

WINTER PROGRAM GUIDE

HOMETOWN CHRISTMAS FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1ST - 5:30PM

Stop into Ida Public Library during Belvidere's winter tradition, Hometown Christmas!

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FRIENDS SKATE DAY WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27 - 10AM -1PM

Meet us at Riverside Ice Arena for an afternoon of ice skating!

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VALENTINE'S COOKIE DECORATING WITH EK CAKERY* MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5TH - 6 PM

Erica from EK Cakery is back with an adult only cookie decorating program!

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Ida Public
LIBRARY
Belvidere, IL

HOURS

*Monday - Thursday
10am - 8pm*

*Friday - Saturday
10am - 5pm*

*320 N. State St.
Belvidere IL 61008*

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Holiday Hours

Give us a call, find us on social media or check out our website to get our most current holiday hours!



HOMETOWN CHRISTMAS

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1ST - 5:30PM - 9:00PM

Stop into Ida Public Library during Belvidere's winter tradition, Hometown Christmas! Hot cocoa and cookies will be available on the lower level. The evening's events are as follows:

LIGHT UP THE NIGHT PARADE: 5:30PM



SEE THE IDA PUBLIC LIBRARY BOOKMOBILE IN THE HOMETOWN CHRISTMAS PARADE!



HOLIDAY SING-ALONG: 6:00 - 6:30PM



DROP IN FOR A SING-ALONG WITH NASHVILLE RECORDING ARTIST ALICIA SMITH IN THE YOUTH DEPT

CHRISTMAS BINGO: 6:30PM & 7:45PM



STOP BY FOR HOLIDAY BINGO IN THE MEETING ROOM ON THE LOWER LEVEL

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT: 7:00 - 7:45PM



CAROLING BY CANDLELIGHT WITH ROCKFORD CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR ON THE UPPER LEVEL OF THE LIBRARY



FAMILY FILMS

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27TH AT 2PM

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3RD AT 2PM & 6PM

Come to the library for some free, family-friendly movie showings! Call the library at 815-544-3838 to find out what movies will be playing!



HOLIDAY DE-STRESS

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22ND - 11AM - 2PM

Stop into the library for a moment of calm during the hustle and bustle of the holidays! Join us for coloring, reading, puzzles and pups! We are excited to have the Forest City Dog Training Club here with their dogs to aid in our de-stress time!



FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY SKATE DAY

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27TH - 10AM - 1PM

Show your Ida Public Library Card for free entry and skate rental at Riverside Ice Arena on 365 W Locust St in Belvidere. Feel free to bring your own skates as rental sizes are limited. We will have a warming cabin and refreshments available as well! Being an outdoor event, weather conditions may prevent the rink from operating. Be sure to check our social media or give us a call leading up to the event!

Thank you to the Friends of Ida Public Library for sponsoring this event!



DISGUISE A GINGERBREAD FRIEND

ALL DECEMBER LONG

Can you fool Santa? For the month of December stop by the youth circulation desk to pick up a Gingerbread Friend template. Use your creativity to disguise it! The winner will get a DIY own Gingerbread Kit!



LOCAL AUTHOR EXPO

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13TH - 12-4PM

Connect with local authors, learn about new titles, and purchase books at our Local Author Expo! Books on different topics and different ages will be present at this expo. It is one you won't want to miss!

STORYTIMES

STORY SPROUTS

WEDNESDAYS - 10:30AM

Join us on Wednesday mornings on the lower level in the meeting room! This weekly program is perfect for your preschool-aged reader to engage in literacy! No registration required.

OPEN PLAY

1ST & 3RD THURSDAYS - 10:30AM

When there is no Tiny Tales Storytime, you and your little one(s) can still drop by for an open play session! Play, read, and interact with one another!

TINY TALES

2ND & 4TH THURSDAYS - 10:30AM

This storytime is for Ida's tiniest readers to socialize and engage in early literacy! Tiny Tales storytime is designed for babies from newborn to two and their caregiver(s)! No registration required.



BILINGUAL STORYTIMES*

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11TH & FEBRUARY 12TH - 5:00PM

Come join us for our holiday bilingual storytime! You will read stories that are both English and Spanish and make fun themed crafts to go along with each story. Register online to join.

