

# Program Guide



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 (TTY: 711). Programs are subject to change.

**All Library locations will be closed on May 25 (Memorial Day), June 19 (Juneteenth) and July 3 and 4 (Independence Day).**

**The entire Downtown Library will also be closed for construction work May 3-12, reopening on the 2nd and 3rd floors on Wednesday, May 13. All other Boise Public Library locations will remain open with their regular hours during this time.**

## BABIES, TODDLERS, AND PRESCHOOL

### 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.

<b>Baby Stories and Play</b>	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 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Library! at Bown Crossing – Martie Brennan Room
	Fridays, 10:30-11:30 a.m.	Library! at Hillcrest - Canyon Room

# BABIES, TODDLERS, AND PRESCHOOL CONT'D

## Family Dance Party

Dance, shake and wiggle the morning away! Our family dance party will be filled with music, movement, bubbles, balloons, and a musical craft. Designed for children and their caregivers.

<b>Family Dance Party</b>	Saturday, Aug. 29, 10:30-11:30 a.m.	Library! at Cole and Ustick - Sagebrush Room
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## Family Storytime

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

<b>Family Storytime</b>	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

## 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!

<b>Music and Movement</b>	Mondays, 10:30-11 a.m.	Library! at Collister - Sycamore Room
	Tuesdays, 10:30-11 a.m.	Library! at Bown Crossing - Martie Brennan Room
		Library! at Cole and Ustick - Sagebrush Room
	Friday, Aug. 21 and Wednesday, Aug. 28. 10:30-11 a.m.	Library! at Cole and Ustick

## Outdoor Music and Movement

Join us for fun activities like yoga and dance in the park! This program is geared toward ages 2-5, but all ages are welcome. A water bottle, a picnic blanket and appropriate clothing are strongly encouraged.

<b>Outdoor Music and Movement</b>	Tuesdays, May-July, 10:30-11 a.m.	Winstead Park (6150 W Northview St)
		Ivywild Park (416 W Ivywild St)

## Outdoor Play and Learn

Outdoor Play and Learn is a caregiver-and-me program for babies, toddlers, and pre-k kids. We'll have scavenger hunts, plant life lessons, "insect soup" and more! It can get kind of messy, so dress appropriately!

<b>Outdoor Play and Learn</b>	Fridays in May, June 5, 12 and 26, July 10, 17 and 24 and 31, 10-11:30 a.m.	Winstead Park (6150 W Northview St)
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**Saturday, May 16**  
**10am - 2pm**  
**JUMP Boise**

**Summer Reading & Learning Celebration**

Logos: JUMP (Jack's Urban Meeting Place), Boise, Library!, Friends, and other community partners.

# BABIES, TODDLERS, AND PRESCHOOL CONT'D

## Pajama Storytime

An evening, family storytime where pajamas are encouraged but not required. We'll have books, rhymes, songs, and loads of fun!

<b>Pajama Storytime</b>	First Wednesday of the month, 6:30-7 p.m.	Library! Bown Crossing - Children's Area
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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.

<b>Play and Learn</b>	Fridays, Aug. 21 and 28, 10:30-11:30 a.m.	Library! at Cole and Ustick - Sagebrush Room
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## Preschool Storytime

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

<b>Preschool Storytime</b>	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.

<b>Saturday Stories and Play</b>	Saturdays, May 2, 16, June 6, 20, July 18 and Aug. 1, 10:30-11:30 a.m.	Library! at Cole and Ustick - Sagebrush 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.

<b>Stories and Sensory Play</b>	Fridays, May 8, June 12 and July 10, 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.

<b>Storytime in the Grass</b>	Fridays, May-June, 10:30-11:00 a.m.	The grass between the Library! at Bown Crossing and Riverside Elementary School
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## Tales and Trails

Come share a story and 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. **REGISTRATION REQUIRED.** See library calendar for weekly location and registration information.

<b>Tales and Trails</b>	Thursdays, beginning May 14, 9-10 a.m.	Offsite/Rotating
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## Tales and Trails - Hyatt Hidden Lakes Reserve

Hit the trails with us! Each week, Library staff will share a story and lead participants on a short walk through nature. The walk is stroller-friendly. Please bring the following with you, as needed: weather appropriate clothing, good footwear, water, sunscreen, and a hat. **REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**

<b>Tales and Trails - Hyatt Hidden Lakes Reserve</b>	Mondays, May-July, 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.

