



IDA PUBLIC LIBRARY 2024 FALL PROGRAM GUIDE

**SEPT 5TH
6PM**

SMOKEY THE BEAR BIRTHDAY CAMPOUT

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**OCT 15TH
3:30PM**

SPOOKY STEAM

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**NOV 16TH
10AM**

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Friends of Ida Public Library Fall Book Sale

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MONDAY - THURSDAY 10-8PM

FRIDAY - SATURDAY 10-5PM

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SMOKEY THE BEAR READING CHALLENGE

↘ September - All Month

Celebrate Smokey's 80th Birthday by joining our Smokey the Bear Reading Challenge and engage youth in reading about wildfire prevention, forests, & natural resource careers while they explore their local environment! Pick up the information at the Youth Circulation Desk!

SMOKEY THE BEAR BIRTHDAY CAMPOUT

↘ Thursday, September 5th at 6pm

Celebrate Smokey the Bear's Birthday with us! Bring your favorite doll or stuffed animal to our indoor campout complete with blanket fort building, campfire stories, and more. **Registration Required.**



HOCUS POCUS INTERACTIVE MOVIE

↘ Thursday, October 10th at 6pm

Amok amok amok! Join us for an interactive showing of Hocus Pocus (the 1993 version) at the library! All supplies will be provided! **Registration is Required.** Space limited.



LOCAL AUTHOR EXPO

↘ Saturday, November 16th - 10am - 2pm

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





LUCKY GUYS FARM STORYTIME

↘ Saturday, September 7th at 10:30am

Friday, October 11th at 10:30am

We are excited to have Lucky Guys Farm with us for two very special storytimes! Farmer T or Farmer Jase will be sharing a story with us as well as bringing a special animal friend along! Both storytimes will feature different books and different animals at Ida Public Library out on the lawn.

SMOKEY THE BEAR FLAT STANLEY

↘ September - All Month

Stop in and get your own Smokey the Bear Flat Stanley! Decorate him, cut him out and take Flat Smokey with you on all your outdoor adventures. He also makes a great bookmark for reading!

OBSERVE THE MOON KIT

↘ Monday, September 3rd



Celebrate International Observe the Moon Night with us! Grab a take home kit starting on September 3rd while supplies last. The kit will include information about International Observe the Moon night, activities, and more!

FAMILY FIRE SAFETY

↘ Tuesday, September - 18th at 6pm

This month, we are celebrating 80 years of Smokey the Bear! What better way than to talk about one of Smokey's favorite topics.. Fire Safety! Register for this family friendly fire safety workshop with the experts at BFD! **Registration is required.**



FRANKEN-GAMES

↘ Saturday, October 5th - 1pm - 2:30pm

Ever want to create or design your own board game? If so, come join us for Franken-Games! In this special DIY own program you will create your own board game with recycled materials! So if you have an old board game with missing pieces, bring it in & bring it new life with Franken-Games! **Registration is required.**

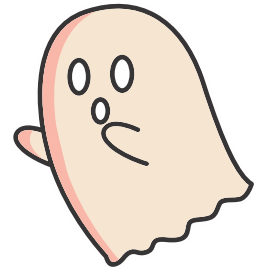


FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

SPOOKTACULAR SATURDAY

↘ **Saturday, October 19th - 11am - 2pm**

Drop by the library for different Halloween related stations with activities, crafts, and games from 11am - 2pm! Costumes are welcome!



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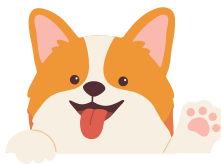
↘ **November - All Month**

Stop into the Youth Department for different Dinosaur related activities for the month of November!

DINOVENMBER: JURASSIC WORLD INTERACTIVE MOVIE EXPERIENCE TAKE HOME KIT

↘ **Monday, November 4th**

Register to reserve your Jurassic World Interactive Movie Experience Take Home Kit to watch at home! (Movie Not Included) While supplies last!



DOGS & DE-STRESS

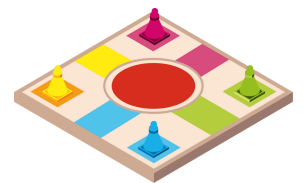
↘ **Wednesday, November 27th - 10am - 12pm**

Stop into the library for a moment of calm during the hustle and bustle! 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!

FAMILY BOARD GAME DAY

↘ **Saturday, November 30th - 1pm - 3pm**

Gather up your family and friends for a special drop in Family Board Game Day! No registration is required so come join us and play a wide variety of board or card games here at the library!



