

# SPRING PROGRAM GUIDE

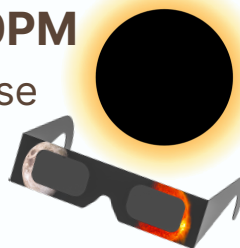


Ida Public  
LIBRARY  
Belvidere, IL

## ECLIPSE VIEWING PARTY WITH BCCD MONDAY, APRIL 8TH - 12PM - 3:30PM

Meet us at Spencer Park for a Solar Eclipse Viewing Party!

\*More information on page 2



## PEEPS CONTEST MARCH 25TH - APRIL 1ST

It is time for the Annual Peeps Contest! Adults, Teens, and Youth are encouraged to participate in this fun and festive contest! Bring in your peeps display by March 25th. Voting will take place from March 25th to March 30th and the winners of each category will be announced on April 1st! No registration required.

## MOTHER'S DAY FLOWER POTS\*

**THURSDAY, MAY 9TH - 6PM**

Come join us for a special Mother's Day program! We will be painting a flower pot and planting a flower along with it! Registration is required. Space is limited.



## HOURS

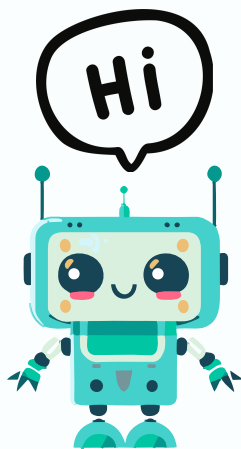
*Monday - Thursday  
10am - 8pm*

*Friday - Saturday  
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## MEET THE BOTS

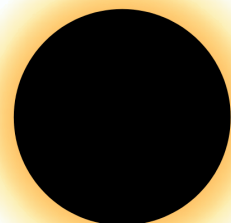
**TUESDAY, MARCH 12TH - 5:30 PM**

Come meet the Bots! Ida Public Library has some new coding bots for youth that we would like to introduce to you! Come learn about how the Boone County Community Foundation and the Friends of Ida helped get these for us, see the bots in action, and more! No registration required.

## TAKE HOME ECLIPSE KITS

**MARCH 25TH - APRIL 1ST**

A Solar Eclipse is upon us! Stop in for a Solar Eclipse Take Home Kit on the lower level circulation desk! Limited quantities available. One kit per family.



## ECLIPSE VIEWING PARTY WITH THE BOONE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

**MONDAY, APRIL 8TH - 12PM -3:30PM**

Join us as we partner together with the Boone County Conservation District for an Eclipse Viewing Party at Spencer Park! We will have glasses for those attending the event and doors to the Rec Hall will open at 12:15 pm to pick them up. There will be activities on the lawn as well as a Live Stream of the Eclipse available. Feel free to bring a picnic lunch or treat yourself to the food trucks that will be available at the event!



Spencer Park: 899 Appleton Rd, Belvidere, IL 61008

For more information, go to Boone County Conservation Facebook or Instagram Page. Glasses provided by StarNet S.E.A.L.



## WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH STORYTIME WITH LOCAL AUTHOR S.K. STANSELL\*

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6TH - 6PM**

S.K. Stansell, a local author, wrote *Open the Door* - a children's book about empowering and encouraging young girls, especially to cultivate an interest in the public safety profession. Stansell hopes that *Open the Door* will stimulate conversation about the many opportunities that await the reader, both boys and girls alike, if they dare to dream. Join us as S.K. Stansell herself joins us for a reading of her book, a meet and greet, and more! All ages welcome. Registration recommended!



## FAMILY BOARD GAME NIGHT

**MONDAY, MARCH 25TH FROM 6PM-8PM**

Drop in and play some board games with us! Bring your family and friends for a special game night here at the library! We will have a wide selection of board games and card games to play.

## DROP IN TABLETOP CARD GAMES

**MARCH 23RD, APRIL 20TH, & MAY 18TH - 2-3:30 PM**

Love playing tabletop card games like Pokemon, Magic the Gathering or even Yu-Gi-Oh? Once a month we will have drop in game days. Gather up your cards and friends and stop in to play! All skill levels and beginners are welcome! Instructors will be available! No registration required.

Dates are as follows: March 23rd - Pokemon

April 20th - Magic the Gathering

May 18th - Yu-Gi- Oh!