<b>Toddler Storytime</b>	Wednesdays at 10:30-11 a.m.	Library! at Bown Crossing - Martie Brennan Room
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# YOUTH

## Art Explorers Camp - Paint!

Join us for a week-long adventure in creativity! Art Explorers Camp - Paint! is a free summer camp for 7-to-13-year-olds. Participants will explore the basics of a variety of paint mediums and methods in a focused and nurturing environment.

**REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.**

<b>Art Explorers Camp - Paint!</b>	Monday-Friday, June 8-12, 1-3 p.m.	Library! at Collister - Sycamore Room
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## Art Explorers Camp - Sculpture!

Join us for a week-long adventure in creativity! Art Explorers Camp- Sculpture! is a free summer camp for 7-to-13-year-olds. Participants will explore the basics of a variety of sculpture mediums and methods in a focused and nurturing environment.

**REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.**

<b>Art Explorers Camp - Sculpture!</b>	Monday-Friday, July 20-24, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.	Library! at Collister - Sycamore Room
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## Crafternoons for Kids

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

<b>Crafternoons for Kids</b>	Tuesdays, 4-5 p.m.	Library! at Collister - Sycamore Room
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## Dr. Picklestein's Traveling STEM Show!

Do you love puzzles, the unexpected, and EXPLOSIONS?!? Come meet Dr. Picklestein. His mind-blowing experiments and laugh-out-loud science demos make STEM exciting for kids (and adults) of all ages!

<b>Dr. Picklestein's Traveling STEM Show!</b>	Wednesday, May 27, 4-5 p.m.	Library! at Hillcrest - Butte Room
	Thursday, June 4, 4-5 p.m.	Library! at Collister - Sycamore Room

## Homeschool Huddle

Homeschool Huddle is a chance for kids ages 6-11 to experience fun, hands-on STEAM activities. All families are welcome to attend. We encourage caregivers to stay and chat with each other during the program. Topics rotate each session!

<b>Homeschool Huddle</b>	Thursdays, May 14, 28, June 11, 25, July 9, 23 and Aug. 27	Library! at Cole and Ustick - Sagebrush Room
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## Kids Crafts

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

<b>Kids Crafts</b>	Saturdays, May 9, June 13, July 11 and Aug. 8, 11 a.m.- 12 p.m.	Library! at Cole and Ustick - Sagebrush Room
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**SUMMER READING AT BOISE PUBLIC LIBRARY**

# UNEARTH A STORY™

**MAY 22 - JULY 31 FOR ALL AGES!**

[BOISEPUBLICLIBRARY.ORG/SUMMER](https://BOISEPUBLICLIBRARY.ORG/SUMMER)

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## YOUTH CONT'D

### 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.

<b>School Age Fun</b>	Mondays, 4-5 p.m.	Library! at Bown Crossing - Martie Brennan Room
	Wednesdays, 4-5 p.m.	Library! at Collister - Sycamore Room
	Thursdays, 4-5 p.m.	Library! at Hillcrest - Front Porch

### Sewing Camp - Quilting!

Join us for a week-long exploration of sewing skills! Sewing Camp - Quilting is a free summer camp for 7-to-13-year-olds. Participants will learn the basics of machine sewing and quilting while creating their own piecework projects.

#### REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

<b>Sewing Camp - Quilting!</b>	Monday-Friday, July 13-17, 1-3 p.m.	Library! at Collister - Sycamore Room
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### Sewing Camp - Stuffies!

Sewing Camp - Stuffies! is a free week-long summer camp for 7-to-13-year-olds. Participants will learn the basics of machine sewing while crafting their own stuffies and outfits. **REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**

<b>Sewing Camp - Stuffies!</b>	Monday-Friday June 1-5, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.	Library! at Collister - Sycamore Room
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### 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.

<b>Sewing Club for Kids</b>	Fridays, 4-5 p.m.	Library! at Collister - Sycamore Room
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### Summer Reading Kickoff Parties

Celebrate the last day of school and the first day of Summer Reading! Locations will have their own celebration for folks to get registered for the Summer Reading Program, collect their first prize book, and get a jumpstart on summer reading.

