

WINTER/SPRING 2026 • JANUARY-APRIL

Library!

# 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](https://BoisePublicLibrary.org) or calling us at (208) 972-8200 (TTY: 711).

Keep an eye on our online calendar at [BoisePublicLibrary.org/Calendar](https://BoisePublicLibrary.org/Calendar), as programs may be subject to change.

**Reminder: All Library locations will be closed on January 19 (Idaho Human Rights Day) and February 16 (Presidents' Day).**

## BABIES, TODDLERS, AND PRESCHOOL

### Baby Stories & 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 & Play	Mondays, 10:30-11 a.m. and 2-2:30 p.m.	Library! at Cole & Ustick - Sagebrush Room
	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

## BABIES, TODDLERS, AND PRESCHOOL CONT'D

### Family Literacy Fair

Join us for stories, games, and fun educational activities to help your child build their early literacy skills and get ready to read. This event is designed for kids ages 0-5 and their families, but older children are welcome. Storytime will start at 10:30am with activities to follow. Light snacks will be provided.

<b>Family Literacy Fair</b>	Saturday, Feb. 21, 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.	Library! at Cole & 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 & 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>	Tuesdays at 10:30-11 a.m.	Library! at Bown Crossing - Martie Brennan Room
		Library! at Cole & Ustick - Sagebrush Room

### Pajama Storytime

An evening family storytime where pajamas are encouraged but not required. We'll have books, rhymes, songs, and loads of fun. This program is designed for families of any age or make-up.

<b>Pajama Storytime</b>	Wednesdays, Jan. 7, Feb. 4, Mar. 4, Apr. 1, 6:30-7 p.m.	Library! Bown Crossing - Children's Area
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### Play and Learn

Enjoy open-ended play and socialization together with your child. All ages welcome, but the program is designed for ages 5 and under and their caregivers.

<b>Play and Learn</b>	Fridays, 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m.	Library! at Cole & 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 & Ustick - Sagebrush Room
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### Saturday Stories and Play

Join us for a 30-minute storytime followed by open play time. This program is designed for children ages 5 and under and their caregivers.

<b>Saturday Stories and Play</b>	Every 1st and 3rd Saturday, 10:30-11:30 a.m.	Library! at Cole & Ustick - Sagebrush Room
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## WINTER READING PROGRAM

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

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

## BABIES, TODDLERS, AND PRESCHOOL CONT'D

### 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, Jan. 9, Feb. 13, Mar. 13, Apr. 10 at 11 a.m.-12 p.m.	Library! at Bown Crossing - Martie Brennan Room
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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

### Crafternoons for Kids

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

<b>Crafternoons for Kids</b>	Tuesdays, 4-5 p.m.	Library! at Collister - Sycamore Room
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### 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>	Every 2nd and 4th Thursday, 2-3 p.m.	Library! at Cole & Ustick - Sagebrush Room
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### Kids Crafts

From paper art to simple DIY projects, kids can experiment, create, and express themselves. All materials are provided—just come ready to make something awesome. Designed for kids ages 6-11.

<b>Kids Crafts</b>	Saturdays, Jan. 10, Feb. 14, March 14, April 11, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.	Library! at Cole & Ustick - Sagebrush Room
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### Learn How to Be a Clown

Step right up and discover the joy of clowning! In this playful and creative program, kids will explore the art of being a clown through laughter, movement, and imagination. Participants will learn how to juggle, use puppets, create balloon animals, and develop a signature clown routine. Dressing up in any way, shape, or form of a clown is highly encouraged. **REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**

January 10: Basics of Juggling

February 14: How to Use and Make Puppets

March 14: How to Make a Balloon Animal

April 11: Clown Party Extravaganza

<b>Learn How to Be a Clown</b>	Saturdays, Jan. 10, Feb. 14, Mar. 14, Apr. 11, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.	Library! at Hillcrest - Butte 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!

