

# GARDEN CITY LIBRARY FOUNDATION HERALD

## BUCKAROO BOOK BASH PACKS A WALLOP!

Over one hundred guests moseyed on up to the bar and BBQ buffet at our Buckaroo Book Bash in June. A cowboy vibe permeated the Library Courtyard and the Council Chambers as guests enjoyed good music, good food, and good company. Guys and gals browsed irresistible silent auction options, drew cards for bottles of Idaho wines, divvied up tickets among their favorite raffle items, and laid down the bucks to sponsor their favorite library programs. Boise's own television celebrity Brian Holmes acted as the Master of Ceremony! The annual Book Bash is the Garden City Public Library Foundation's largest fund raising effort of the year. This year's festivities raised \$19,000 to fund

the exceptional programs at the library. The Foundation would like to thank everyone who made this special event possible, especially our guests, volunteers, auction item donors, including Roaring Springs and Let's Roam, and Bash sponsors: **Idaho Central Credit Union, Republic Services, Idaho Power, JST Manufacturing and Western Building Maintenance.**



*Too many choices!  
What's a gal to do?*



*Enjoying the sunshine and great music!*

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### BOARD MEMBER REQUEST

Our board secures funds for the Bells for Books bookmobile and dozens of other library programs, and we have a great time in the process. Please consider joining our team! We welcome new people and new ideas. For an application form, email us at [gcpl.foundation@gmail.com](mailto:gcpl.foundation@gmail.com) subject: **Board Application.**

## WHERE DOES IT COME FROM AND WHERE DOES IT GO?

The Garden City Public Library, affectionately known as "Not a Quiet Library," is a community treasure. It has received accolades not only from entities such as Idaho Library Association, which named it the Idaho Library of the Year in 2019, but also from the patrons, who come from Garden City, east Boise, Eagle, Meridian and Nampa because, in their words, "This is the best library in the valley!" What makes it so great? The dedicated and friendly staff, the excellent collection, and to a large extent, the programs. "Not A Quiet Library" has exceptional programs for people of all ages, including the Bells for Books Bookmobile, the highly successful annual Summer Reading Program, Kindergarten Readiness, regular STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art and math) events, Senior Bingo, Fit and Fall Exercise Class, Craft and Chat, Shred Day, and many more—over 35 programs in all!

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## SUMMER READING PROGRAM LAUDS COMMUNITY: "ALL TOGETHER NOW"



*Hmmm... maybe I'll become a fireman someday!*

Firemen, policemen, engineers, bicycle repair experts, and budding rock stars all chipped in to make this year's Summer Reading Program (SRP) a resounding success. Although the main goal of the SRP is to curtail summer reading loss among school-age children, the program encourages Garden City community members of all ages to read and learn throughout the summer. The program offers prizes to adults, teens, children and even babies (and their parents) for reaching benchmark reading goals and provides engaging activities for every age group all summer. A total of 2,050 patrons registered for this year's program, which is an increase of 210 over last year's participation, and 767 reached their highest reading benchmarks in the respective categories, an increase of almost 90 over last year's number. Readers were rewarded with rubber duckies, gum balls, toys, ice cream, popcorn, and raffle tickets for major prizes like bikes, Roaring Springs tickets, scooters, drone kits, and Amazon Fire tablets. Of course, the best prizes of all were books! The summer culminated with a big party to celebrate reaching Community Reading Goals. Of the many successes this year's SRP produced, Programs and Outreach Librarian Berardinelli commented that she and the library staff are most proud of "the gains in participation and especially teen participation." The SRP is just one, albeit one of the most significant, programs funded by the Garden City Public Library Foundation. Watch the library's newsletters next spring for information on next year's program.

## WHERE DOES IT COME FROM CONTINUED

Who funds these programs? The Garden City Public Library Foundation! The GCPL Foundation funds almost 20% of the Library's budget, excluding payroll. As Lindsey Pettyjohn, Director of the GCP Library, remarked, "I am eternally grateful for the Foundation and their efforts. To witness local everyday people donate to making our community more livable is inspiring." Many of the wonderful activities at the library simply would not be possible without the support of the Foundation, and the Foundation relies on your generous donations to fulfill its mission of supporting the library. Thank you for your support, and please watch for our upcoming Annual Report and Annual Appeal in November. Also, you can always donate at: [gardencitypubliclibraryfoundation.wildapricot.org/Donate](https://gardencitypubliclibraryfoundation.wildapricot.org/Donate)



*Hard at work with paper, crayons and a glue stick.*