<b>Summer Reading Kickoff Parties</b>	Friday, May 22, 4-5:30 p.m.	Library! at Bown Crossing - David Eberle Room
		Library! at Cole and Ustick, Library! at Collister
		Library! at Hillcrest

## TEENS

### Beginner Knitting for Teens

Come and learn how to knit in this beginner knitting class for teens ages 12-17. **REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**

<b>Beginner Knitting for Teens</b>	Wednesday, July 15, 5-7 p.m.	Library! at Bown Crossing - David Eberle 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! Newcomers to the hobby are welcome. Some supplies will be provided. This event is for teens and adults ages 12 and older.

<b>Dungeon Club: Mini Painting</b>	Thursday, June 18, 6-7:30 p.m.	Library! at Bown Crossing - David Eberle Room
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### Rebel Readers - A Book Club for Teens

Wanna be a rebel? Join other teens as we shine a light on books that have been banned or challenged in libraries across the nation. We'll gather to talk about our favorite books, get new recommendations, and discuss how we can advocate for the freedom to read. Snacks provided! Recommended for ages 13-18. *Readings may include sensitive topics.*

<b>Rebel Readers - A Book Club for Teens</b>	Thursdays, May 14, June 11, July 9 and Aug. 13, 6-7:30 p.m.	Library! at Collister - Sycamore Room
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## TEENS CONT'D

### Seeing Things - Photography for Teens

Come and join in our new photography program offering young creatives 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.

<b>Seeing Things - Photography for Teens</b>	Wednesdays, May 6, 20, June 3, 17, July 1, 15 and Aug 5, 19, 3-4 p.m.	Library! at Collister - Catalpa 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.

July 14 and 28: Quilted potholders

Aug 11 and 25: Lined tote bag

<b>Sewing 201</b>	Tuesdays, July 14, 28, Aug. 11, 25, Sept. 8, 22 and Oct 13, 27 6-7:30 p.m.	Library! at Collister - Sycamore Room
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### Teen After Hours

Join us for an End of Summer Party with games, crafts, pizza, and more after the Library closes!

<b>Teen After Hours</b>	Friday, July 31, 6:30-8:30 p.m.	Library! at Cole and Ustick - Sagebrush Room
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### Teen Hangout

Join us after school for activities like gaming, art, and more! Ages 12-17. Snacks and drinks provided.

<b>Teen Hangout</b>	Tuesdays, 3:30-4:30 p.m.	Library! at Cole and Ustick - Sagebrush Room
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### Teen Pride

Join us for an afternoon celebrating our LGBTQ+ community! We will have crafts, games, activities, and a killer playlist. This event is for LGBTQ+ teens and allies.

<b>Teen Pride</b>	Tuesday, June 23, 3:30-4:30 p.m.	Library! at Cole and Ustick - Sagebrush Room
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**YOUTH RIDE FREE!**

**18 or under?**

Get unlimited rides all summer long (May 1 to Aug 31).  
Pick up your free bus pass at [ridevrt.org/youth](https://ridevrt.org/youth).

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# ADULTS

## Adult Social

Join us for a relaxed evening of connection. Our Adult Social is a chance to unwind, meet new people, and enjoy light activities in a friendly, low-pressure space.

<b>Adult Social</b>	Thursdays, May 14, June 11, July 9 and Aug. 13, 6:30-7:30 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.

<b>Afternoon Soiree</b>	Tuesdays, May 19, June 15, July 21 and Aug. 18, 1-2:30 p.m.	Library! at Collister - Sycamore Room
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## Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group

Conducted by trained facilitators from the Alzheimer's Association, this 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.

<b>Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group</b>	Mondays, May 4, 18, June 1, 15, July 6, 20 and Aug. 3, 17, 10:15 a.m. - 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](http://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.**

<b>American Red Cross Blood Drive</b>	Friday, July 10, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.	Library! at Cole and Ustick - Sagebrush Room
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## Aromatherapy Stones

Using household items, we'll create aromatherapy stones that let off a light fragrance while absorbing unwanted odors. Place the stones in sock drawers, closets, bathrooms, or anywhere else that could use a little pick-me-up! **REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**

<b>Aromatherapy Stones</b>	Wednesday, June 24, 3-4 p.m.	Library at Hillcrest, Hillcrest Front Porch
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## Boise City Writer-in-Residence: Don Zancanella

Don Zancanella is the author of three novels: *Concord*, *A Storm in the Stars* and *Animals of the Alpine Front*. He received the John S. Simmons/Iowa Short Fiction Award for his book *Western Electric* and has won an O.Henry Prize. Zancanella was born in Laramie, Wyoming, and has lived in Virginia, Colorado, Missouri, and New Mexico, where he taught at the University of New Mexico for nearly three decades. He lives in southeast Boise with his wife and their dogs.

