec. 5, 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Library! at Bown Crossing - Martie Brennan Room
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Community Holiday Party and Resource Fair

The holidays are for everyone! We will celebrate together with coffee, food, music, and conversation. We’ll be joined by many of our community partners for a resource fair, including free haircuts for those in need.

Community Holiday Party and Resource Fair	Friday, Dec. 4, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Library! at Collister
	Friday, Dec. 11, 2:30-5:30 p.m.	Library! at Cole and Ustick
	Friday, Dec. 18, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Library! at Hillcrest

Craft a Spell Book

Add a little spice to your witch costume or Halloween decorations this year with a homemade spell book! Come decorate some spooky books with us. **REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**

Craft a Spell Book	Thursday, Oct. 22, 6:30-7:30 p.m.	Library! at Bown Crossing - Martie Brennan Room
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Family Reading Night

Join us for an evening of stories, crafts, snacks, and songs! As part of the annual Idaho Family Reading Week celebrations, there will be fun giveaways for all families who attend. All ages welcome!

Family Reading Night	Wednesday, Nov. 18, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.	Library! at Hillcrest - Butte Room
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Free Swap

Join us for a Free Swap! Find some new treasures! Home goods, toys, books, etc. all accepted. No donation necessary to participate. We will be accepting donations Nov. 9-14. Any leftover items will be donated to a local thrift store.

Free Swap	Friday, Nov. 13, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 14, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Library at Hillcrest - Butte Room
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ALL AGES EVENTS CONT'D

Gift Wrapping Party

Join us for a holiday gift wrapping party! Decorate some gift bags, learn gift wrapping techniques, wrap your gifts, and socialize! Just bring your gifts, and we'll provide everything else including wrapping paper, tissue paper, gift tags, bags, ribbon, and other decorations. Wrapping supplies will be set out for the remainder of the week as well.

Gift Wrapping Party	Tuesday, Dec. 15, 3-5 p.m.	Library! at Hillcrest - Butte Room
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Halloween Costume Swap

Donate costumes of all ages and swap for a free costume this Halloween! Please bring clean, gently used costumes to the swap. You are welcome to take a costume without donating one, donate a costume without taking one, or donate a costume AND take one. We will be accepting donations Oct. 1-10. Any leftover items will be donated to a local thrift store.

Halloween Costume Swap	Saturday, Oct. 10, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.	Library! at Hillcrest - Front Porch
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Halloween Festival

Join the Halloween fun at Hillcrest! There will be spooky activities, treats, and other fun for all ages.

Halloween Festival	Friday, Oct. 30, 4-5 p.m.	Library! at Hillcrest - Butte Room
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Harvest Festival

It's fall, y'all! Celebrate the changing of the seasons and the fruits of the harvest with fun for all ages. Activities will include crafts, outdoor games, drinks and snacks.

Harvest Festival	Saturday, Oct. 24, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.	Library! at Cole and Ustick - Sagebrush Room
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LEGO® Club

Come hang out and build with LEGO® bricks! We will get creative and use our imaginations, with new themes every week!

LEGO® Club	Fridays, 4-5 p.m.	Library! at Bown Crossing - Martie Brennan Room
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Make and Swap Zines!

A zine (pronounced "zeen") is a small, handmade booklet about anything the author is interested in and wants to share with other people. This monthly program will provide collage materials and instructions on how to make your own zines, copy them, and swap them with others to share your art and knowledge!

Make and Swap Zines!	1st Saturdays of the month, 12:30-1:45 p.m.	Library! at Collister - Sycamore Room
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Noon Year's Eve

Don't want to wait until midnight to celebrate? Come ring in the new year with a countdown to noon! Join us for activities, crafts, a dance party, and a balloon drop!

Noon Year's Eve	Thursday, Dec. 31, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	JUMP (1000 W. Myrtle St.)
		Library! at Bown Crossing - Martie Brennan Room
		Library! at Cole and Ustick - Sagebrush room
		Library! at Collister - Sycamore Room
		Library! at Hillcrest - Butte Room

Owls of Idaho

This program introduces people to the incredible world of Idaho's owls, explaining how their specialized anatomy and behaviors allow them to thrive in a wide range of habitats. Discover the unique characteristics of local species—from tiny pygmy-owls to massive great grays—while learning tips for spotting them in the field. This class is taught by Golden Eagle Audubon volunteers.

Owls of Idaho	Tuesday, Oct. 13, 6:30-7:30 p.m.	Library! at Hillcrest - Butte Room
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Read to a Therapy Dog

Spend a few cozy minutes reading with one of our gentle, certified therapy dogs. These calm, canine companions make excellent listeners, helping readers of all ages build confidence, practice reading skills, and relax without pressure. They also provide a safe, supportive space for anyone who wants to become more comfortable around dogs. Bring a favorite book or pick one from our shelves, then settle in for 5–10 minutes of tail-wagging encouragement.

Read to a Therapy Dog	Tuesdays, 4-5 p.m.	Library! at Bown Crossing - Martie Brennan Room
	Fridays, Sept. 25 and Oct. 23, 4-5 p.m.	Library! at Cole and Ustick - Sagebrush Room
	2nd Fridays of the month, 4-5:30 p.m.	Library! at Collister - Canyon Room
	Saturdays, 10:30-11:30 a.m.	Library! at Collister - Sycamore Room

The Extraordinary Caterpillar film screening

In partnership with the Ada Soil & Water Conservation District, we're hosting a very special screening of *The Extraordinary Caterpillar*, a beautifully shot 60-minute documentary that reveals the vital—and often overlooked—role caterpillars play in our ecosystems. This is a chance to see nature in a whole new light—and to be part of the movement to bring it home. **REGISTRATION REQUESTED** through the Ada Soil & Water Conservation District.

The Extraordinary Caterpillar film screening	Tuesday, Sept. 22, 6-7:30 p.m.	Library! at Hillcrest - Butte Room
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Trees for Bees!

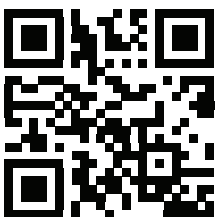
Trees cool our homes and streets, clean our air, and reduce flooding in urban areas. But did you know that they can also support our generalist pollinators through their nectar-rich blooms and serve as habitat for cavity-nesting bees and overwintering butterflies? In this enthusiastic lecture, you'll learn which trees support the bees and be(e)yond and come away with best practices to manage trees as habitat! **REGISTRATION REQUESTED** through the Ada Soil & Water Conservation District.

Trees for Bees!	Wednesday, Sept. 9, 6:30-7:30 p.m.	Library! at Hillcrest - Butte Room
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- 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.
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