<b>LEGO® Club</b>	Fridays, 4-5 p.m.	Bown Crossing - Martie Brennan 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.

<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 - Canyon Room

## YOUTH CONT'D

### Sewing Club for Kids

Come learn how to sew or expand your skills! 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, 4-5:30 p.m.	Library! at Collister - Sycamore Room
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## TEENS

### 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 12+.

<b>Dungeon Club: Mini Painting</b>	Thursday, Feb. 19, 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. For the first meeting on February 12, we'll discuss the state of book challenges in the U.S. and Idaho and select titles to discuss in future meetings. Come with your TBR (To Be Read) list or suggest one of your favorites!

<b>Rebel Readers: A Book Club for Teens</b>	Thursdays, Feb. 12, Mar. 12, Apr. 9, 6-7:30 p.m.	Library! at Collister - Sycamore 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 & Ustick - Sagebrush Room
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## APRIL IS COMMUNITY HELPER'S MONTH!

Join the Boise Public Library's weekly storytimes in April to meet Boise's Community Helpers who make our community safe and connected.

**BoisePublicLibrary.org/calendar** for more info.



## 2026 ULTIMATE BOOK NERD LAUNCH PARTY

January 24 | 10 a.m.-2 p.m. | Library! at Hillcrest Front Porch

Join fellow book nerds and celebrate the start of the 2026 Ultimate Book Nerd Challenge! Bring a book from your bookshelf you'd like to swap for a new-to-you read, organize a journal to track your reading (while supplies last), and enjoy a cup of coffee/tea while chatting with fellow book nerds, and more! If you finished the 2025 challenge, we will have your swag available for pick up\*! If you can't make it to the party, that's okay! We will email you the following week when your swag is ready for pick up at your home library.

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



## ADULTS

### AARP Tax Help

Boise Public Library partners with AARP Foundation Tax-Aide at the Library! at Hillcrest. Make your appointment in person. Please bring your documents with you. You do not need to be an AARP member or retiree to use this service. All Tax-Aide volunteers are IRS-certified. Visit the AARP Foundation Tax-Aide Site Locator online for other locations.

<b>AARP Tax Help</b>	Thursdays and Fridays, Feb. 5 through Apr. 10, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.	Library! at Hillcrest - Front Porch
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### 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, Feb. 12, Mar. 12, Apr. 9, 6:30-7:45 p.m.	Library! at Cole & 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, Jan. 20, Feb. 17, Mar. 17, Apr. 21, 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, Jan. 5, Feb. 2, Mar. 2, Mar. 16, Apr. 6, Apr. 20, 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](http://redcrossblood.org) or through the Blood Donor American Red Cross app. User sponsor code "CU Library" for the Library! at Cole & Ustick or "Bown" for the Library! at Bown Crossing. **REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**

<b>American Red Cross Blood Drive</b>	Monday, Mar. 9, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.	Library! at Bown Crossing - Martie Brennan Room
	Fridays, Jan. 9, Mar. 4, Apr. 17, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.	Library! at Cole & Ustick - Sagebrush Room