<b>Boise City Writer-in-Residence: Don Zancanella</b>	Saturday, May 9, 10:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.	Library! at Hillcrest - Butte Room
	Saturday, June 27, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Library! at Bown Crossing - Martie Brennan Room
	Saturday, July 25, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Erma Hayman House
	Saturday, Aug. 22, 10:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.	Library! at Cole and Ustick - Sagebrush 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 back with a list of recommendations or we'll grab them from the shelf for you to pick up from the Library—you get to choose! [BoisePublicLibrary.org/Picks](http://BoisePublicLibrary.org/Picks)

## ADULTS CONT'D

### Book Clubs

Enjoy lively book discussions and even silent book clubs. Please see descriptions at [boisepubliclibrary.org/calendar](http://boisepubliclibrary.org/calendar) for more information about each book club.

<b>Books and Brews</b>	Wednesdays, May 20, June 17, July 15 and Aug. 19, 6-7:30 p.m.	Burger N' Brew (4295 W State St)
	Thursdays, May 7, June 4, July 2 and Aug. 6, 6-7:30 p.m.	Common Ground Coffee and Market (6419 W Ustick Rd)
	Mondays, May 11, June 8, July 13 and Aug. 10, 6:30-7:30 p.m.	Push and Pour (13 S Latah St)
<b>Bown Crossing Library Book Club</b>	Fridays, May 1, June 5 and Aug. 7, 10:30-11:30 a.m.	Library! at Bown Crossing - David Eberle Room
<b>Collister Book Club</b>	Tuesdays, May 12, June 9, July 14 and Aug. 11, 2-3:30 p.m.	Library! at Collister - Catalpa Room
<b>Hillcrest Book Club</b>	Wednesdays, May 27, June 24, July 22 and Aug. 26, 2-3:30 p.m.	Library! at Hillcrest - Canyon Room
<b>Queer Book Club</b>	1st Wednesdays, May 6, June 3, July 1 and Aug. 5, 6-7 p.m.	Library! at Hillcrest- Front Porch
<b>Short Story Book Club</b>	Fridays, May 8, June 12 and July 10 and Aug. 8, 10:30-11:30 a.m.	Library! at Bown Crossing - David Eberle Room
<b>Ultimate Book Nerd Book Club</b>	Wednesdays, May 20, June 17, July 15 and Aug. 19, 1-2 p.m.	Library! at Hillcrest - Front Porch

### 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.**

<b>Bunco</b>	Thursdays, May 7, June 4, and July 2, 4:30-6:30 p.m.	Library! at Hillcrest – Butte Room
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### Coil Basket Weaving Workshop

Learn how to create woven coil baskets from recycled materials! For teens and adults. **REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**

<b>Coil Basket Weaving Workshop</b>	Wednesday, June 3, 5-7 p.m.	Library! at Bown Crossing - Martie Brennan 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.

<b>Coffee and Conversations</b>	Every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month. 10-11:30 a.m.	Library! at Cole and Ustick
	Every 2nd and 4th Friday of the month, 10-11:30 a.m.	Downtown Library

### Collister Craft Night

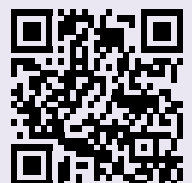
Join us for arts and crafts! Bring your own project or use our supplies to start something new. Check the calendar for special projects. All levels and abilities welcome, from beginners to experts. For teens and adults.

<b>Collister Craft Night</b>	Tuesdays, May 19, June 16, July 21 and Aug. 18, 6-7:30 p.m.	Library! at Collister - Sycamore Room
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## SIGN UP FOR OUR MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR ALL THINGS LIBRARY!