## BLUEY & BINGO, BINGO!\*

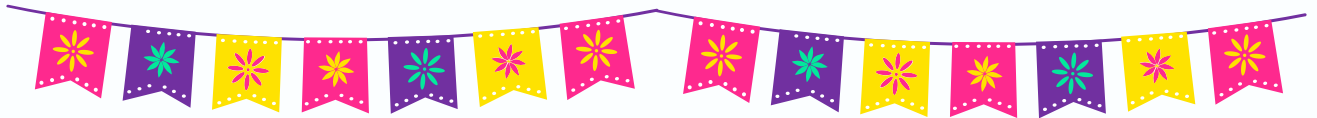
**TUESDAY, MARCH 26TH; 10:30AM & 3PM**

Hooray! It is time for Bluey and Bingo, BINGO! Register for one of two sessions of our Bluey and Bingo BINGO games with Bluey trivia and prizes! Registration is Required!



## TAKE HOME EARTH DAY KITS APRIL 22ND

Celebrate Earth Day with a take-home kit! Each kit will have a fun craft, activities, and even some seeds to plant in your own yard! \*While supplies last\*



## CINCO DE MAYO FAMILY CELEBRATION \* FRIDAY, MAY 3 - 3:00 PM

Do you like to learn about different cultures while having fun? If so, come and join us for our Cinco De Mayo Family Celebration. We will have fun games, activities, music, and crafts. Space will be limited so sign up to reserve your spot.

¿Te gusta aprender sobre diferentes culturas mientras te diviertes? Si es así, venga y únase a nosotros en nuestra celebración familiar del Cinco de Mayo. Tendremos divertidos juegos, actividades, música y manualidades. El espacio será limitado, así que regístrate para reservar tu lugar.

## TAKE HOME STAR WARS KITS MAY 4TH

May the 4th be with you! Celebrate Star Wars Day with a special take-home kit. Each kit will have a craft, activities, and even a special surprise! \*While supplies last\*





## STORYTIMES

## STORY SPROUTS

**WEDNESDAYS - 10:30AM OR THURSDAYS - 3:30PM**

Join us on Wednesday mornings or Thursday afternoons on the lower level in the meeting room for Story Sprouts! This weekly program is perfect for your preschool-aged reader to engage in stories, activities, and crafts! \*Starting March 7th



## 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.



## TWEEN GRAPHIC NOVEL BOOK CLUB\*

**4TH THURSDAY OF THE MONTH - 5:30PM**

Tweens, we have a special book club just for you! Join us once a month for a Tween Graphic Novel Book Club! Each month we will read the same graphic novel on our own. We will then meet up at the library to discuss the graphic novel and do an activity! Graphic novels will be available at the youth circulation desk. Registration Required.

## STEAM SQUAD\*

**1ST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH - 3:30PM**

Come join us for our once a month STEAM club program! The program is geared for preschoolers & kindergarteners to learn all about how the world works! Each month we will be discussing an element of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art & Mathematics) and doing activities along with it! Registration is required.



## BUILDERS CLUB

**2ND WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH - 3:30PM**

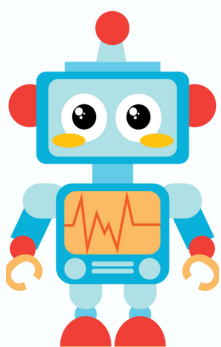
Join Ida's Builder's Club where you can show off your creativity by building with LEGOs and Keva Planks! We will have different challenges, cards, themes, and contests along the way in this once a month Builders Club! No registration required & all materials are included.



## FREE BUILD FRIDAY

**FRIDAY, MARCH 29TH 2PM - 4PM**

Stop in 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! No registration required.



## CODING CORNER\*

**1ST & 3RD WEDNESDAYS - 4PM**

Coding Corner is back.. with robots! Learn about coding, engage in technology, and have fun in this coding club. This program is geared towards youth 2nd - 6th grade. Registration is required, space is limited. Starting Wednesday, April 3rd.

## READY, SET, NO BAKE!\*

**MAY 6TH & 13TH - 4:30PM-6PM**

It is time to show off your no bake baking skills in this creative no bake challenge! This challenge will take place over two weeks, one challenge a week for one hour at Ida Public Library! The first challenge is your Signature Challenge where you'd decorate a cupcake!

The second is the Technical Challenge: Cookie Decorating! The third, and final challenge, is the Showstopper! A Rice Krispie Sculpture on May 13th!

