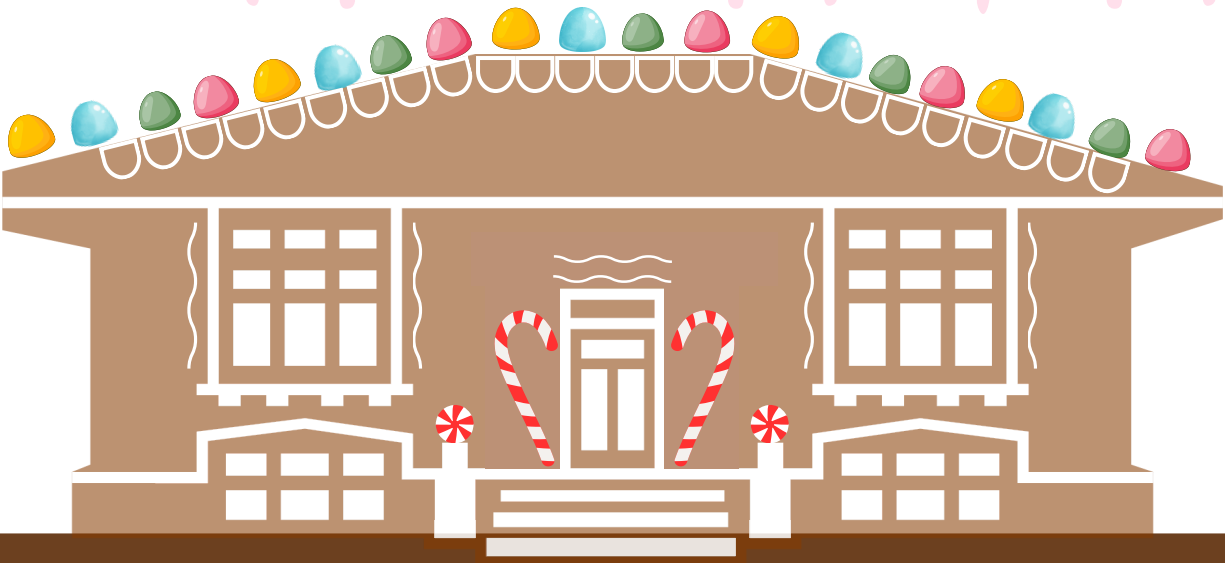


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DECORATE A GINGERBREAD MAN

DECEMBER 1ST - FEBRUARY 28TH



Stop by the Youth Department and join in the fun by decorating your very own paper gingerbread! When you're finished, bring your masterpiece to the Circulation Desk, and we'll proudly display it on our windows for everyone to enjoy throughout the season.

WINTER TRIVIA ON OUR SOCIAL MEDIA PAGES

1ST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH ONLINE

How well do you know winter? Find out with our monthly winter trivia quiz. Quiz available the first Monday each month (Dec, Jan, Feb) on our social media pages.

FAMILY TRIVIA NIGHT

MONDAY, DECEMBER 1ST, AT 6:00PM

Finally! All those years of holiday movie marathons are paying off! Sign up for our Holiday Movie Trivia Night and show off your festive faculties. Everything from Home Alone, to The Grinch, to Frozen is fair game. Don't miss your chance to prove your movie know-how. **Registration is Required**



HOLIDAY SPANISH MOVIE

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16TH, AT 6:00PM

Ven disfrutar una película navideña! Estaremos viendo la película The Grinch en español.

Come watch a Christmas movie! We will be watching The Grinch in Spanish.

MAKE AND GIVE WORKSHOP

MONDAY, DECEMBER 22ND, FROM 10:00AM - 12:00PM

It is the season of giving! We will have craft supplies ready for kids to make their very own handmade gift for their family or friends.

Drop in from 10:00AM - 12:00PM or while supplies last.

BOARD GAMES WITH PIGEON

MONDAY, DECEMBER 22ND, FROM 3:00PM TO 4:30PM

Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Sleigh! Instead, let's de-stress from the holiday hustle and bustle. Join us, and Pigeon, for hot cocoa, cookies, relaxing activities, and, of course, a photo op with the Pigeon!

STORYWALK

Want to take a winter stroll through the park?

Visit our Story Walk!

The Storywalk begins near the Historic Baltic Mill in Belvidere Park and travels towards the Belvidere Park District's Administration Building.



FAMILY PROGRAMS

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CHRISTMAS LOTERIA IN SPANISH

MONDAY, DECEMBER 22ND FROM 6:00PM - 7:00PM

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. The game will be Christmas themed. This game will be in Spanish. **Registration 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. Va ser tematico Navideño. Este juego va ser en Español. **Es necesario registrarse.**

PIGEON HOLIDAY CHILL ZONE

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23RD, FROM 1:00PM TO 2:30PM

Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Sleigh! Instead, let's de-stress from the holiday hustle and bustle. Join us, and Pigeon, for hot cocoa, cookies, relaxing activities, and, of course, a photo op with the Pigeon!