Our monthly newsletter 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](http://boisepubliclibrary.org/newsletter)



BOISE PUBLIC  
LIBRARY PRESENTS

# BOISE COMIC ARTS FEST

SEPTEMBER 5TH & 6TH

FREE TO ATTEND!

at Boise Centre  
[BoisePublicLibrary.org/BCAF](http://BoisePublicLibrary.org/BCAF)



## ADULTS CONT'D

### 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.

<b>Coming Home: Women's Reentry Networking Group</b>	Wednesdays, May 27, June 24, July 22 and Aug. 26, 12-1:15 p.m.	Library! at Cole and Ustick - Sagebrush Room
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### Cosplay Club

Come hang out and create with fellow makers at Cosplay Club! Spend time crafting, sewing, and building alongside other cosplayers in a supportive, creative space. Use the Library's supplies including sewing machines, hot glue guns, paints, and basic crafting tools, or bring your own materials to work on your project. Open to teens and adults of all experience levels!

<b>Cosplay Club</b>	Thursday, May 21, Tuesdays, June 16, July 21 and Aug. 18, 5-7 p.m.	Library! at Hillcrest - Butte 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.**

<b>Crafternoons</b>	Wednesdays, May 20, Jun 17, July 15 and Aug. 19, 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.

<b>Creative Corner</b>	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.**

<b>Creative Writing Group</b>	Wednesdays, May 6, 20, June 3, 7, July 1, 15 and Aug. 5, 19, 6-7:30 p.m.	Library! at Cole and Ustick - Sagebrush Room
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### DIY Painted Ceramic Coasters

Create your own ceramic coaster! We'll provide the paints and the tiles along with the cork backing.

<b>DIY Painted Ceramic Coasters</b>	Saturday, June 20, 10:30- 11:45 a.m.	Library! at Bown Crossing - Martie Brennan Room
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### Employment and Education Support

If you're looking for work, we can help! Join Boise Public Library, Equus Workforce Solutions, and TRIO to start getting the career you want! Bring your resume and/or cover letter to the workshop for feedback, or you can build a resume or cover letter from scratch with help from Library staff. You'll also learn about local employers who are hiring, programs to help workers jumpstart or improve their careers, and educational programs and credentials to improve your career and employability.

<b>Employment and Education Support</b>	Wednesdays, May 20, June 17, July 15 and Aug. 19, 10 a.m.- 12 p.m.	Library! at Hillcrest - Front Porch
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## English Practice Meet-up

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

<b>English Practice Meet-up</b>	Fridays, 10-11 a.m.	Library! at Collister - Catalpa Room
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## Fiber Arts Society

Bring your fiber arts projects to the Library! at Cole and Ustick. Crafters of all skill levels are welcome.

<b>Fiber Arts Society</b>	Wednesdays, 2-3:30 p.m.	Library! at Cole and Ustick - Sagebrush Room
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## 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 and Fall Proof™ Coordinator Mike Rice at 208-327-8591 for current availability. **REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**

<b>Fit and Fall Proof</b>	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 Fridays, 1-2 p.m.	Library! at Bown Crossing - Martie Brennan Room
	Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:15-10 a.m.	Library! at Collister - Sycamore Room



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

- **Hays House Outreach:** Hays House is for youth ages 9-17 who need a safe place to stay.

<b>Hays House Outreach</b>	Every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month from 3-4 p.m. Snacks will be provided for teens.	Library! at Hillcrest
	Every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month from 3-4 p.m. Snacks will be provided for teens.	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](http://laserfiche.isb.idaho.gov/Forms/ClinicReg)). You must have an appointment to attend. Please ask Library staff for assistance.
- **Community Care Navigators:** Need help applying for Medicaid or SNAP? Have questions about changes in public benefits? Join Patient Navigators from Terry Reilly Health and WIC for walk-in, one-on-one appointments. Every 3rd Thursday of the month from 3-5 p.m. Library! at Collister.

<b>Community Care Navigators</b>	Every 3rd Thursday of the Month from 3-5 p.m.	Library! at Collister
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- **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 is a community health center that provides medical, dental, behavioral health, and pharmacy services. Other community partners like HUD-VASH veteran services and the WCA also attend.

<b>Community Resource Porch Pop-Up</b>	Every 1st Wednesday and 3rd Monday from 9:30-11:30 a.m.	Downtown Library
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## ADULTS CONT'D

### Friendship Bracelets

Come celebrate friendship with the Library! We will be making friendship bracelets in honor of International Day of Friendship on July 30. We will provide all the thread needed along with instructions for various designs. Teens also welcome.