Registration is required. Space is limited. All materials will be provided!



## FREE TEEN RESOURCES

Visit [idapubliclibrary.org](http://idapubliclibrary.org), click on Resources (without a library card) and select EBSCO Learning Express to access FREE College preparation, career readiness, adult core skills, and more!

## TEEN HANGOUT

**MON. MARCH 25 - 2PM - 4PM, TUES. APRIL 30 - 5:30-7PM**

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!

## READY, SET, NO BAKE\*

**MAY 6TH & 13TH - 6:30PM - 7:30PM**

It is time to show off your no bake baking skills in this creative no bake challenge! This challenge will take place over two weeks, one challenge a week for one hour at Ida Public Library!

The first challenge is your Signature Challenge where you'd decorate a cupcake! The second is the Technical Challenge: Decorate a Cookie! The third, and final challenge, is the Showstopper! A Rice Krispie Sculpture on May 13th! Registration is required. Space is limited. All materials will be provided!



## BASIC CAR CARE WITH RVC\*

**SATURDAY, MAY 4TH AT 11:30AM**

Cars are a big responsibility! Come learn about basic car care with Rock Valley College to help keep your ride running smoothly and safely. You can also learn about the RVC Automotive program if you are interested! Registration Required.



BE SURE TO  
CHECK OUT  
PAGE 10 FOR OUR  
**FREE**  
MOVIE  
SHOWINGS!



## 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.



## 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. No registration required.

## MYSTERY BOOK CLUB

**4TH MONDAYS, MARCH 25, APRIL 22 & MAY 20  
(HOLIDAY ON MAY 27) - 10:30AM**



Do you love a good mystery? If so, come and join us 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. No registration required.

## BENEFICIAL INSECTS: GARDEN WARRIORS\*

**TUESDAY, MARCH 19TH - 6PM**

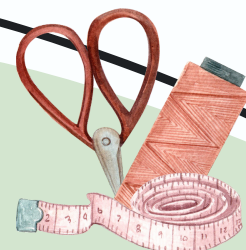


Gardeners tend to focus on insects that eat their plants without paying attention to insects that act as warriors in the garden by either eating the bad bugs or parasitizing them. Learn about the most common beneficial insects with Boone County Master Gardener, Barb Wych and never accidentally kill a good bug again.



## IDA'S CRAFTERS\*

**4TH FRIDAY OF THE MONTH - 10:30 AM OR  
4TH WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH - 6 PM**



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 Required!





## SWEET TREAT LEPRECHAUN HUNT

A leprechaun has hidden shamrocks in the Adult and YA books upstairs! If you find one while you're reading, return it to the circulation desk upstairs for a sweet treat!

## NATIVE POLLINATORS\*

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17TH - 6PM**



When it comes to pollination, honey bees get a majority of the attention. However, many insects play a role in pollination. Boone County Master Gardener, Bobbi Burke will discuss different native pollinators and how to make your landscape attractive to them.

## SEED SWAP

**MONDAY, APRIL 29TH - 2PM**

Bring your extra seeds to the library on Monday, April, 29 at 2 pm to exchange with your fellow gardeners. Gardening tips will be available from the U of I Extension office and the library will also have some seed handouts. Learn about the library's Community Garden from Master Gardener Sandie. No registration needed.



## GROW YOUR OWN FRUIT TREES\*

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 17TH - 6PM**



Tree fruits can be grown in your backyard with proper care and training. Boone County Master Gardener, Jennifer Crider, will lead this presentation. Learn the basics of backyard tree fruits and how selection, training, and pruning are key factors for success.

## THE GREAT BAKE DOWN MURDER MYSTERY\*

**SATURDAY, MAY 25TH; 12PM - 4 PM**

You have been invited to the "The Great Bake Down Muder Mystery Program!" There has been a poisoning on a very popular baking show set, can you figure out whodunit!? Come join us for this in person murder mystery program here at the library! You'll be assigned a character to play (you can even dress up as the character if you like!) and be given a brief summary of the character beforehand. Then join us as we try to solve the case of "The Great Bake Down!" Registration is required! \*This program is limited to 20 participants\*





# FREE MOVIE EVENTS



FAMILY MOVIE  
**MARCH 27TH - 1PM**  
Showing "Disney's  
Wish"



