

DECEMBER 2024

Library!

Program Guide



The program guide is changing! Starting in January, it will be published three times a year: January to April, May to August, and September to December. This change was made to better match school schedules and seasonal events. Be sure to check our website for updates and changes too!

ALL LOCATIONS WILL BE TAKING A PROGRAMMING BREAK DECEMBER 22ND THROUGH JANUARY 5TH.

Please check the online calendar for more information at BoisePublicLibrary.org/Calendar.

REMINDER: All Library locations will be closed on December 25.

BABIES, TODDLERS, AND PRESCHOOL

Baby Stories & Play

Join us for Baby storytime every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. These storytimes will include stories and songs and are designed for babies ages 0-2 and their caregivers. A 20-minute storytime will be followed by 30 minutes of open play time.

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

Crafternoon for Kids

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

Crafternoon for Kids	Tuesdays from 4 – 5 p.m.	Library! at Collister - Catalpa Room
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Family Storytime

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

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

BABIES, TODDLERS, AND PRESCHOOL CONT'D

Music and Movement

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

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

Play and Learn

This open play time is designed for children ages 5 and under and their caregivers to enjoy open-ended play and socialization together. While all ages are welcome to attend, this program is intended for children ages 0-5.

Play and Learn	Fridays from 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.	Library! at Cole & Ustick - Sagebrush Room
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Preschool Explorers

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

Preschool Explorers	Tuesdays from 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Downtown Library - Youth Services
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Preschool Storytime

Designed for children ages 3-5 and their caregivers to prepare children for kindergarten. Children will learn skills to get them ready to read and practice social skills for school.

Preschool Storytime	Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.	Library! at Cole & Ustick - Sagebrush Room
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School-Age Fun

Join the Library! at Collister for School Age Fun, for kids ages 6-11! Kids experience fun, hands-on activities in this program. Topics rotate each session.

School-Age Fun	Wednesdays, 4 – 5 p.m.	Library! at Collister - Sycamore Room
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Stories and Sensory Play

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

Stories and Sensory Play	Friday, Dec 13 from 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.	Library! at Bown Crossing - Martie Brennan 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.

Sewing Club for Kids	Fridays, 4 – 5 p.m.	Library! at Collister - Sycamore Room
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Toddler Storytime

Designed for children ages 2-3 and their caregivers to enjoy stories, music, movement, and play together.

Toddler Storytime	Mondays from 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.	Downtown Library - Youth Services
	Wednesdays from 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.	Library! at Bown Crossing



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Kids Crafts

Build a terra cotta Christmas house!

Kids Crafts	Saturday, Dec 14 from 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Library! at Cole & Ustick - Sagebrush Room
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LEGO® Club

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

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

Read to a Therapy Dog

Join us for our Read to a Therapy Dog program, where kids get a chance to practice their reading skills by reading to a Certified Therapy Dog! Kids can read to a dog for 10 minutes and the dogs will love it! Children believe they are teaching the dog to read, but they are actually teaching themselves. With the focus on the dog, children feel less pressure or embarrassment about their reading skills. They have fun, build confidence, and increase their love of reading! Plan to arrive a few minutes early to select your book. Check in with library staff at the “Doggy Desk” to sign in when you arrive.

Read to a Therapy Dog	Fridays from 4 – 5 p.m.	Library! at Collister - Sycamore and Catalpa Rooms
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School Age Fun	Thursdays at 4 p.m.	Library! at Cole & Ustick - Sagebrush Room
	Thursdays at 4 p.m.	Library! at Hillcrest - Canyon Room

TEENS

Teen Hangout

Calling all teens! Join us for crafts, games, movies, and hanging out with other teens. Snacks provided.

Teen Hangout	Tuesdays from 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.	Library! at Cole & Ustick - Sagebrush Room
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Teen Semester Finals Study Session

Use the library for any last minute cramming for finals.

Teen Semester Finals Study Session	Dec 11, 1 – 7:30 p.m.	Library! at Bown Crossing - David Eberle Room
	Dec 18, 3 – 7:30 p.m.	Library! at Bown Crossing - Martie Brennan Room



NOON YEAR'S EVE

TUESDAY, DEC 31 FROM 11 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.