### DICK EARDLEY SENIOR CENTER POP-UP LIBRARY

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

## 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)



## 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 – Burger N' Brew</b>	Wednesdays, Jan. 21, Feb. 18, Mar. 18, Apr. 15, 6-7:30 p.m.	Burger N' Brew (4295 W. State Street, Boise, ID 83703)
<b>Books and Brews – Common Ground Coffee and Market</b>	Thursdays, Jan. 15, Feb. 19, Mar. 19, Apr. 16, 6-7:30 p.m.	Common Ground Coffee and Market (6419 W Ustick Rd)
<b>Books and Brews – Push and Pour</b>	Mondays, Jan. 12, Feb. 9, Mar. 9, Apr. 13, 6:30 -7:30 p.m.	Push & Pour (13 S Latah St. Suite 2)
<b>Bown Crossing Library Book Club</b>	Fridays, Jan. 2, Feb. 6, Mar. 6, Apr. 3, 10:30-11:30 a.m.	Library! at Bown Crossing - David Eberle Room
<b>Bown Silent Book Club</b>	Thursdays, Jan. 8, Feb. 12, Mar. 13, Apr. 9, 6-7:30 p.m.	Library! at Bown Crossing - Martie Brennan Room
<b>Collister Book Club</b>	Tuesdays, Jan. 13, Feb. 10, Mar. 10, Apr. 14, 2 -3:30 p.m.	Library! at Collister - Catalpa Room
<b>Hillcrest Book Club</b>	Wednesdays, Jan. 28, Feb. 25, Mar. 25, Apr. 22, 2-3:30 p.m.	Library! at Hillcrest - Canyon Room
<b>Queer Book Club</b>	Wednesdays, Jan. 7, Feb. 4, Mar. 4, Apr. 1, 6-7 p.m.	Library! at Hillcrest - Canyon Room
<b>Short Story Book Club</b>	Jan. 9, Feb. 13, Mar. 13, Apr. 10, 10:30-11:30 a.m.	Library! at Bown Crossing - David Eberle Room
<b>Ultimate Book Nerd Book Club</b>	Wednesdays, Jan. 21, Feb. 18, Mar. 18, Apr. 15, 1-2 p.m.	Library! at Hillcrest - Front Porch

### Bunco Night

Join us for Bunco Night! It's fast, fun, and incredibly easy to learn. If you can roll dice and count to 21, you're ready to play. Come meet new people and enjoy a lively evening together. **REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**

<b>Bunco Night</b>	Thursdays, Feb. 5, Mar. 5, Apr. 2, 4:30 -6:30 p.m.	Library! at Hillcrest - Butte 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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### Chocolate Truffle Dipping Class

Back by popular demand! Learn how to dip delicious chocolate truffles. We'll also craft a beautiful box to take them home in. Registration opens January 11—visit the Library's Events page to sign up. **REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**

<b>Chocolate Truffle Dipping Class</b>	Wednesday, Feb. 11, 5:30-7:00 p.m.	Library! at Hillcrest - Front Porch
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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 may include coloring, puzzles, and games.

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

### Collister Craft Night

Come craft with us! Bring your own project or use our supplies to try something new. Check the calendar for special projects. All levels and abilities welcome, from beginners to experts.

<b>Collister Craft Night</b>	Tuesdays, Jan. 20, Feb. 17, Mar. 17, Apr. 21, 6-7:30 p.m.	Library! at Collister - Sycamore Room
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### Cosplay Club

Join fellow cosplayers each month for a creative drop-in workshop! Bring your projects, share tips, and connect with other makers in the community. Basic tools and supplies are available.

<b>Cosplay Club</b>	Tuesdays, Feb. 17, Mar. 17, Apr. 21, 5-7 p.m.	Library! at Hillcrest - Butte Room
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### Cozy Coloring Night

Come join a curious group of creatives at the Library! at Cole & Ustick! Intimidated by painting? Too busy to invest in a brand new hobby? Put those worries away and let the simplicity of coloring sheets calm your mind. Coloring sheets and supplies will be provided, as well as hot tea and cocoa. This program is intended for new adults.

<b>Cozy Coloring Night</b>	Thursday, Jan. 22, 6:30-7:45 p.m.	Library! at Cole & Ustick - Sagebrush Room
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### Crafternoons

Come craft with us! Bring your own project or use our supplies to try something new. Check the calendar for special projects. All levels and abilities welcome, from beginners to experts.