¿Viene a unirse a nosotros para nuestra hora del cuento bilingüe? Leerás historias que son tanto en inglés como en español y harás divertidas manualidades temáticas para acompañar cada historia. Registro en línea.



DIAMOND ART FOR KIDS*

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11TH - 6PM

We are excited to bring diamond art to the youth! Julie, from Julie's Diamond Art, will be here to introduce the fun of diamond art to kids ages 7 and up. Registration required. Space is limited.



BUILDERS CLUB

2ND WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH - 3:30PM

Join Ida's Builder's Club where you can show off your creativity by building with LEGOs and Keva Planks! We will have different challenges, badges, themes, and contests along the way in this once a month Builders Club!



FREE BUILD FRIDAY

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5TH - 2-4PM



Beat the cold weather and build with us! We will be having an open build time for youth at the library! Come build whatever you'd like with LEGO bricks and Keva planks!

NOON YEARS PARTY*

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30TH - 11AM

Say Goodbye to 2023 and say Hello to 2024! Come ring in the upcoming New Year here at Ida! We'll have activities, crafts and even a countdown at Noon! Registration is required. Space is Limited.



BLUEY BEDTIME BASH*

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30TH - 6-7PM

Calling all Bluey Fans! We would like to invite you to our Bluey Bedtime Bash! We will celebrate all things Bluey with stories, a craft, activities and more! Registration is Required. Space is Limited.



BABY SOCK HOP*

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND - 10:30AM & 5PM

Get ready to shake, rattle, and roll at our baby sock hop! Join us for some music, play, and of course, a photo op at our very own baby sock hop! Registration is required! Space is Limited.





TEEN HANGOUT

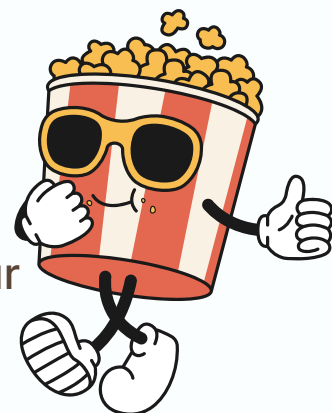
DECEMBER 28TH 2-4PM, JANUARY 4TH 2PM-4PM

Hey Teens! We have created a time and space for you to hangout, connect with others, play games, do some crafts, or read a book! Drop in anytime during Teen Hangout hours, no registration required!

TEEN MOVIE SHOWINGS

DEC 28TH & JAN 4TH - 4PM, FEB 1ST - 5PM

We will be doing some movie showings, with popcorn, just for teens this winter! Join us on the lower level in the meeting room for movies free of charge! Give us a call at 815-544-3838 or email our Youth Services Manager at daisym@idapubliclibrary.org.



SWIFTIE PARTY*

FEBRUARY 16TH 2-4PM

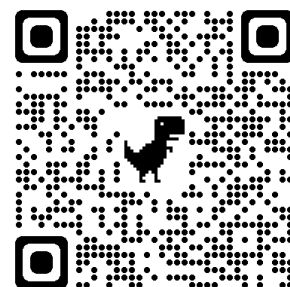
Are you a Swiftie? If so, come join us for a Swiftie party! Celebrate all things Taylor Swift with activities, crafts and even a dance party! Registration is required, space is limited!

FREE RESOURCES FOR TEENS

College preparation, career readiness, adult core skills, and more available on our website! Visit idapubliclibrary.org, click on Resources (without a library card) and select EBSCO Learning Express to access FREE practice tests, tutorials, ebooks, and more!
*Set up an account with your email address to track your progress but no library card is needed.

TEEN ADVISORY SURVEY

Hey Teens! We want to hear from YOU! Scan the QR Code to take our survey.



BYOB BOOK CLUB***1ST MONDAY OF THE MONTH - 3 PM***

Read whatever you like in this fun, social club. Then, join us every month on the first Monday at 3 pm to discuss your favorite reads. It's a great way to build your reading list! No registration required, just drop in.