WINTER WONDERLAND BINGO

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30TH AT 1:00PM

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30TH AT 5:30PM

Warm up with Winter Wonderland BINGO! This BINGO game will contain winter-related images instead of numbers, making it fun and accessible for all ages. **Registration is Required.**



2025 DIGITAL COMMUNITY SCRAPBOOK

JANUARY 1ST - JANUARY 31ST

2025 was an eventful year. Remember your favorite community moments by submitting them for our Digital Scrapbook. You may submit your photos by email to localhistory@idapubliclibrary.org or you may bring in physical photos and we will scan them for you. Once completed, the scrapbook will be visible on our website for the public to enjoy.

Submitting photographs will be considered consent for their use on social media.



MAKE A VALENTINES CARD

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13TH, FROM 1:00PM-3:00PM

Drop by Friday, February 13, to make a Valentine's card for your loved one! We will supply paper, glue, tape, and various craft items. All ages welcome!

FAMILY FEUD

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH, AT 1:00PM



It's time to play...FAMILY FEUD! Guess the most common answer to not so common questions. The more popular your answers are, the more points you will earn for your team. Who decides what a popular answer is? The wonderful staff here at Ida have graciously answered a survey of questions just for you!

Sign up now! **Registration is Required**



WEEKLY STORYTIMES

NO STORYTIMES FROM DECEMBER 24TH-26TH AND JANUARY 1ST

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.**

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.**

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.**



WINTER WHIMSY WORKSHOP MAKE AND TAKE KIT

DECEMBER- DECORATE A FOAM PICTURE FRAME

JANUARY- PAINT YOUR OWN KEYCHAIN

FEBRUARY- VALENTINE'S BUTTERFLY CARD

Cozy up with a fun craft for those slow snow days! Pick up a Winter Whimsy Workshop Make & Take Kit, filled with instructions and supplies you'll need to make some fun crafts in the comfort of your own 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.**

TINY TIME SQUARE CELEBRATION

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31ST, AT 10:30AM

Get ready for the new year with this fun party for your little ones! We will have toys, music, and other activities to enjoy. Fancy attire is not required, but is appreciated. **Registration is Required.**

WE WILL HAVE COLOR YOUR OWN TOTE BAGS THIS SEASON!

\$15 Dollar Suggested Donation



YOUTH PROGRAMS



KIWI BIRTHDAY BASH

MONDAY, JANUARY 12TH - FRIDAY, JANUARY 16TH

Stop into the library this week as we celebrate our favorite koala's 6th birthday! We will have a few activities set out and a special Birthday Edition iSpy.



FREE BUILD FRIDAY

FRIDAY, JANUARY 2ND, AT 11:00AM

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13TH, 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, DECEMBER 10TH, AT 3:30PM - BUILD A SNOWMAN

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7TH, AT 3:30PM - BUILD THE TALLEST TOWER

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH, AT 3:30PM - ONLY USE ONE COLOR

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, DECEMBER 23RD, AT 3:30PM - WINTER WONDERLAND

TUESDAY, JANUARY 27TH, AT 3:30PM - TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH, AT 3:30PM - SPORTS

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**

FOREST CITY THERAPY DOGS

FRIDAY, JANUARY 2ND FROM 2PM - 3:30PM

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13TH FROM 2PM - 3:30PM

Our favorite therapy dogs are back! Drop by the lower level meeting room to visit with the Forest City Therapy Dog teams, read a book, color, or just relax. No Registration required.



DIAL A STORY

Too cold to leave the house? Call in and listen to a story being read to you anytime, anywhere with our Dial A Story Program!

815-668-0668

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

CREATE & CHILL TAKE HOME KITS

DECEMBER 15TH - 30TH - AIR DRY CLAY ORNAMENT

JANUARY 15TH - 30TH - PAINT YOUR OWN BOOKMARK

FEBRUARY 17TH - 30TH - DIY PAPER LANTERN

Attention all teens! We have a crafty kit just for you! Each kit includes all the materials and easy-to-follow instructions needed for a unique DIY craft project. Kits can be picked up starting the 15th of each month. **Registration Required**

YOUNG ADULT



YOUNG ADULT TAKE HOME KITS

DECEMBER 15TH - 20TH - PAINT YOUR PET MINI PORTRAIT

JANUARY 12TH - 17TH - MINI MACRAME WALL HANGING

FEBRUARY 9TH - 14TH - PIPE CLEANER KEY CHAINS

We know how busy you are so this winter we will be featuring take home craft kits to encourage your creativity and lessen your stress levels. A different kit will be offered the second week of each month. You just **register**, pick up the kit, and have fun crafting. Kits can be picked up at the upper level circulation desk

VALENTINE'S GLOW PAINTING

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5TH AT 6 PM

Let's create in the dark! Sign up to paint some Glow Art for Valentine's Day! We will be painting by black light using fluorescent paints. This program is for Young Adults ages 17-21. **Registration is Required.** Space is limited so sign up soon!

