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FALL PROGRAM GUIDE

2025



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FALL FOR FINE ARTS MAKE AND TAKE KITS

Celebrate the season with a cozy craft! Swing by and pick up a Fall for Fine Arts Kit filled with supplies and step-by-step instructions to help you create a craft right from the comfort of your home. **Registration is required. Kits are available to pick up on the first of the month and must be picked up before the 15th of the month.**

SEPTEMBER - PAINT YOUR PET MINI PORTRAIT

OCTOBER - DIY SPOOKY BUCKET

NOVEMBER - DINOSAUR SCRATCH ART



BELVIDERE POLICE K9 DEMO

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3RD, AT 5:30PM

Bring your lawn chairs and blankets for a live demonstration with Belvidere Police Department K9 dogs Solo and Tazz with their K9 Officers! This event will be outside on our grassy lot (corner of Kishwaukee and W. Hurlbut). **Observers will be required to stay behind a marked area for safety. Please refrain from bringing distracting food odors.**

LOTERIA

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15TH, AT 6:00PM

Come play Loteria! Loteria is a well known traditional Mexican card game that resembles bingo in a way. It's a fast paced game, the caller quickly draws a card and shouts the name of an image. **This game will be in Spanish and registration is required.**

Ven jugar la lotería, un conocido juego de cartas tradicional mexicano, se parece al bingo en cierto modo. Es un juego de ritmo rápido: el locutor saca rápidamente una tarjeta y grita el nombre de una imagen. **Este juego va ser en Español y se requiere registrarse.**

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE GIRL EXPO

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18TH, 11:00AM TO 1:00PM

Celebrate International Day of the Girl at Ida Public Library! Join us for a two hour open house Expo. Browse tables featuring local organizations including Zonta Club for Women, The International Rainbow Order for Girls, first responders, and more. Crafts, activities, resources, and fun designed to celebrate this special day! **No registration required. Drop by any time from 11:00AM to 1:00PM**

FAMILY SCARY MOVIE NIGHT

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30TH, AT 6:00PM

Get ready for the spooky season with a scary movie night with your family! Watch Nightmare Before Christmas, eat some popcorn, and more!

BILINGUAL MOVIE SHOWING

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH, AT 6:00PM

Come enjoy a Spanish-only movie with your family! We will be watching COCO and having coloring pages to go with.

Ven disfrutar una película en Español en familia! Estaremos viendo COCO y para acompañar la película tendremos páginas para colorear.

OBSERVE THE MOON TELESCOPE NIGHT WITH THE ROCKFORD AMATEUR ASTRONOMY CLUB

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4TH, AT 6:30PM

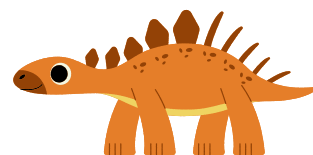
Join Ida Public Library, Boone County Conservation District, and Rockford Amateur Astronomy Club for International Observe the Moon Night at Spencer Park!

International Observe the Moon Night is a worldwide public event that encourages observation, appreciation and understanding of our Moon and its connection to space science, exploration, and human culture.

Bring your lawn chairs, blankets, binoculars, and whatever else you need to spend the evening observing the moon! **This event is free to everyone. No registration is required.** (Binoculars are available for Ida Public Library card holders to check out at the library.)

DINOSAUR DIMENSIONS SHOW

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH, AT 5:00PM



Register to see Dinosaur Dimension's herd of dinosaurs here at Ida Public Library! Get the full dinosaur experience with this high energy show with audience involvement and four animatronic dinos - perfect for Dinovember. **Registration is Required.**

TAKE HOME KIT - JURASSIC WORLD INTERACTIVE MOVIE KIT

NOVEMBER 15TH - NOVEMBER 24TH

Attention Jurassic Park lovers! Register to reserve your Jurassic World Interactive Movie Experience Take Home Kit to watch at home! (Movie Not Included) **Kits will be ready to take home November 15th through November 24th. Registration Required**

PUMPKIN DECORATING CONTEST

OCTOBER 6TH - OCTOBER 24TH

Get creative and join us in a pumpkin decorating contest!

Pumpkins will be displayed in the library so people can vote. You are more than welcome to bring in your own pumpkin or we will have a limited supply of small pumpkins available.

Pumpkins can be dropped off starting October 6th. Pumpkins should be picked up no later than October 30th.

Please, no carvings. All ages welcome! While supplies last.