<b>Crafternoons</b>	Wednesdays, Jan. 21, Feb. 18, Mar. 18, Apr. 15, 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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## 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](https://BoisePublicLibrary.org/Picks)

## ADULTS CONT'D

### Creative Writing Program

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 Program</b>	Wednesdays, Jan. 7, Jan 21, Feb. 4, Feb. 18, Mar. 4, Mar. 18, Apr. 1, Apr. 15, 6-7:30 p.m.	Library! at Cole & Ustick - Sagebrush Room
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### Dialogue: A Writing Workshop with Boise City Writer-in-Residence Kim Cross

Join Boise City Writer-in-Residence Kim Cross for "Dialogue". "Dialogue" is an interactive writing workshop exploring how lifelike conversation can bring scenes to life in both fiction and literary nonfiction. Guided by Kim, participants will practice tuning in for authentic dialogue and learn how to weave it seamlessly into a scene alongside stage direction and action, including useful techniques for capturing speech that reveals character, advances plot, and immerses the reader in a moment. **NO REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED, BUT SPACE IS LIMITED.** This workshop is geared toward writers of all levels and genres. As mature content may be discussed, parental discretion is advised for participants under 18. Please bring writing materials, such as a notebook and pen.

<b>Dialogue: A Writing Workshop with Boise City Writer-in-Residence Kim Cross</b>	Saturday, Jan. 24, 12-2 p.m.	Library! at Hillcrest - Butte Room
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### DIY Business Workshop - Library Resources

Take advantage of all the Library's business resources! This DIY Business Workshop provides the opportunity to meet with a Librarian and learn more about our digital offerings, as well as other businesses resources in the community.

<b>DIY Business Workshop - Library Resources</b>	Mondays, Jan. 5, Feb. 2, Mar. 2, Apr. 2, 6-7 p.m.	Downtown Collaboration Room
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### Employment Extravaganza!

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 Extravaganza!</b>	Wednesdays, Jan. 21, Feb. 18, Mar. 18, Apr. 15, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.	Library! at Hillcrest - Front Porch
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### Fiber Arts Society

Grab your yarn, needles, or hooks and join us for an hour of fiber fun! Crafters of all skill levels are welcome.

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

<b>Fit and Fall Proof</b>	Mondays and Wednesdays *no event Mar. 11, 10:30-11:30 a.m.	Library! at Hillcrest - Butte Room
	Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:15-10 a.m.	Library! at Collister - Sycamore Room
	Tuesdays and Thursdays, 12-1 p.m.	Library! at Cole & Ustick - Sagebrush Room
	Tuesdays and Fridays, 1-2 p.m. *no event Jan. 2, 1-2 p.m.	Library! at Bown Crossing - Martie Brennan Room





# 1000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN

1000 Books Before Kindergarten is a nationwide challenge to read 1,000 books with your little one before they start kindergarten. If you read just one book a night, you will reach more than 1,000 books after three years, and you will earn prizes throughout the program.

Learn more at: **[BoisePublicLibrary.org/1000Books](http://BoisePublicLibrary.org/1000Books)**

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### Hummingbirds of the Treasure Valley

Watching a hummingbird in your garden is an unparalleled experience. Have you ever been curious about what species has chosen your flowers? Where they spend the winter? Why they sometimes exhibit unusual flight behavior? Be sure to join us and the Golden Eagle Audubon Society to learn all these answers and more about our local hummingbirds!

<b>Hummingbirds of the Treasure Valley</b>	Tuesday, Apr. 7, 6:30-7:30 p.m.	Library! at Hillcrest - Butte Room
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### Library Open Mic

Share your written work in a comfortable, welcoming environment. In partnership with the Backyard Artists.

<b>Library Open Mic</b>	Tuesday, Feb. 3, 6-7:45 p.m.	Library! at Cole & Ustick - Sagebrush Room
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### Life Café: Conversations about Living and Dying Well

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: Conversations about Living and Dying Well</b>	Tuesdays, Jan. 13, Feb. 10, Mar. 10, Apr. 14, 6-7 p.m.	Library! at Collister - Catalpa Room
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### Memory Cafe

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

<b>Memory Cafe</b>	Thursdays, Jan. 22, Feb. 19, Mar. 19, Apr. 16, 1-2:30 p.m.	Library! at Bown Crossing - Martie Brennan Room
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### Pages and Spades: A Winter Book Club for Gardeners