TINY TALES & OPEN PLAY

↘ Thursdays at 10:30am

On the 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month, join us for Open Play and on the 2nd & 4th Thursday, for Tiny Tales! Designed for babies, toddlers and their caregiver(s) this is an opportunity for Ida's tiniest readers to socialize and engage in early literacy!



STORY SPROUTS

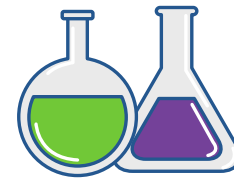
↘ Wednesdays at 10:30am

Join us on Wednesday mornings 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!

SPOOKY STEAM

↘ Tuesday, October 15th at 3:30pm

Come join us for some spooky STEAM fun! In this special program geared towards preschoolers we will be discussing elements of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art & Mathematics) and doing Halloween related activities along with it! **Registration is required.** Space is limited.



BOO BASH

↘ Thursday, October 17th at 10:30am or 5:30pm

Let's BOO-gie! Gather at the library for our Spooktacular Boo Bash for babies and toddlers! Costumes are not required, but encouraged! We will have a photo op, toys and dancing! **Registration required.**

1000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten is a nationwide program that helps promote early literacy! This program is done at your own pace with a caregiver and their newborn, infant, or toddler. Head on over to Ida's Youth Department for your folder to get started!



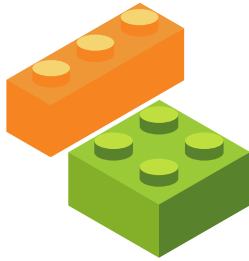
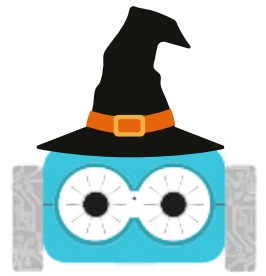
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CREEPY CODING

↘ **Wednesday, October 16th - 3:30pm - 4:45pm**

Can you code your robot to go through a haunted mansion? Spots are limited so register early! This program is designated for youth between the ages of 3rd - 6th grade. **Registration is required.**



BUILDER'S CLUB

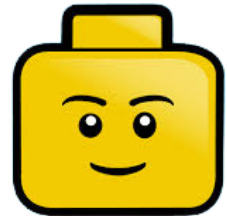
↘ **2nd Wednesday at 3:30pm**

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, themes, and contests along the way in this once a month Builders Club!

FREE BUILD FRIDAY

↘ **Friday, October 11th - 1PM-3PM**

Come build with us! We will be having an open build time for youth at the library! Come build whatever you'd like LEGO bricks and Keva planks! No registration required. All materials are provided!



Did You Know?

YOUTH DEPARTMENT

We have all sorts of fun things to do at the library!

- iSpy Tank
- Scavenger Hunt
- Write a Letter to Kiwi (our adorable Koala Bear mascot!)
- Children's Computer Area with ABC Mouse!
- Literacy & Science Kits to check out



CLUB NEXT



↘ 4th Tuesdays of the Month at 3pm

Join us for Club Next, this club is geared towards 2nd to 5th graders! We will have different games, crafting materials, Hour of Code games, and activities for you to do while you hang out at the library! Each session, we will also have a themed (but optional) activity.

- September: Minecraft
- October: Halloween
- November: Disney



CYOA BOOK CLUB

↘ 2nd Tuesday of the Month 3:30pm

Register to join our Choose Your Own Adventure Book Club! This is a read-aloud style book club where a new book is read each session, and the adventurers decide which path the group should take! After we read the book, we will do a short activity. Collect all of your adventure stamps along the way to earn a prize! This CYOA Book Club is designed for readers (3rd-6th Grade)

TWEEN GRAPHIC NOVEL BOOK CLUB

↘ 4th Thursday of the Month at 4pm

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 lower level circulation desk.



FANDOM FRIDAYS

↘ 3rd Friday of the Month at 3:30pm

Calling all Tweens! Do you love different fandoms? Well, we have just the club for you! Each month on Fandom Fridays we will hangout and celebrate a different fandom with activities, games and crafts!

- September: Harry Potter
- October: Spooky D&D
- November: Star Wars



TEEN HANGOUT

↘ Tuesday, September 4th at 4pm

Fall time is here! Join us for a cozy fall show, Coloring, and PAINT-A-TOTE! Going apple picking, shopping, coffee run, or just running errands? Decorate a tote bag to go with all your fall outfits. **Registration is required.**



FALL MOVIE NIGHTS!