WEEKLY STORYTIMES

NO STORYTIMES FROM SEPTEMBER 23RD - OCTOBER 3RD
AS WELL AS OCTOBER 15TH - OCTOBER 22ND

STORY SPROUTS

WEDNESDAYS AT 10:30AM

Join us on Wednesday mornings in the lower level meeting room for Story Sprouts! This weekly program is perfect for your preschool-aged reader to engage in stories, activities, and crafts! **Registration is Required.**

TINY TALES

2ND & 4TH THURSDAYS AT 10:30AM

This storytime is for Ida's tiniest readers to socialize and engage in early learning! Tiny Tales storytime is designed for babies, toddlers, and their caregiver(s)! **Registration is Required.**

OPEN PLAY

1ST & 3RD THURSDAYS AT 10:30AM

Bring your little one to Open Play with us! On the first and third Thursdays of the month at 10:30am to socialize, play, and learn! **Registration is Required.**

MINI MOSTER MASH

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30TH, AT 10:30AM AND 5:30PM

Stop by for a not-so-spooky mini monster mash! There will be music, toys, and other fun activities for you and your little pumpkin or pumpkins, ages 2 and under. Costumes are not required, but encouraged! **Registration is required.**



READ AND ROAR STORYTIME

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH, AT 5:30PM

Calling all young dinosaur fans! To celebrate Dinovember, we are hosting a special Read and Roar Storytime. Register to listen to a dinosaur read aloud, move like a dinosaur, and complete a dino craft. **Registration is required.**



THERE IS ALWAYS SOMETHING GOING ON AT THE LIBRARY!

- Monthly iSpy Challenge
- Scavenger Hunt
- Series Spotlight
- Dial A Story
- Write a Letter to Kiwi
- 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten

YOUTH PROGRAMS

CELEBRATE DINOVENBER

ALL NOVEMBER LONG

The dinosaurs are back! Stomp by the library all month long for fun activities and a dino-themed scavenger hunt, as well as special displays!



FREE BUILD FRIDAY

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10TH, AT 11:00AM

Join us for Free Build Friday on the lower level of the library. Come free build with LEGO bricks with us!



BUILDER'S CLUB

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH, AT 3:30PM - BUILD A FOOD TRUCK

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8TH, AT 3:30PM - BUILD A MONSTER

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH, AT 3:30PM - BUILD A SPACESHIP

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

CLUB NEXT

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH, AT 3:00PM - DISNEY

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28TH, AT 3:00PM - SCOOPY-DOO

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25TH, AT 3:00PM - DINOSAURS

Join us for Club Next! We will have different Nintendo Switch video games, fun crafting materials, such as Perler beads and bracelet making, plus other fun activities while you hang out at the library! **Registration is Required**

VETERAN'S DAY LETTER STATION

STARTING SATURDAY NOVEMBER 1ST - NOVEMBER 11TH

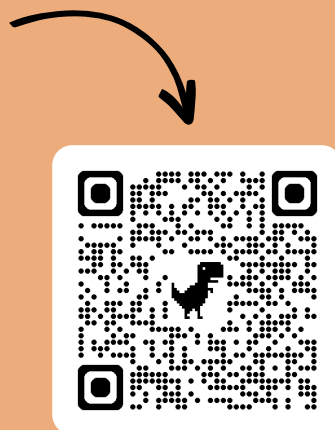
Visit our Veteran's Day Letter Station to write a letter or color a picture as a way of showing gratitude for our former service members! You are welcome to take your letter to give to a veteran or we will gladly collect them and disperse them to local veterans. **Visit the letter station starting November 1st through November 11th.**



**Registration can be found on our website at idapubliclibrary.org.*

TEENS, WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

This survey is designed for Teens and Young Adults at Ida Public Library! We want your thoughts and opinions on book recommendations, programs, Movie Nights and more! We would love Ida to be your favorite place to visit whether it's for studying, reading, or hanging out with friends after school. We appreciate you sharing your feedback with us so we can make the library better for you!

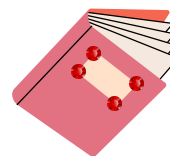


TEEN PROGRAMS

TEEN HANGOUT- BEDAZZLE A BOOK

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH, AT 5:00PM

Bedazzle A Book is back! Bring one of your favorite books and decorate the cover with gems, putting your own spin on it. We will have all the materials you need. If you don't have a book you can use, don't worry - you can use one of our discarded books! **This program is ages 14 and Up and Registration is Required.**



TEEN HANGOUT- PUMPKIN CARVING

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23RD, AT 6:00PM

Get into the fall spirit at our Teen Pumpkin Carving Program! Whether you're going for spooky, silly, or an intricate design, come hang out and enjoy the season with friends. **This program is ages 15 and up and Registration is required. We'll supply pumpkins but you can bring your own as well.**



TEEN MOVIE NIGHTS

Come relax for Teen Movie Nights! A Movie, Snacks, Activities, Everything you could need for a fun night out with your friends.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25TH, AT 1:00PM - DEAD POETS SOCIETY

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH, AT 6:00PM - MEAN GIRLS



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ADULT BOOK CLUBS

Looking for a book club that fits your vibe? We've got you covered!
Book Club dates may be moved around due to our fall book sale.
Make sure to check with your book club host, online, or ask when picking up your book.