<b>Friendship Bracelets</b>	Wednesday, July 29, 6-7:30 p.m.	Library! at Bown Crossing - Martie Brennan Room
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### Goth Craft Club: Ominous Ornaments

Celebrate the spooky season year round! Join us as we create miniscule macabre framed ornaments, straight out of your dreams (or nightmares). This event is for Teens and Adults. **REGISTRATION ENCOURAGED.**

<b>Goth Craft Club: Ominous Ornaments</b>	Thursday, May 14, 6-7:30 p.m.	Library! at Bown Crossing - Martie Brennan Room
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### Hillcrest Writing Ring

A writing group for sharing and critique for aspiring authors in all genres. Registrants will receive an email detailing the next meeting's theme and helpful tips so they can participate if they wish.

<b>Hillcrest Writing Ring</b>	Thursdays, May 14, 28, June 11, 25, July 9, 23 and Aug. 13, 27, 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.	Library! at Hillcrest - Butte Room
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### Junk Journaling

Get creative and try something new, Junk Journaling! Designed for adults and teens, 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.

<b>Junk Journaling</b>	Tuesday, Aug 25, 4-5 p.m.	Library! at Hillcrest - Butte Room
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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.

<b>Life Café</b>	Tuesdays, May 12, June 9, July 14 and Aug. 11, 6-7:30 p.m.	Library! at Collister - Catalpa Room
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### Make a Miniature Dinosaur Garden

Summer Reading isn't just for the kids! Come make a miniature garden (with real plants) for your new dinosaur friend. This event is for adults and teens, ages 14 and up. **REGISTRATION REQUIRED.** Registration opens May 6.

<b>Make a Miniature Dinosaur Garden</b>	Wednesday, June 17, 6- 7:30pm	Library! at Bown Crossing - Martie Brennan 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.**

<b>Paint and Sip</b>	Wednesdays, May 27, June 24, July 22 and Aug. 26, 6-7:30 p.m.	Library! at Cole and Ustick - Sagebrush Room
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### Paper Making Workshop

Join us to learn how to make paper out of recycled materials! **REGISTRATION REQUIRED.** For teens and adults.

<b>Paper Making Workshop</b>	Wednesday, Aug 12, 5-7 p.m.	Library! at Bown Crossing - David Eberle Room
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### Poetry Speak

Come join us for an evening of poetry. Bring your original compositions to read aloud in front of other poetry lovers. Haikus, sonnets, blackout poetry, and all other kinds welcome!

<b>Poetry Speak</b>	Friday, Aug. 21, 4:30-5:30 p.m.	Library! at Hillcrest - Canyon Room
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## ADULTS CONT'D

### Quiet Create

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.

<b>Quiet Create</b>	2nd Wednesdays, May 13, June 10, July 8 and Aug. 12, 5:30-6:30 p.m.	Library! at Hillcrest- Front Porch
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### Senior Social

Come socialize, meet new people, and try out different activities.

<b>Senior Social</b>	Every 1st and 3rd Friday, 12:30-2 p.m.	Library! at Cole and Ustick - Sagebrush Room
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### Sewing 101

Learn the basics of machine sewing at Sewing 101! In these 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. We'll have a different beginner-friendly project each month. Sewing machines will be available but you can bring your own if you want help setting it up. May 26 we'll create a tote bag. On June 23 we'll sew a zipper pouch.

<b>Sewing 101</b>	Tuesdays, May 26 and June 23, 6 p.m. - 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!

<b>Speak German to Me</b>	Every Tuesday, 6:30-7:30 p.m.	Library! at Cole and Ustick - Bitterbrush Room
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### Speed Friending

Join us for an evening of Speed Friending! Speed Friending is a get together 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!

<b>Speed Friending</b>	Thursday, July 30, 6-7:30 p.m.	Library! at Hillcrest - Butte Room
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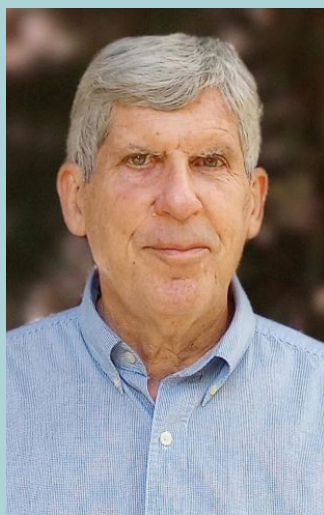
### Spice Club for Adults

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.