ALL LOCATIONS

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

ADULTS

Adult Arts and Crafts

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

Adult Arts and Crafts	Tuesday, Dec 10, 6:15 – 7:30 pm	Library! at Collister - Sycamore Room
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Afternoon Soiree

Conducted by trained facilitators from the Alzheimer's Association, this new support group is a safe place to develop a support system, exchange helpful information, talk through issues, share feelings and ways of coping, and keep up to date about local resources.

Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group	3rd Tuesday of the month, 1:15 – 2:30 p.m.	Library! at Collister - Sycamore Room
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Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group	Fridays, Dec 6 & 20 from 10 – 11 a.m.	Library! at Hillcrest - Butte Room
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Books and Brews

Books and Brews is not your usual book club. Join us at Push & Pour (13 S Latah St) on the 2nd Monday of every month from 6:30p to 7:30pm. Enjoy a relaxed chat about books. Guests can come and talk about what they're reading and hear about what others are enjoying. Facilitated by library staff.

Books and Brews	2nd Monday of the month, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.	Push & Pour (13 S Latah St)
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Bunco Night

Join us for Bunco! Fun to play and easier to learn. If you can roll some dice and count to 21 then you have all you need to join us for a night of fun. A great way to meet new people! Light snacks will be provided. Registration required.

Bunco Night	Thursday, Dec 5 from 6-7:30 p.m.	Library! at Hillcrest - Butte Room
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Craft Club

Come join a crafty group of folks at the Library! At Cole & Ustick! Bring in any work-in-progress project you have or start something new while spending time socializing. Any sort of craft is welcome as long as you are able to bring in your own supplies.

Craft Club	Tuesday, Dec 3 from 6 – 7:30 p.m.	Library! at Cole & Ustick - Sagebrush Room
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Crafternoons in the Library

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

Crafternoons in the Library	Wednesday, Dec 18 from 3 – 4:30 p.m.	Library! at Hillcrest - Butte 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

ADULTS CONT'D

Creative Writing Program

Are you an inspiring writer, or desire to expand your creative toolkit? Join us at the Library! at Cole & Ustick. Develop your curiosity, take courage in your exploration, and commit to connecting with others through your gift and art of writing. We play with words, write, discuss, share, and support each other. Writers of all levels are welcome!

Creative Writing Program	Mondays, Dec 4 & 18 from 6 – 7:30 p.m.	Library! at Cole & Ustick - Sagebrush Room
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Creative Corner

Join us for our weekly gathering at the Library! at Bown Crossing. Bring any creative project that you want to work on and get to know other creative folks from the area!

Creative Corner	Every Wednesday at 12 p.m.	Library! at Bown Crossing (Martie Brennan 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 in the Catalpa Room at the Library! at Collister for guided conversation and practice.

English Practice Meet-Up	Fridays, 10 – 11 am	Library! at Collister - Catalpa Room
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Fit and Fall Proof

Fit and Fall Proof classes help older adults to maintain an independent, freely functioning lifestyle. Learn simple exercises to increase strength, balance, and endurance, and help prevent accidental falls. In partnership with the Central District Health Department (CDH). **REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.** Please contact CDH's Fit & Fall Proof™ Coordinator Mike Rice at 208-327-8591 for current availability.

Fit and Fall Proof	Mondays, Dec 4 & 18 from 6 – 7:30 p.m.	Library! at Cole & Ustick - Sagebrush Room
	Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:15 – 10:00 a.m.	Library! at Collister - Sycamore Room

Hillcrest Book Club

Join the Hillcrest Adult Book Club! We meet on the *4th Wednesday of every month at 2pm for friendship and lively discussion of a group selected book title. No registration is required, just join us when you can. *In December we meet on the first Wednesday of the month and enjoy holiday treats while discussing our book!

Hillcrest Book Club	Wednesday, Dec 4 from 2 – 3 p.m.	Library! at Hillcrest - Canyon Room
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Knit and Crochet Society

Bring your crochet, knitting, macramé, or embroidery and work on projects with friends! We'll have a different focus every month or you can concentrate on those UFO's (unfinished objects.)

Knit and Crochet Society	Thursday, Dec 19 from 6 – 7:30 p.m.	Downtown Library 3rd floor
	Wednesday, Dec 4 at 2 p.m.	Library! at Cole & Ustick - Bitterbrush Room

Paint and Sip

Join us at the Library! at Cole & Ustick to paint your own masterpiece in this fun, step-by-step program. We'll follow along to a video by artist Tracie Kiernan while enjoying some sparkling cider. All skill levels are welcome! **REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED** and opens 3 weeks before each event.