IDA AFTER DARK

1ST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH AT 6:00PM

For those who love a romance with a little spice, this one's for you! Each month we will be reading a new romance book and discussing the good, the bad, the spice, and everything in between. Copies will be available upstairs at our circulation desk. **This book club is 18+ and Registration is Required.**



TRUE CRIME BOOK CLUB

3RD THURSDAY OF THE MONTH AT 6:00PM

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 upper level circulation desk.



SCI-FI & FANTASY BOOK CLUB

LAST MONDAY OF THE MONTH AT 6:30PM

Escape into another world with us as we discuss a different Sci-Fi/Fantasy novel each month. From epic quests and magical realms to distant galaxies and futuristic tech, this book club is your portal to a world of science fiction and fantasy. Whether or not that world is any better than our own is for you to decide. Books will be available to check out at the upper level circulation desk.



BYOB CLUB

LAST MONDAY OF THE MONTH AT 3:00PM

Read whatever you like in this fun social club. Whether you're into thrillers, literary fiction, memoirs, or guilty-pleasure page-turners, there's a seat for you at our table. It's a great way to build your reading list! No registration required, just drop in.

MYSTERY BOOK CLUB

LAST MONDAY OF THE MONTH AT 10:30AM

Do you love a good mystery? Whether you're a seasoned armchair detective or new to the genre, our low-stress, high-fun club is the perfect place to unwind and uncover whodunit. Each month we will meet to give our thoughts and choose next month's read. Books will be available to check out at the upper level circulation desk.



CHAIR YOGA

TUESDAYS AT 10:00AM

Start your Tuesday mornings off right with Chair Yoga! This workout session is perfect for individuals of all different ages, stages, and physical ability. The stretching and breathing in these yoga-inspired moves will help increase flexibility, mobility, and calming of the mind. **Registration is Recommended.**

STRING THING

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH, AT 6:00PM

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29TH, AT 6:00PM

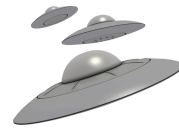
It's a STRING THING hangout! Attention all string addicts-bring your latest string projects and hang out with other string addicts once a month to work chat. Knitting, crocheting, quilting, embroidery, or whatever your string thing is, you are sure to find like-minded stringers to socialize with.

Registration recommended.

CHAD LEWIS; PARANORMAL ILLINOIS - TALES OF GHOSTS, UFOS, AND MYSTERIOUS CREATURES

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH, AT 6:00PM

This presentation is an eerie combination of the most bizarre paranormal topics. It combines Chad's strangest cases of alien abductions, haunted places, mysterious creatures, crop circles, and everything else weird and unusual. This program covers the entire spectrum of Illinois's supernatural activity. **Registration required.**



DEADLY PLANTS WITH UNIVERSITY OF IL EXTENSION

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21ST, AT 6:00PM

Even though we need plants to survive, some plants are deadly. Join us to explore the world of carnivorous plants and where to find them. Yes, we have some in Illinois!

Next learn about poisonous plants...some are probably in your yard and home! Program presented by Boone County Master Gardener/Master Naturalist Bobbi. **Registration is Required.**



ADULT PROGRAMS

DID YOU KNOW?

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!



ADULT CRAFT NIGHTS AT IDA

Did you know adult crafting is a great way to destress, reduce anxiety, and promote overall well-being? Yay! **Relax and register for one or all of our adult crafting events led by one of our Ida staff members.**

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH, AT 6:00PM - DECOUPAGE COASTERS

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14TH, AT 6:00PM - PRESSED FLOWER LANTERNS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH, AT 10:00AM - GIVING PLATE



ADULT TRIVIA NIGHT

MONDAY, OCTOBER 20TH, AT 6:00PM - POPULAR HORROR/THRILLER MOVIES

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH, AT 6:00PM - THANKSGIVING

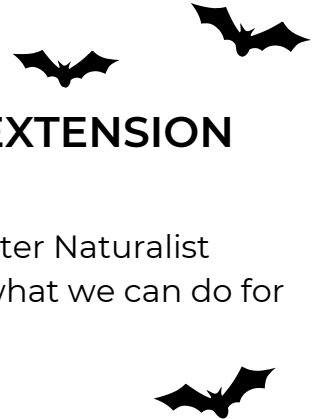
Test your wits on everything from the creepiest films to the history of Thanksgiving, the best holiday movies, and your favorite feasts. It's the ultimate mash-up of scares and seasonal cheer! Adults only and **Registration is required.**