<b>Spice Club for Adults</b>	Fridays, May 15, July 17 and Aug. 21, 10:30-11:30 a.m.	Library! at Bown Crossing - David Eberle Room
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## BOISE WRITER-IN-RESIDENCE, DON ZANCANELLA

All Ages



Don Zancanella is the author of three novels: *Concord*, *A Storm in the Stars* and *Animals of the Alpine Front*. He received the John S. Simmons/Iowa Short Fiction Award for his book *Western Electric* and has won an O.Henry Prize. Zancanella was born in Laramie, Wyoming, and has lived in Virginia, Colorado, Missouri, and New Mexico, where he taught at the University of New Mexico for nearly three decades. He lives in southeast Boise with his wife and their dogs.

**May 9, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. | The Magic of Fiction** – Library! at Hillcrest

**June 27, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. | Children's Literature as a Model for Grown-Up Writers** – Library! at Bown Crossing

**July 25, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. | Flash Fiction** – Erma Hayman House

**August 22, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. | Revision Without Tears** – Library! at Cole and Ustick

Please see [BoisePublicLibrary.org/writerinresidence](http://BoisePublicLibrary.org/writerinresidence) for more details.

## ADULTS CONT'D

### Summer Solstice Show and Tell

Come join us at Winstead Park to mix and mingle with local creatives. This will be a casual, drop-in event where folks can share their art, creations, or other work with one another. Share something you're proud of, something that's in-progress, or whatever you want! If you don't want to share, come enjoy the summer evening in the park with us. This program is in partnership with Backyard Artists.

<b>Summer Solstice Show and Tell</b>	Tuesday, June 23, 6-7:30 p.m.	Library! at Cole and Ustick - Sagebrush Room
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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.

<b>Threadbenders</b>	Thursdays, May 21, June 18, July 16 and Aug. 20, 6-7:30 p.m.	Library! at Collister - Sycamore Room
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### Treasure Valley Pollinator Gardening Series Workshops

Join the Ada Soil and Water Conservation District, and multiple local experts, to learn how to garden to promote pollinator conservation. **REGISTRATION REQUIRED** at [adaswcd.org/tvpp-events](http://adaswcd.org/tvpp-events).

Thursday, May 21: Documenting Idaho's Native Bee - Idaho Bee Atlas

Tuesday, June 30: Idaho Lepidoptera Conservation with Dr. Paul Castrovillo

Wednesday, July 29: Beneficial Wasps of the Treasure Valley with Dr. Paul Castrovillo

Wednesday, Aug. 12: Prepare your Garden for Fall with Sierra Laverty

<b>Treasure Valley Pollinator Gardening Series Workshops</b>	May 21, June 30, July 29, Aug. 12, and Sept. 9 6:30-7:30 p.m.	Library! at Hillcrest - Butte Room
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### Unraveled: A Yarn Guild

Yarn enthusiasts 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 kids beanies for the Boise Bicycle Project. Limited supplies for humanitarian projects are available.

<b>Unraveled: A Yarn Guild</b>	Mondays, 3 p.m. - 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 (only if you want to!) in a supportive environment.

<b>Wordsmith Workshop</b>	Thursdays, June 4, 18, July 2, 16, 30 and Aug. 13, 27, 6:30-7:30 p.m.	Library! at Collister - Catalpa Room
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## MUSICAL TALES AT THE LIBRARY

### presented by Tree City Chamber Players

Join us for a special event of storytelling interjected with live classical music by Ravel, Bizet, and more, featuring flute, oboe and piano. Enjoy readings of *The Bear and the Piano* by David Litchfield, and *Wild Symphony* by Dan Brown, illustrated by Susan Batori. Presented by Tree City Chamber Players -- Melanie Keller (flute), Ryan Klein (oboe), and Chad Spears (piano) Best of all, the events are free, thanks to the support of the Boise City Department of Arts and History and Boise Public Library.

