

GARDEN CITY LIBRARY FOUNDATION HERALD

ANNUAL LUNCH & SHARE

Our annual **Lunch and Share**, which brings together book clubs and individual book lovers to celebrate local authors and raise funds for the library, is taking a break this year. We plan to resume this event next year when we can safely meet together in person.



BOARD MEMBER REQUEST

Would you like to contribute to your community, meet some wonderful people, and have fun in the process? If so, please consider joining the **GCPL Foundation Board**. For an application form, email us at gcpl.foundation@gmail.com **subject: Board Application**.

2021 BASH FOR BOOKS: A PICNIC IN THE PARK

On the evening of June 26, Garden City Public Library friends and supporters gathered in the library courtyard to share good food, music and companionship. Families and groups of adults sprawled on the grass or gathered around small tables as they tapped their toes or clapped their hands to the lively songs of Fiddle Express and enjoyed delicious artisan sandwiches and crisp cider. Children lined up for the real fun at the Bounce House, or they danced to the music with their friends or parents. Cool breezes from the river and the shade of huge trees ensured everyone's comfort despite the unseasonable warmth of the day. Inside, patrons selected library programs to sponsor and kept their eyes on their favorite silent auction items, which offered something for everyone's tastes: tickets to the Shakespeare Festival, a gorgeous handmade quilt, and a bird house fit for avian royalty, just to name a few items. Thanks to the continuous fiddle tunes and to the master of ceremonies and raffleter, Brian Holmes, the crowd enjoyed the event right up until the very end.

The Garden City Public Library Foundation's annual **Bash for Books** is its largest fundraising effort of the year and raised over \$29,000 this time. These funds will enable the library to offer a wide variety of programs to our community's adults and children and fund the Bells for Books bookmobile next year.

The Foundation would like to thank all of the library's patrons and friends that attended, the businesses and organizations that supplied items for the auction and raffle, the volunteer crew from **U.S. Bank**, and our generous Bash Sponsors: **D.L Evans Bank, Idaho Central Credit Union, Idaho Power, Intermountain Gas, Mountain America Credit Union, Republic Services, Title One, U.S. Bank and Western Building Maintenance**.

2021 SUMMER READING PROGRAM DRAWS OVER 1,700 PARTICIPANTS

One of the many popular programs the Garden City Public Library Foundation supports each year is the Summer Reading Program (SRP), which attracted 975 youths, 281 teens, and 454 adults this summer. In June participants received reading logs to record progress towards meeting their reading goals by the end of July. The goal for youths was 10 books, 5 for teens and 3 for adults, but a tiered reward system encouraged everyone to read as much as they could, even if they were unable to achieve the highest tier. Rewards for achieving various tiers included books (of course), ice cream, slushies, stickers, and raffle tickets for larger prizes.

This year's theme of "Tails and Tales" was supported by a live presentation featuring 20 different reptiles, virtual tiny tales about animals, and an animal-themed puppet show.

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SUMMER READING CONTINUED

The SRP encourages Garden City residents of all ages to read regularly and to come to the library to investigate all of the other engaging programs offered there. For students, who frequently experience a “summer slide” in reading skills, the program helps them keep their skills sharp by inspiring both them and their parents to read. The staff at the library works very hard to run the SRP, but they experience joy and a sense of satisfaction from seeing the many participants come to the library to choose their rewards and walk away with even more books to enjoy.

EACH YEAR THE LIBRARY OFFERS 35 PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES

You can directly support many of these outstanding programs by donating at <https://gardencitypubliclibraryfoundation.wildapricot.org/>



Seniors stay “Fit and Fall-Proof.”

Bells for Books, Books.....	\$25 or \$50
Bells for Books, Fuel.....	\$25
Bells for Books, Incentive Prizes	\$25
Bells for Books, Snacks.....	\$25
National Library Week.....	\$50
Book Club	\$100



U of I Extension Services shares home canning tips

Chess for Children.....	\$100
Technology for Adults.....	\$100
Read Me Treasure Valley	\$150
Winter Break.....	\$150
Monthly Tween Popup.....	\$200
Noon New Years.....	\$200
Puppet Show	\$200
Spring Break	\$250
Adult Crafting.....	\$300
Bells for Books Halloween.....	\$300
Card Making.....	\$300
Elementary and Head Start Outreach	\$300
Fitness Programs	\$300



“Music and Movement” attracts parents, grandparents, and toddlers.

Infant & Toddler Storytime.....	\$300
Music and Movement	\$300
Senior Bingo.....	\$300
Teen Advisory Board.....	\$300
Family Art.....	\$400
School Aged After School.....	\$400
STEM Story Time.....	\$400
Spanish Storytime	\$600
Extreme Nerd Challenge	\$1,000