Join Boise Public Library and Boise Parks and Recreation for the 4th annual winter-only Gardeners Book Club, as we read books that help us mindfully prepare for the upcoming 2026 growing season. We select and discuss books that focus on ways to protect the earth and our struggling pollinators through improved environmental stewardship. Book selections for 2026 are:

January 28: *Encountering Dragonfly: Notes on the Practice of Re-enchantment* by Brooke Williams

March 3: *The Mighty Red* by Louise Erdrich

March 31: *The Book of Hope: A Survival Guide for Trying Times* by Jane Goodall, Douglas Abrams, and Gail Hudson

<b>Pages and Spades: A Winter Book Club for Gardeners</b>	Jan. 28, Mar. 3, Mar. 31, 6-7:30 p.m.	Library! at Hillcrest - Butte 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, Jan. 28, Apr. 2, 6-7:30 p.m.	Library! at Cole & Ustick - Sagebrush Room
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### Pressed Flower Art

Join us for a relaxed evening of creating art from dried, pressed flowers! Supplies will be provided. This event is for adults and teens, ages 14 and up.

<b>Pressed Flower Art</b>	Wednesday, Mar. 25, 6-7 p.m.	Library! at Bown Crossing - Martie Brennan Room
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### Pitching and Getting Published: A Writing Workshop with Boise City Writer-in-Residence Kim Cross

Pitching and Getting Published offers a peak into the business side of writing and how to share your work with editors and publications. Guided by Kim, participants will learn strategies for identifying the right outlets for their work, crafting strong query letters and pitches, and navigating the submission process for both articles and books. The workshop will also cover how to tailor pitches to different audiences, the etiquette of working with editors, and tips for building resilience in the face of rejection. Writers will leave with practical tools and insights for turning polished pieces into published work.

**Pitching and Getting Published: A Writing Workshop with Boise City Writer-in-Residence Kim Cross**

Thursday, Mar. 12, 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Library! at Hillcrest - Butte 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 & 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](https://laserfiche.isb.idaho.gov/Forms/ClinicReg)). You must have an appointment to attend. Please ask Library staff for assistance.
- **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.

<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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- **Tax Assistance:** The Boise Public Library offers tax assistance programs for qualified residents.

<b>AARP at the Library! at Hillcrest</b>	Thursdays and Fridays, Feb. 5 through Apr. 10, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.	Library! at Hillcrest (Butte Room)
<b>Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)</b>	These appointments will NOT be at the Downtown Library in 2026. Schedule an appointment at <a href="https://TaxHelpID.org">TaxHelpID.org</a>	

- **Terry Reilly Health Services:** Terry Reilly Health Services is a community health center that provides medical, dental, behavioral health, and pharmacy services. Terry Reilly will be at the Downtown Library every first Wednesday and third Monday of the month. Patient navigators will be available from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. to make future appointments, learn about their programs, provide education on insurance and social security benefits, and connect to important resources. For more information call (208) 318-1326.

<b>Terry Reilly Health Services 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

### 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, coloring sheets, and light snacks.

<b>Quiet Create</b>	Wednesdays, Jan. 14, Feb. 11, Mar. 11, Apr. 8, 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 & 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. **REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**

Jan 27: Tea towel

Feb 24: Microwavable heating pad

Mar 24: Apron

Apr 28: Wall hanging storage

May 26: Tote bag

Jun 23: Lined zipper pouch

<b>Sewing 101</b>	Tuesdays, Jan. 27, Feb. 24, Mar. 24, Apr. 28, 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!