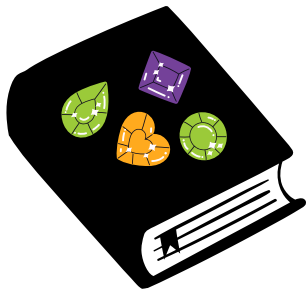
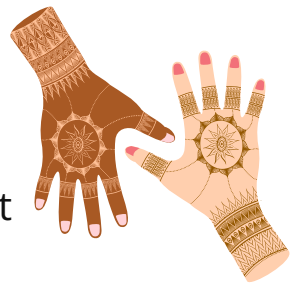
↘ Tuesday, September 10th at 6pm
Tuesday, November 19th at 6pm

Stop in for free fall movies! We will have activities, snacks and a cozy space for you to get away for a moment and relax!

HALLOWEEN HANGOUT & SCARY MOVIE

↘ Thursday, October 24th at 4:30pm & 6pm

Spooky Season is upon us! Stop in for candy sushi and Halloween henna!! Followed by a scary movie showing at 6pm! Costumes are welcome but not required, but registration is.



BEDAZZLE-A-BOOK

↘ Tuesday, November 26th at 4:30pm

Bring a book you'd like to bedazzle with us! We will have all the materials you need to create a unique book cover. If you don't have a book you can use, don't worry - you can use one of our discarded books! **Registration is Required.**

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.





BYOB CLUB

↘ **3rd Monday of the Month at 3pm**

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

↘ **4th Monday of the Month at 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. Books will be location on lower level circulation desk.

TRUE CRIME BOOK CLUB

↘ **3rd Thursday of the Month at 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 and share our thoughts on the case! Books will be available to check out at the lower level circulation desk.



BOONE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT HISTORY



↘ **Wednesday, September 4th at 6pm**

The Boone County Conservation District is celebrating its 60th anniversary this year, marking a significant milestone as the first conservation district established in Illinois. Executive Director Joshua Sage will reflect on the historical importance of this achievement, as well as the district's rich history and enduring mission.

One On One Appointments

ESL

↘ **By Appointment Only**

Do you want to improve your English skills? If so, please stop by and make an appointment with Belena to help get you started. Call and make an appointment to start.

IT HELP

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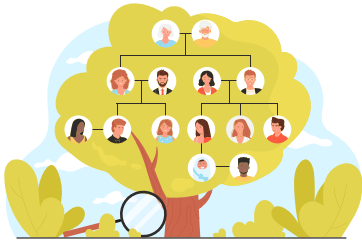
Do you need personalized help filling out your information on a website? Do you have a major problem with your laptop or electronic device? Call to schedule an appointment with Tim.

DESIGNING STUNNING, PERSONALIZED LANDSCAPES WEBINAR - WITH U OF I EXTENSION

↘ Tuesday, September 10th at 1:30pm

Learn how to start with the basics of landscape design to create a beautiful and functional outdoor space. Participants will gain a foundational knowledge of landscape design principles, explore design styles, and acquire the confidence to begin personalizing a landscape. This virtual program will be presented by Emily Swihart, Illinois Extension horticulture educator. A Boone County Master Gardener will be present to help facilitate this program. **Registration is required for webinar link.**

AI AND GENEALOGY WITH THOMAS MACENTEE



↘ Monday, September 9th at 6pm

Professional genealogist Thomas MacEntee explains how AI is currently being used to improve the genealogy experience, and whether or not you should seek out other uses of artificial intelligence for your own genealogy research. **Registration required for webinar link.**

NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION DAY

↘ Tuesday, September 17th - All Day



National Voter Registration Day is a nonpartisan civic holiday dedicated to celebrating our democracy. Celebrated each September, National Voter Registration Day focuses on growing our shared democracy by helping eligible adults ages 18 and up register to vote. Stop by the Library on this nationally recognized holiday to register to vote online. Library staff will be standing by to assist.



TILE MEMORIES

↘ Tuesday, October 1st at 6pm

Bring your favorite photos and turn them into a tiled coaster or ornament. Adults only due to materials. **Registration required.**

A NATURAL CONNECTION: THE BENEFITS OF ENGAGING WITH NATURE WEBINAR - WITH U OF I EXTENSION

↘ Tuesday, October 8th at 1:30pm

In a culture increasingly dominated by technology and highly manipulated landscapes, connecting with nature can seem impossible. Explore what we are missing when we lose our connection to nature and gain inspiration that will help to prioritize nature connections, even as winter approaches and day lengths shorten. This virtual program will be presented by Emily Swihart, Illinois Extension horticulture educator. A Boone County Master Gardener will be present to help facilitate this program. **Registration is required for webinar link.**

MEDICARE 411 WITH YVONNE PETERSON

↘ Tuesday, October 8th at 6pm
Tuesday, October 15th at 10:30am



Are you ready for the 2025 Plan Changes to Medicare? If not, Yvonne Peterson can help you! Yvonne is a broker contracted with the area's top insurance companies to give you the choices necessary for a complete and personalized review.