MYSTERY BOOK CLUB****MONDAY, DECEMBER 18TH, JANUARY 22ND, FEBRUARY 26TH AT 10:30AM***

Do you love a good mystery? If so, come and join us at the library for our Ida's Mystery Book Club. Each month we will meet to discuss a chosen book and give our thoughts and opinions on each book. Register online to save your spot and find out about our next book.

TRUE CRIME BOOK CLUB***3RD THURSDAY OF THE MONTH - 6PM***

Are you a True Crime junkie? If so, join our book club! Every month we will get together to discuss a True Crime book & share our thoughts on the case! Books will be available to check out at the lower level circulation desk.

JULIE'S DIAMOND ART ORNAMENTS****WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13TH - 6PM***

Tis the season! Sign up to make diamond art ornaments with Julie from Julie's Diamond Art! Registration is Required. Space is limited and precedence will be given to library card holders.

IDA'S CRAFTERS****2ND THURSDAY OF THE MONTH - 3PM***

Come and join us for our monthly crafter's program for adults at Ida. Each month we will be creating a new craft, fun for new and expert crafters alike! Registration is Recommended!

SEASONAL CARE FOR HOME LANDSCAPE- SPRING*

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17TH - 6PM

Every season there are things that need to be done in our home landscapes and gardens. Our lawns, trees, shrubs, flowers and vegetable gardens need to be taken care of to keep them looking and producing their best. Boone County Master Gardener, Jennifer Crider will offer tips and advice for basic maintenance February through May. Registration required.

VALENTINE'S COOKIE DECORATING WITH EK CAKERY*

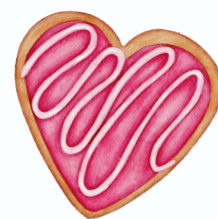
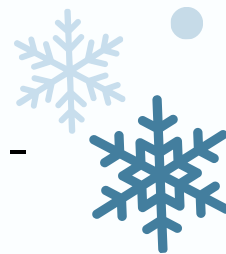
MONDAY, FEB 5TH - 6PM

Erica from EK Cakery on Buchanan Street is back again for another fun Valentine's cookie event! Each participant will receive a 3 cookie pack complete with frosting. Erica will demonstrate how to decorate each design. This program is designated for individuals ages 17 and up ONLY. Younger than 17 will not be admitted due to space limitations. Registration is required. Sign up fast as this event was very full last year.

SEED STARTING*

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST - 6PM

Spring is almost here. Now is the time to plan your garden and begin the process of starting seeds indoors. Whether you are new to gardening or have been doing it for years, this program has something for everyone. Join Boone County Master Gardener, Jennifer Crider, and learn about germination, breaking dormancy, scheduling, seeding methods and more. Registration required.



ONGOING SERVICES

FINDING YOUR PAST

Looking for your Belvidere/Boone County ancestors and don't know where to start? Wondering who lived in your house once upon a time? Let our local history department help you Find Your Past. Complete a request form on our website or stop by the library for more information.

DIAL A STORY

Ida Public Library has Dial a Story! Call 815-668-0668 and select the story you would like to hear from the menu. Anytime. Anywhere.

WE DO LICENSE PLATE STICKER RENEWALS!

You can renew your Illinois License Plate sticker right here in our library during our normal business hours. Read a book or magazine, browse, or sit and relax in the quiet while you wait! There will be an additional fee of \$9.50 applied. A portion of this fee will go to support the library.



NOTARY SERVICES

We offer notary service by appointment. There is a fee of \$3 for the first page, and \$1 per additional page. Please call the library to schedule an appointment. Valid photo ID is required.

BLESSING BOX

Ida Public Library has a blessing box located in front of the building, off of North State Street. If you are in need of toiletries or non-perishable food items, you are welcome to visit it. If you would like to donate to it, you are welcome to do that also!

YOUR LIBRARY AT HOME

Explore thousands of audiobooks, ebooks, e-comics, and streaming movies FREE with your Ida Public Library card! Hoopla and Libby both have apps that are perfect for a tablet or mobile device! Download the app, enter your library card information and you are set!