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

Speed Friending is an event where individuals are paired off for one-on-one conversations in short intervals. During these intervals, each pair is given the opportunity to talk, ask questions, and possibly spark a new friendship. Meet new people, make connections, and make some friends! For adults 18+. **REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**

<b>Speed Friending</b>	Thursdays, Jan. 15, Apr. 23, 6-7:45 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, Jan. 16, Feb. 20, Mar. 20, Apr. 17, 10:30-11:30 a.m.	Library! at Bown Crossing - David Eberle Room
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### Story Structure: A Writing Workshop with Boise City Writer-in-Residence Kim Cross

Join Boise City Writer-in-Residence Kim Cross for Story Structure. Story Structure is an interactive writing workshop that explores how the deliberate sequence of revelation—what writers reveal to the reader, and when—shapes a story's impact. Guided by Kim, participants will learn to see the architecture of a story and design a blueprint for one of their own. Together, the group will dissect a published story to identify the components of scene, summary, exposition, and reflection. Using the standard narrative arc as a starting point, Kim will also introduce alternative story structures and tools to experiment with sequencing to discover new possibilities for their stories. **No registration is required, but space is limited.** This workshop is geared toward writers of all levels and genres. As mature content may be discussed, parental discretion is advised for participants under 18. Please bring writing materials, such as a notebook and pen."

<b>Story Structure: A Writing Workshop with Boise City Writer-in-Residence Kim Cross</b>	Saturday, Feb. 28, 12-2 p.m.	Library! at Cole & Ustick - Sagebrush Room
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## ADULTS CONT'D

### 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, Jan. 15, Feb. 19, Mar. 19, Apr. 16, 6-7:30 p.m.	Library! at Collister - Sycamore 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, 3-4:30 p.m.	Library! at Hillcrest - Butte Room
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### Visible Mending Workshop

Join us to learn the skill of visible mending! Bring a garment that needs a small repair to learn how to give it new life and extra style. In this workshop we will learn how to repair textiles by hand stitching through: Internal patching, external patching, slow stitches, darning, and weaving. No previous sewing skills are needed. **REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**

<b>Visible Mending Workshop</b>	Wednesday, Mar. 18, 5-7 p.m.	Library! at Bown Crossing - Martie Brennan Room
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### Water-Wise Workshops

Learn how to create a water-wise landscape this spring with The Watershed, Veolia and Ada Soil & Water Conservation District. Workshops on water-wise plant selection, designing your space, and maintaining healthy soil and plants while protecting our local water resources will take place weekly this spring. **REGISTRATION REQUIRED FOR EACH WORKSHOP.**

February 18: Rainwater Catchment  
 February 25: Designing a Water Conscious Landscape  
 March 4: Water-wise Plant Selection  
 March 11: Water-wise Irrigation and Turf Selection  
 March 18: Strengthen your Soil Health to Save Water  
 March 25: Composting at Home  
 April 1: Why Backyard Conservation Matters  
 April 8: Safe Weed and Pest Management

<b>Water-Wise Workshops</b>	Wednesdays, Feb. 18, Feb. 25, Mar. 4, Mar. 11, Mar. 18, Mar. 25, Apr. 1, Apr. 8, 6:30-7:30 p.m.	Library! at Hillcrest - Butte Room
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### Zine Making Workshop

Join us to learn the art of zine making! This event is for adults and teens, ages 16 and up.

<b>Zine Making Workshop</b>	Wednesday, Feb. 25, 5-6:30 p.m.	Library! at Bown Crossing - David Eberle Room
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## BOISE WRITER IN RESIDENCE, KIM CROSS

**All Locations | All Ages**

**January 24, 12-2 p.m. | Dialogue** – Library! at Hillcrest

**February 28, 12-2 p.m. | Story Structure**

– Library! at Cole and Ustick

**March 12, 6-7:30 p.m. | Pitching and Getting Published,**

– Library! at Hillcrest

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

## ADULTS CONT'D

### Winter Seed Sowing: CMS for Native Plants

CMS, or cold, moist stratification, is the process of improving germination by exposing seeds to winter conditions, which assures that they'll be ready to wake in the spring. Many native plants require CMS. Join the Idaho Native Plant Society to learn tricks for the best CMS success! You will bring home a potted container with seeds that is ready to be placed outside.