TEEN MOVIE  
**MARCH 27TH - 6PM**  
Showing "The Hunger  
Games: The Ballad of  
Songbirds and Snakes"



FAMILY MOVIE  
**MAY 21ST - 6PM**  
Showing "Trolls Band  
Together"



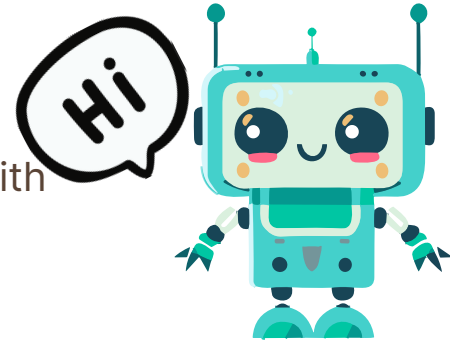
TEEN MOVIE  
**MAY 29TH - 6PM**  
Showing "Godzilla VS  
Kong"

# Friends of Ida Public Library

## MEET THE BOTS

**TUESDAY, MARCH 12TH - 5:30 PM**

Come to the library and meet the new robots recieved with help from the Friends of Ida and the Boone County Foundation. Check out page 2 for more information!



## FRIENDS OF IDA MINI BOOKSALE

**APRIL 10TH - (MEMBERS ONLY) 5PM-7:30PM**

**THURSDAY, APRIL 11TH - 10AM - 7:30PM**

**FRIDAY, APRIL 12TH - 10AM - 4:30PM**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 13TH - 10AM - 2PM**

It is book sale time! Join the Friends of Ida Public Library to get in on the early bird presale date!



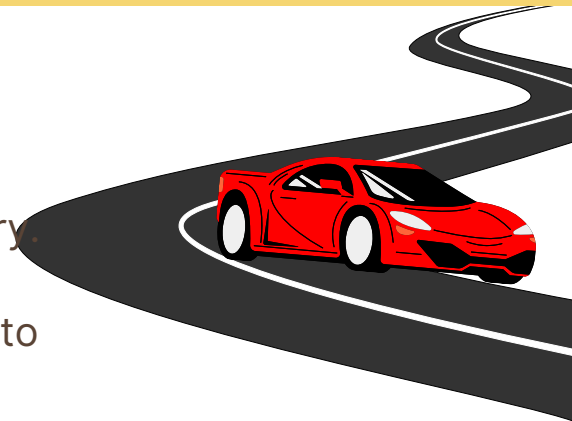
## JOIN THE FRIENDS OF IDA PUBLIC LIBRARY

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/](http://idapubliclibrary.org/friends-of-the-library/) for more information!

## DRIVE FOR OUR LIBRARY EVENT

**SATURDAY, MAY 4TH - 10:30AM - 3PM**

Hamblock Ford will be bringing in new vehicles of all shapes and sizes to test drive here at the library. They will donate \$5 to the Friends of Ida Public Library for each person who test drives! You get to take a spin in a fancy new ride while supporting your local library!



## DINE AND DONATE AT DAIRY QUEEN

**BE ON THE LOOK OUT FOR A DINE & DONATE NIGHT AT DQ**

# 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 [bit.ly/3SS8LN9](https://bit.ly/3SS8LN9) and select Ida Public Library.

## EBSCO LEARNING EXPRESS

EBSCO Learning Express provides tutorials, practice tests, and more for different high school, college, and vocational programs for FREE! Check out [idapubliclibrary.org](https://idapubliclibrary.org) to access these great services today!



## IDA PUBLIC LIBRARY BOOKMOBILE



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! Don't have a library card? No problem. They can get you one right there on the bus!

Be sure to Like Ida Bookmobile on Facebook or visit our website for the most up-to-date calendar and locations! Anytime you see them out, they are open!



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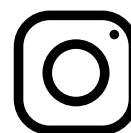


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## LIBRARY BOARD MEETINGS

6PM - FOURTH TUESDAY

March 26th, April 23rd, May 28th

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 [mindyl@idapubliclibrary.org](mailto:mindyl@idapubliclibrary.org).

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## LIBRARY CLOSURES

We will be closed on Monday, May 27th for Memorial Day. 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

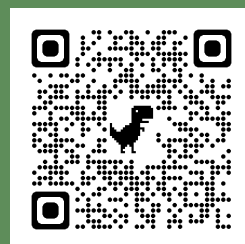
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