Paint and Sip	Tuesday, Dec 12, 6 – 7:30 p.m.	Library! at Cole & Ustick - Sagebrush Room
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Poetry Workshop with Kerri Webster

While writing is often a solitary act, it's also a means of making connections, building communities, adding our voice to other voices across time and distance. In this generative workshop, we'll gather, read a few poems by contemporary poets, and write together, inspired by their words. All are welcome! Kerri Webster is the author of four poetry collections, most recently Lapis (Wesleyan, 2022). The recipient of a 2024 Poets Laureate Fellowship from the Academy of American Poets, she currently serves as Writer in Residence for the State of Idaho. *With thanks to the Idaho Commission on the Arts, the Academy of American Poets, and the Mellon Foundation.*

Poetry Workshop with Kerri Webster	Thursday, Dec 12 6 – 7:30 p.m.	Library! at Collister- Sycamore Room
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ADULTS CONT'D

Quirky Crafts

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

Quirky Crafts	First Friday of the month, 1 – 2 p.m.	Library! at Bown Crossing - Martie Brennan Room
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Queer Book Club

Join us for Hillcrest's Queer Book Club! We meet at the Hillcrest Library on the 1st Wednesday of every month from 6:00 to 7:00 PM. Each month we will provide a list of 10 diverse titles to help you find the perfect book. Come ready to chat about what you're reading and get recommendations from your peers! Books are not required to be queer, but it is encouraged. Read diversely!

Queer Book Club	Wednesday, Dec 4 from 6 – 7 p.m.	Library! at Hillcrest - Canyon Room
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Sewing 101

Ever wanted to learn to use a sewing machine? Join us for Sewing 101 at the Downtown Library. 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. This is the last class in the series and we'll be making a microwavable heating pad."

Sewing 101	Wednesday, Dec 18 from 6 – 7:30 p.m. (Final class in a series lasting Oct-Dec)	Downtown Library - Marion Bingham Room
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Solstice Celebration

Need a relaxing evening during the darkest days of the year? Join us in celebrating the winter solstice and the promise of longer and brighter days ahead. Make a solstice simmer pot, then get cozy with a cup of tea while working on our community weaving project. **ADULTS ONLY, PLEASE.**

Solstice Celebration	Thursday, Dec 19 from 6 – 7:30 p.m.	Library! at Cole & Ustick - Sagebrush Room
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Speak German to Me

Familiar with German and want people to talk to? Used to know German and want to get back into it? Join us every Saturday at Collister for German conversation.

Speak German to Me	Saturdays, 1 – 2 p.m.	Library! at Collister - Sycamore Room
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Threadbenders

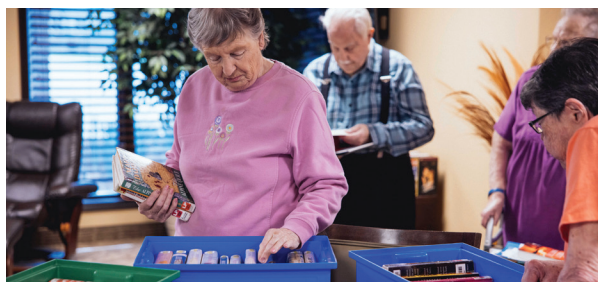
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Threadbenders	3rd Thursday of the month, 6 – 7:30 p.m.	Library! at Collister - Sycamore Room
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Winter Cookie Social

Join us for our Winter Cookie Social, an afternoon of cookie decorating, mingling, and socializing during the winter season. **FOR ADULTS 18+.**

Winter Cookie Social	Wednesday, Dec 4 from 1 – 2 p.m.	Library! at Hillcrest - Butte Room
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DICK EARDLEY SENIOR CENTER POP-UP LIBRARY

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

ALL AGES EVENTS

Boise Public Library Pokemon League

Come and play the Pokémon Trading Card Game with other Pokémon enthusiasts!