BAT CRAZY WITH UNIVERSITY OF IL EXTENSION

MONDAY, OCTOBER 13TH, AT 6:00PM

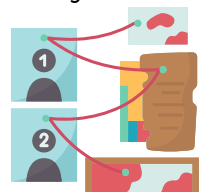
Join Boone County Extension Master Gardener/Master Naturalist Tenley for a discussion on what bats do for us and what we can do for bats. Registration is required



NANCY DREW MYSTERY AT MAGNOLIA GARDENS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH, AT 11:00AM

Celebrate the 95th anniversary of the Nancy Drew mysteries with The Mystery at Magnolia Gardens (A Hunt a Killer design). Florence North, Director of Magnolia Gardens and a good friend of Nancy, has been poisoned and sent to the ER. While investigating, Nancy also ends up in the hospital and needs your help to unravel the clues she has gathered. Can you solve the Mystery? If you were a Nancy Drew fan growing up, this is the program for you! Come dressed in your best Nancy Drew outfits! **Registration is required.**



**Registration can be found on our website at idapubliclibrary.org.*

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FRIENDS OF IDA BOOK SALE

The Friends of Ida Public Library will have second-hand books available for low prices during the first week of October.

They accept cash and checks only

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1ST

The preview sale will be open from 5:00PM to 7:00PM for Friends of Ida Members only. Individual membership is available for \$10 and a family membership is available for \$15.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2ND - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4TH

The sale will be open to everyone Thursday from 10:00AM to 7:00PM, open Friday from 10:00AM to 4:00PM, and open Saturday 10:00AM to 2:00PM



ONGOING SERVICES

IDA'S BOOKMOBILE

The Ida Public Library's Bookmobile is an on-the-go extension of the library! On the Bookmobile you can: Check out Adults, Young Adult or Youth Books, Check out Playaways for Adults, Check out DVDs, Sign Up or Renew a Library Card, Return Library Books & More! Visit our website to view the Bookmobile's schedule or request a location.



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.



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 vegetables 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.



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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.

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LOCAL HISTORY SERVICES

Ida's Local History Specialist provides several specialty services for all patrons. Looking for an old obituary? Wondering who lived in your house once upon a time? Do you have old photos that need to be digitized? Ever wonder "What does Belvidere even mean?" Call to make a research request or schedule an appointment to learn how to navigate the history and genealogy research tools available at the library. Research request forms are also available on our website or in paper above our obituary collection.

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.

PLAYAWAYS & TRANSMITTERS AVAILABLE TO CHECK OUT

Playaways are pre-loaded audiobooks that do not need internet or Wi-Fi to listen to! They also have a universal headphone jack. If you don't have ear buds we can offer you some at checkout. We also have transmitters for check out which allow 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!



INFORMATIONAL

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 \$10 & a Family Membership is \$15. Additional memberships available. Feel free to visit their Facebook Page at Friends of Ida or idapubliclibrary.org/friends-of-the-library/ for more information!

LIBRARY BOARD MEETINGS

September 23rd, October 28th and
November 25th

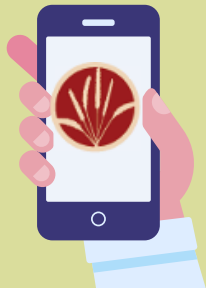
Meetings take place on the 4th Tuesday of the Month at 6pm. Meetings are open to the public. If you would like to make a comment, please contact the library director by calling the library or emailing director@idapubliclibrary.org.

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LIBRARY CLOSURES

We will be closed on September 1st, November 11th, November 27th, and November 28th

We may open late, or have unexpected closures on select dates, for staff trainings or inclement weather. Please see our Facebook page, Instagram pages 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.

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.

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!



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LIBRARY HOURS

10AM - 8PM Monday - Thursday
10AM - 5PM Friday - Saturday
CLOSED Sunday

BOOK DONATIONS

We are accepting book donations for our Friends Booksale!

WORLDCAT

Ida Public Library is a member of the WorldCat Library.



BOOK BINGO



Cozy up with great reads and mark off your card as you go. Our fall book bingo is for all ages. Your goal is to complete at least one row. Once completed, fill out the ticket at the bottom to enter into a raffle for a cozy fall basket. The last day to turn tickets in is November 11th.

With an orange or black cover	A new-to-you author	A book about history	Cookbook	A Nonfiction Book
Published in September, October, or November	Takes place in the fall	Has been on your To-Read list for a long time	Read aloud to someone, or listen to an audiobook	A book made into a movie
Light a candle while reading	Reread a favorite book	 FREE SPACE	A staff pick	A spooky book
Borrow a book from the library	An interactive book	A book about a mystery	With a one word title	Read a book in a series
A book that includes traveling	A book about family	A graphic novel	A book published in 2025	Try a genre you rarely read

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