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**

Winter Seed Sowing: CMS for Native Plants	Tuesday, Feb. 3, 6-7 p.m.	Library! at Hillcrest - Butte Room
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## ALL AGES EVENTS

### 4th Annual Winter Plant Swap

Join your fellow plant lovers and participate in a plant and cuttings swap. Bring an established plant or those cuttings you've been rooting in your window and trade them out for something new. Meet new plant friends, rescue some sad seedlings, and build your collection! Please ensure all cuttings/plants are healthy and pest-free.

4th Annual Winter Plant Swap	Friday, Jan. 9, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.	Library! at Hillcrest - Front Porch
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### American Red Cross Week

March is American Red Cross Month. Come to the Library to learn more about the American Red Cross' global humanitarian programs - from International Humanitarian Law to youth engagement programs and more. Each day of the week will feature a different part of the Red Cross mission. **REGISTRATION REQUIRED** for some sessions.

Services to the Armed Forces Day	Monday, Mar. 2, 4-5:30 p.m.	Library! at Collister - Sycamore Room
Disaster Preparedness Day	Tuesday, Mar. 3, 5:30-7 p.m.	Library! at Cole & Ustick - Sagebrush Room
Blood Drive Education Workshop	Wednesday, Mar. 4, 12-1:30 p.m.	Library! at Cole & Ustick - Bitterbrush Room
Blood Drive at the Library! at Cole & Ustick	Wednesday, Mar. 4, 11 a.m.-4:30 p.m.	Library! at Cole & Ustick - Bitterbrush Room (registration required, <a href="http://redcrossblood.org">redcrossblood.org</a> , use "CULibrary")
Blood Drive at the Library! at Bown Crossing	Thursday, Mar. 5, 6-7:30 p.m.	Library! at Bown Crossing - Martie Brennan Room (registration required, <a href="http://redcrossblood.org">redcrossblood.org</a> , use "Bown")
Global Humanitarian Programs	Friday, Mar. 6, 4-5:30 p.m.	Library! at Hillcrest - Butte Room
Volunteer Connection Day	Monday, Mar. 9, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.	Library! at Bown Crossing - Martie Brennan Room

### BCAF: Booked for the Booth

Are you an artist, creator, or business, thinking about being a vendor at the Boise Comic Arts Festival? If so, this is your chance to ask some questions! We will have BCAF staff and other helpful partners available to answer questions and talk about the ins and out of becoming a vendor. Come chat with us, with each other, and enjoy some light refreshments on us!

BCAF: Booked for the Booth	Saturday, Jan. 17, 12-2 p.m.	Library! at Hillcrest - Front Porch
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### Beginners Book Binding

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 French Link or Coptic Binding! You'll learn the basics of this book binding technique, make a book of your own, and possibly make new friends at the same time! Ages 12+. **REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**

Beginners Book Binding	Thursday, Jan. 29, 5:30-7:30 p.m.	Library! at Bown Crossing - Martie Brennan Room
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### Boise Philharmonic Chamber Ensembles Performance

Join us for a special performance by the Boise Philharmonic Chamber Ensembles. The night will begin with an instrument petting zoo and then transition into the recital.

Boise Philharmonic Chamber Ensembles Performance	Wednesday, Jan. 14, 5-7:30 p.m.	Library! Bown Crossing - Children's Area
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## ALL AGES EVENTS CONT'D

### 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

### Cosplay 101

Love cosplay or want to get started? Join local cosplay creators for a four-part series where you'll learn new skills and creative techniques each week. All experience levels welcome.

Jan 6: Intro to Cosplay

Jan 13: Pattern Modification & Sewing Skills

Jan 20: Props & Armor Building

Jan 27: Design Through Character Development

<b>Cosplay 101</b>	Tuesdays, Jan. 6, Jan. 13, Jan. 20, Jan. 27, 6-7 p.m.	Library! at Hillcrest - Butte Room
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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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### Free Swap

Join us for a Free Swap and find some new treasures! Home goods, toys, books, etc. all accepted. No donation necessary to participate. We will be accepting donations the week of the swap, April 13th-18th. Any leftover items will be donated to a local thrift store.