**Library! at Bown Crossing: May 23 and 26, 10:30-11:15 a.m.**

**Library! at Collister: May 27, 6:30-7:15 p.m. and June 5, 10:30-11:15 a.m.**

**Library! at Cole and Ustick: May 28, 6:30-7:15 p.m. and June 6, 10:30-11:15 a.m.**

**Library! at Hillcrest: May 28, 10:30-11:15 and June 4, 10:30-11:15 a.m.**

# ALL AGES EVENTS

## Boise Public Library Pokémon League

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 prizes! You can do all this with other Pokémon players who love collecting and playing just as much as you do. Ages 8+.

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

## Finding Dragons in Idaho!

Join expert Kristin Gnojewski and discover the fascinating world of Dragonflies! Learn how you can contribute meaningful dragonfly observations within your community and beyond. Kristin will also talk about a Community Science Project of the Conservation Connection Foundation and Life Outdoors, which will equip volunteers with the foundational skills needed for dragonfly identification, data collection, and submitting observations to the Finding Dragons and Macros in Idaho iNaturalist Project and Odonata Central.

<b>Finding Dragons in Idaho!</b>	Tuesday, May 19, 6:30-7:30 p.m.	Library! at Hillcrest - Front Porch
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## Free Community Haircuts

As the weather warms up, stop by the Library! at Cole and Ustick to get a free haircut before summer! Barbers and stylists from Madril Salon and the Boise Barber College will be providing professional haircuts for attendees ages 5 and up. These services will be on a first-come, first-served basis, as time allows.

<b>Free Community Haircuts</b>	Wednesday, May 13, 5-7 p.m.	Library! at Cole and Ustick - Sagebrush Room
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## Pride Resource Fair

Celebrate community and connection at our Pride Resource Fair! This inclusive event brings together many local organizations offering essential resources in housing, employment, legal assistance, health and wellness, community, spiritual wellbeing, and much more! Whether you're seeking support, looking to engage with affirming services, interested in volunteering or simply want to celebrate Pride with us, all are welcome. Join us to explore, connect, and uplift our community!

<b>Pride Resource Fair</b>	Saturday, June 13, 10 a.m.- 2 p.m.	Library! at Hillcrest - Butte Room
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## Introduction to Hiking in the Foothills

Jim Hall Foothills Learning Center will share what to expect when you hit the trails of the Boise Foothills, how to choose and prepare for a hike, and tips to get you and your family ready the Boise outdoors. Registration encouraged.

<b>Introduction to Hiking in the Foothills</b>	Saturday, May 30, 11 a.m.- 12 p.m.	Library! at Cole and Ustick - Sagebrush 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.

<b>Read to a Therapy Dog</b>	Tuesdays, 4-5 p.m.	Library! at Bown Crossing - Martie Brennan Room
	Fridays, May 8, June 12, July 10 and Aug. 14, 4-5:30 p.m.	Library! at Hillcrest - Canyon Room
	Fridays, June 26, July 24 and Aug. 28, 4-5 p.m.	Library! at Cole and Ustick. When the weather is nice, you can meet us outside at Winstead Park
	Saturdays, 10:30-11:30 a.m.	Library! at Collister - Sycamore Room

# ALL AGES EVENTS CONT'D

## Speed Writing

Sharpen your pencils! Grab your notebooks! Charge your laptops! Ready for a unique kick of inspiration? Come get in touch with your creative side with this fun flash-writing challenge! In lieu of speed dating, staff will provide six mystery objects that you'll spend five minutes each writing about. **REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**

<b>Speed Writing</b>	Thursday, July 23, 5:30-6:45 p.m.	Library! at Bown Crossing - David Eberle Room
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## World Refugee Celebration with the Refugee Speakers Bureau

Boise has long been grounded in the belief that people fleeing persecution—whether for their religious beliefs, political views, or ethnic backgrounds—deserve safety, dignity, and a warm welcome. Many who arrive as refugees find connection and opportunity through the Idaho Office for Refugees, where they come together around shared values and build skills such as public speaking. During Refugee Week 2026, we invite you to hear their stories and show your appreciation for the important role they play in our community!

<b>World Refugee Celebration with the Refugee Speakers Bureau</b>	Wednesday, June 17, 6-7:30 p.m.	Library! at Hillcrest - Butte Room
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**Saturday, June 13 | 10 a.m.-2 p.m. | Library! at Hillcrest - Butte Room**

## DID YOU KNOW?

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

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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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