HALLOWEEN CRAFT



↘ Wednesday, October 16th at 6pm

Do you love spooky crafts? If so, come in and join us for our next adult crafting program. We will be making Spooky Stand Alone Ghosts. **Registration is required.**

HOUSEPLANTS - WITH U OF I EXTENSION

↘ Thursday, November 14th at 6pm

Learn how to keep your houseplants happy and healthy. Join us to discover where our favorite house plants come from to fully understand their needs. We will discover how to help them not only survive but thrive in our homes and we will talk about some advanced methods to propagate and share our plants with others. **Registration is required.**



THANKSGIVING CRAFT

↘ Wednesday, November 20th at 6pm

Do you love Thanksgiving and love to decorate for it? If so, come and join us for this fun and creative program. We will be making a Wood Slice Pumpkin. **Registration is required.**



FALL BOOK SALE

↘ **November - 6th - 9th**

It's time for the Fall Book Sale! The Friends of Ida Public Library will have gently used books for all ages, DVD's, and more! So, come on in and stock up for the season!



DATES AND TIMES:

- **Wednesday, November 6th**

Friends Member Only Presale - 5pm to 7:30pm

- **Thursday, November 7th**

Book Sale - 10am to 7:30pm

- **Friday, November 8th**

Book Sale - 10am to 4:30pm

- **Saturday, November 9th**

Book Sale - 10am to 4:30pm

WHO ARE THE FRIENDS OF IDA?

As a support group, we offer assistance for on-going library activities such as the summer reading and computer programs for children and young adults. We honor library employees with a Staff Appreciation Lunch and have provided amenities such as wall pictures and meeting room equipment. We occasionally give direct financial support to the library with periodic, unspecified donations. Through these gifts, the Friends have made many contributions to the library's collections of books, audio and video tapes, software, and many other items.



MEMBERSHIP FEES:

Individual \$5.00
Family \$10.00
Associate \$25.00
Sustaining \$50.00
Patron \$100.00

Membership forms are available at
the upstairs circulation desk

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LOOK FOR OUR BOOKMOBILE OUT AND ABOUT IN TOWN!

The Ida Public Library's Bookmobile is an on-the-go extension of the library! 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!



AVAILABLE ON THE BOOKMOBILE:

- Adult & Young Adult Books
- Playaways
- Teen & Youth Books
- DVDs
- Memory Care Books

Visit our website for the most up-to-date calendar and locations!
Anytime you see them out, they are open!



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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.

HISTORIC PHOTO DIGITIZATION SERVICE

Do you have old photos and worry about preserving them? Call to make an appointment with our Local History Specialist to preserve your photos digitally. Please limit submissions to no more than 100 at a time. **By appointment only.**

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!

COMMUNITY GARDEN

Located east of the library parking lot, the community garden is a lovely spot to sit and enjoy the quiet. The Library gardeners grow a variety of vegetable and herbs all autumn long that you are welcome to pick and eat. Sponsored by the Boone County Gardeners Club, and the Boone County Extension Office.

ONGOING SERVICES



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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!

BINOCULARS & TELESCOPES

We have binoculars and telescopes available for check out to adults! Check for availability by giving us a call or stopping in the upper level of the library!

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LIBRARY BOARD MEETINGS

6PM - FOURTH TUESDAY

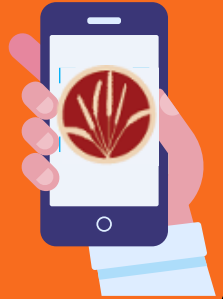
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LIBRARY CLOSURES

We will be closed on Monday, September 2nd, Monday, November 11th, Thursday, November 28th and Friday, November 29th. We will close early on Thursday, October 31st at 3pm and Wednesday, November 27th at 3pm. 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.

BOOK DONATIONS

We are accepting book donations for our Friends Booksale! Book donations can be brought to the lower level of the library.

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

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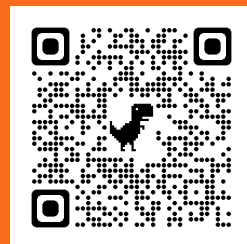
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