ADULT BOOK CLUBS

IDA AFTER DARK

3RD WEDNESDAY 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. **Registration is Required.**

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.

Registration is Required.



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! **Registration is Required.**

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. **Registration is Required.**

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 Required.**

CHESS KNIGHTS

1ST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH AT 6:00PM

Do you find yourself dreaming of chess Knight and Day? Are you the second coming of Bobby Fisher? Bored of playing against the computer? Then drop in to Chess Knights, a fun, social meet up to sharpen your skills. We will have a limited number of chess boards to use, but feel free to bring a favorite board and pieces. Open from middle school to adult ages. **Registration is Required.**



STRING THING

2ND WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH 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 is Required.**



FRIDAY FOCUS

3RD FRIDAY OF THE MONTH AT 10:00AM

End your week with clarity and calm with a Friday Focus. This program starts with a mediation video and will involve other mediation strategies as we go. **Registration Required.**

TAKE AND MAKE RECIPIES

ONCE A MONTH

"What do you want for dinner?" Does the monotony of answering that question multiple times a week fill you with dread? Take the burden away for one day a month. Check by New Fiction once a month to pick up our featured recipe card. Learn new, exciting recipes and revisit old classics too.

HOLIDAY PICKLE HUNT

DECEMBER 1ST - DECEMBER 31ST

New Non-Fiction Book readers have a chance to be rewarded this holiday season. Join in on a "German-American" tradition. In the 19th century, German glass manufacturers began exporting vegetable shaped ornaments around the world. They became quite popular in America and families started hiding them on their Christmas trees for children to find. Whoever found it, of course, received an extra present. If you find a Christmas Pickle in your New-Non Fiction book, bring it to the Upstairs Circulation Desk to enter a raffle for a German glass pickle ornament of your own!

TAKE HOME MULLED WINE KITS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 15TH - WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31ST

Mulled wine is a centuries old Nordic/Germanic tradition. Its origins can be traced back to at least the 2nd century, in the Roman Empire. Pick up a mulled wine kit and see why it continues to be a winter favorite. All kits include a recipe card, spice packet, and a brief history of mulled wine. Wine is not included. For a non-alcoholic option, grape or cranberry juice works perfectly.

Limit 1 kit per household. Registration is Required

ADULT PROGRAMS



ADULT CRAFT NIGHTS

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.**

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2ND - TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16TH - TAKE HOME KIT- MAKE A CHRISTMAS CARD

TUESDAY, JANUARY 6TH, AT 6:00PM - MASON JAR SNOW GLOBES

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 3RD, AT 6:00PM - VALENTINE'S BUTTON HEART

VINTAGE GOOSE HIGH TEA PARTY

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11TH, AT 2:30PM



It's Jane Austen's birthday on Dec 16th and we are celebrating with a High Tea Event at Immanuel Lutheran church! Experience a proper High tea with pastries, delicacies, unlimited tea served on fine bone China with linen tablecloths by the attentive wait staff from Vintage Goose Cafe. Photo opp will be set up so come in your best Jane Austen wear! Ages 17 and up but 14-17 can attend if accompanied by adult. **Registration is Required. Cost is \$25 per person, payable via credit card, check, or cash.**

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS EXTENSION OFFICE PROGRAMS

It may be cold and wintry, but there are still garden tasks to be done! Learn what you can do over the winter from the University of Illinois Extension Office.



HOUSEPLANT PROPAGATION

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8TH AT 6:00PM

Join us for a session all about houseplant propagation, where you'll learn the best techniques for taking cuttings, dividing plants, rooting in water or soil, and caring for new starts. **Registration Required.**



POLLINATOR GARDENING

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9TH AT 6:00PM

Discover how to create a vibrant garden that supports bees, butterflies, and other essential pollinators! **Registration Required.**



WINTER SOWING

MONDAY, JANUARY 12TH AT 6:00PM

Learn how to start seeds outdoors all winter long! Join us and discover how simple containers, cold weather, and a little planning can give you hardy seedlings ready for spring. **Registration Required.**

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

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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!

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LIBRARY BOARD MEETINGS

January 27th
February 24th

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.

WINTER WEATHER

Posted operating hours may change due to winter weather. For the most up-to-date closures, follow our social media or visit our website at idapubliclibrary.org

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December 24th-December 26th
January 1st and 19th
February 16th

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.

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