<b>Free Swap</b>	Friday, Apr. 17 and Saturday, Apr. 18, Open-Close	Library! at Hillcrest - Butte Room
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### Hobby and Tool Swap

Have you given up old hobbies and are looking for a new one? Too many hand tools in your junk drawer? Join your neighbors for a Hobby and Tool Swap! Drop off your gently used hobby supplies and hand tools March 16-27, and "shop" with us on March 28. No donation necessary to participate. Any leftover items will be donated to a local thrift store.

<b>Hobby and Tool Swap</b>	Saturday, Mar. 28, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.	Library! at Cole & Ustick - Sagebrush Room
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### Intermediate Book Binding: Multi-needle Coptic

Join us in creating a beautiful book using the Multi-needle Coptic Binding method. Multiple needles are used to sew the spine of a book, creating decorative, braid-like stitches. We recommend participants have some experience with basic techniques of book binding.) Ages 12+. **REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**

<b>Intermediate Book Binding: Multi-needle Coptic</b>	Thursday, Feb. 26, 5:30-7:30 p.m.	Library! at Bown Crossing - Martie Brennan 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, Jan. 23, Feb. 27, Mar. 27, Apr. 24, 4-5 p.m.	Library! at Cole & Ustick - Sagebrush Room
	Fridays, Jan. 9, Feb. 13, Mar. 13, Apr. 10, 4-5 p.m.	Library! at Hillcrest - Canyon Room
	Tuesdays, 4-5 p.m.	Library! at Bown Crossing - Martie Brennan Room
	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 to find some new inspiration? Come get in touch with your creative side with this fun, flash-writing challenge! Library staff will provide six mystery objects that you'll spend five minutes each writing about. **REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**

<b>Speed Writing</b>	Thursday, Jan 15., 6-7:30 p.m.	Library! at Bown Crossing - David Eberle Room
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### Tiny Art Show Series: Art Show

Tour the Library and admire the 3x3 canvas artworks made by members of your community. Snacks will be provided.

<b>Tiny Art Show Series: Art Show</b>	Wednesday, Jan. 28, 4-5:30 p.m.	Library! at Bown Crossing - David Eberle Room
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### Tiny Art Show Series: Paint Night

Transform a tiny 3x3 canvas into your own one-of-a-kind work of art for our Tiny Art Show on January 28. Let your imagination run wild—small size, big creativity! All supplies are provided. Two session times are available; please attend the one you registered for. **REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**

<b>Tiny Art Show Series: Paint Night</b>	Wednesday, Jan. 7, 4-5:30 p.m., 6-7:30 p.m.	Library! at Bown Crossing - Martie Brennan Room
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### Volunteer Fair

Meet your neighbors and take part in building a resilient community! In the style of a job fair, browse the tables of community organizations who are seeking volunteer help, learn about the work they do, and consider becoming a volunteer yourself. Just by attending the fair, you can participate in supporting your community: Bring food to donate to the Idaho Foodbank (canned fruits or vegetables; canned proteins like chicken or tuna; peanut butter; pasta or rice; or shelf-stable milk are needed items) or help with a service project while you're here! Organizations who will be present at the Volunteer Fair include: Glocal Community Partners, Giraffe Laugh, Boise Period Project, BABE VOTE, Women's and Children's Alliance, Boise Hive, Boise Kitchen Collective, American Red Cross, Idaho Foodbank, and the Idaho Humane Society.

<b>Volunteer Fair</b>	Tuesday, Mar. 10, 4 p.m.-7 p.m.	Library! at Cole & Ustick - Sagebrush Room
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## DID YOU KNOW?

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

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



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