A Pokémon League provides a nearby place for you to get together with other fans of the Pokémon Trading Card Game, and have some fun. Using your own cards (we will have some decks to borrow), you can play, trade, and even earn cool prizes! The best part is that you can do all this with other Pokémon players who love collecting and playing just as much as you do. *This program is for fans age 8 and up

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

Gift Shoppe & Swap

The Library! at Cole & Ustick is hosting a free shopping experience for the holidays. The swap will be open while supplies last. Gift wrapping supplies will be available for your finds! You do NOT need to donate to participate. Donate giftable items and support our swap! Donations will be accepted November 18-30. Donated items need to be in excellent condition. If you wish to donate books, please direct them to the Friends of the Boise Public Library. No food will be accepted. Any leftover items will be donated to a local thrift store. You do NOT need to donate to participate.

Gift Shoppe & Swap	Saturday, Dec 7 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.	Library! at Cole & Ustick - Sagebrush Room
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Gift Wrapping Party

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

Gift Wrapping Party	Tuesday, Dec 3 from 3 – 5 p.m.	Library! at Hillcrest - Butte Room
	Tuesday, Dec 17 from 1 – 3 p.m.	Library! at Bown Crossing - Martie Brennan Room

Hobbitcore Club: Ghost Stories and Smores

This Program is for ages 12+. Registration encouraged to secure your spot and supplies! Did you know there's a tradition of sharing ghost stories in the winter? Learn how to make campfire and smore inspired ornaments and come prepared with your favorite spooky stories to share! All supplies will be available for use and anything you make you get to keep!

Hobbitcore Club: Ghost Stories and Smores	Thursday, Dec 12 from 6 – 7:30 p.m.	Library! at Bown Crossing - Martie Brennan Room
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Make a Soup Mix in a Jar

Winter is the season to cozy up with a hot bowl of soup. Visit the library to make a dry soup mix that you can give away or gift to yourself! Available as supplies last. Children are welcome but will need the help of an adult.

Make a Soup Mix in a Jar	Saturday, Dec 7 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.	Library! at Cole & Ustick - Bitterbrush Room
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Noon Year's Eve

Don't want to wait until midnight to celebrate? Come ring in the new year with a countdown to noon. Join us for activities, snacks, noisemakers, bubble dance party and a balloon drop! You'll have two opportunities to ring in the "Noon Year" with us!

Noon Year's Eve	Tuesday Dec 31, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Downtown Library - Youth Services (Auditorium)
		Library! at Bown Crossing - Martie Brennan Room
		Library at Cole & Ustick - Sagebrush Room
		Library! at Collister - Sycamore Room
		Library! at Hillcrest - Butte Room

ALL AGES EVENTS CONT'D

Self Care - Sound Bath with Moonlit Tides Holistic

This Program is for ages 12+. Join us for the first event in our new Self Care series. This program will meet monthly at Library! at Cole and Ustick and will feature a selection of community presenters on a wide variety of self care topics. We will kick off the series with a Sound Bath presented by Moonlit Tides Holistic. A sound bath is a meditative experience where participants are immersed in deep sound wave vibrations. This evening's sound bath will include 7 singing bowls in the key of C and 432 hz frequencies. Please bring pillows, blankets, or a mat to lay on to make yourself a nest. Chairs will be provided for those who prefer to sit. This program is designed to be a relaxing meditative experience; you may even fall asleep, so get comfortable!

Self Care - Sound Bath with Moonlit Tides Holistic

Thursday, Dec 5 from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Library! at Cole & Ustick - Sagebrush Room

Taylor Swift Night at the Library

Come celebrate the end of the historic Eras Tour with a party! There will be crafts, games, snacks, and dancing--perfect for diehard and new Swifties alike. Taylor-inspired outfits encouraged! This party is free and open to all ages--no need to RSVP!

Taylor Swift Night at the Library

Friday, December 13th from 5 – 7 p.m.

Downtown Library - Hayes Auditorium

Unraveled: A Yarn Guild

This Program is for ages 12+. Join a group of local yarn enthusiasts as we gather every week to knit, crochet, or weave our own personal projects, or items for Boise area humanitarian needs, including preemie baby beanies for St. Alphonsus, crate blankets for the Idaho Humane Society, and kids beanies for the Boise Bicycle Project. Limited supplies for humanitarian projects are available.

Unraveled: A Yarn Guild

Mondays from 3 – 4:30 p.m.

Library! at Hillcrest - Butte Room

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



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