PLAY-AWAYS & TRANSMITTERS

Play-aways are pre-loaded audiobooks that do not need internet or Wi-Fi to listen to! We also have transmitters for check out which allows you to listen to the Playaway through your hearing aids if you have them! Stop by the Adult Circulation Desk on the 2nd floor or stop by our Bookmobile to check one out today!

ONGOING SERVICES



EXPLORE MORE ILLINOIS

Explore More Illinois allows you to receive discounts to different events, museums, etc. with your library card! Find Explore More IL on our website or at <https://exploremore.quipugroup.net/?Ida>

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The Ida Public Library's Bookmobile is an on-the-go extension of the library! You can check out adult, teen, and children's books and other materials such as movies and Play-aways on the Bookmobile! You can also return items from the library to the Bookmobile and visa-versa!

As winter approaches, we will likely have some weather related schedule changes. Be sure to give us a call at the library or check out our Facebook page to get the most up to date schedule.



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The Friends of Ida Public Library invite you to join them as they conduct fundraisers, book sales, and more to help benefit Ida Public Library and its patrons! Members also get first access at the book sales hosted by the Friends. An Individual Membership is \$5 and a Family Membership is \$10. Feel free to visit their Facebook Page at Friends of Ida or idapubliclibrary.org/friends-of-the-library/ for more information!

LIBRARY BOARD MEETINGS

6PM - FOURTH TUESDAY
January 23th & February 27th

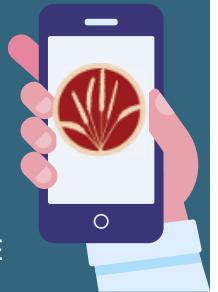
Meetings are open to the public. If you would like to make a comment, please contact the library director by calling the library or emailing director@idapubliclibrary.org.

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LIBRARY CLOSURES

We will be closed on December 23, 25 & 26, January 1st, January 15th, and February 19th. We may open late, or have unexpected closures on select dates, for staff trainings or inclement weather. Please see our Facebook page or call for upcoming closures and current hours.

PHOTOGRAPHY NOTICE

Library staff may take photos or videos during events to share on library social media. If you do not wish to be photographed, please let staff know before the event.

WORLDCAT

Ida Public Library is a member of the World Cat Library.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Any person needing an accommodation for a disability in order to access the benefits of the library's services, programs, or activities under the Americans with Disabilities Act should contact the library staff. Any person needing an accommodation for a disability in order to attend a meeting at the library should contact the library by telephone or in writing, no less than five (5) working days prior to the meeting

MASKS RECOMMENDED

Masks are recommended for everyone over the age of two while inside the building.

BOOK DONATIONS

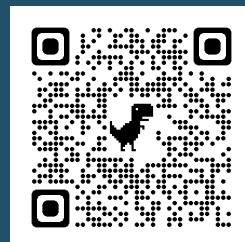
We are accepting book donations for our Friends Booksale!



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CLOSED Sunday



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offer!

COZY WINTER BINGO!

Fill out our Cozy Winter Bingo Card with us! Cross off each square as you complete it. Want an even bigger challenge? Try completing all squares giving yourself a blackout card! Turn in your completed bingo card, by February 29th, for small prize!

GO ICE SKATING OR WATCH IT	CHECK OUT A LIBRARY BOOK	VISIT THE BOOK- MOBILE	READ A BOOK WITH BLUE ON THE COVER	DO A CRAFT
LISTEN TO AN AUDIO BOOK	DRINK HOT COCOA	READ A FICTION BOOK	ATTEND A LIBRARY PROGRAM	WATCH A WINTER SPORT
ATTEND A HOLIDAY EVENT	READ A NON- FICTION BOOK		WATCH A WINTER OR HOLIDAY MOVIE	COOK/BAKE A RECIPE FROM A COOKBOOK
PLAY A BOARD GAME	READ ON A SNOWY DAY	READ A BOOK FROM A LIBRARY DISPLAY	VISIT THE IDA PUBLIC LIBRARY	READ A BOOK FROM THE BOTTOM SHELF
READ A BOOK THAT BECAME A MOVIE	BUILD A SNOWMAN	ATTEND A LIBRARY PROGRAM	READ A BOOK FROM A SERIES	WATCH THE SNOW FALL