Each month Garden City children look forward to an expertly produced puppet show of one of their favorite books at the library. Prior to the show, staff members spend hours adapting scripts, constructing sets, and procuring puppets. Assuming the roles of Papa Chicken and Little Red Chicken, staff members enacted The Interrupting Chicken by David Ezra Stein for a packed house in April. After the performance, children created their own chicken puppets.

The earliest record of a kite comes from China in 200 BC. Who knew? Children who attended the STEM kite-making workshop at the library knew. They learned the history of kites before making their own. The attendees used measurement and proportion to craft kites from beautiful jewel-toned Chinese kite paper. The finished products were ready to catch the next wind, a physics lesson in disguise.

A tea party might not sound like it would be especially appealing to the under-ten-year-old crowd, but the Mad Hatter’s Tea Party at the library in May was a hit. Costumed kids played croquet with flamingo–handled-mallets, donned huge top hats with attached price tags, and sipped “tea” from dainty cups. The library staff created a Wonderland that was perfect down to the last detail.

The Garden City Public Library Foundation needs additional board members! Our board secures the funds for the Bells for Books Bookmobile and dozens of other library programs, and we have a great time together in the process. Please consider joining our team. For an application form, email us at gcpl.foundation@gmail.com subject: Board Application.

At our Lunch and Share coming up in October, you will be able to support the Garden City Public Library while picking up writing tips from a local author and networking with book club members and individual book lovers. Watch for upcoming details!

If you would like to help us keep the wonderful programs at the library up and running, please visit: https://gardenlibraryfoundation.org/Donate.
BEACH BASH FOR BOOKS 2022

The nearest ocean might have been over 500 miles away, but the crowd at this year’s Beach Bash didn’t seem to notice. Straw hats, sandals and Hawaiian shirts were the attire of the day, and everyone was greeted with a lei to complete their outfits. As some guests perused the many exciting silent auction items, others enjoyed the perfect summer evening while listening to live music and sipping cider with friends around tables decorated with shells and seaglass. With the additional aids of some savory Hawaiian cuisine and a little imagination, Bash guests thoroughly enjoyed an evening at the beach in the middle of Garden City, Idaho.

This year's Bash raised over $18,000, which will go a long way towards funding Bells for Books and many of the Garden City Public Library’s renowned programs in the upcoming year. Our Foundation is grateful for the support of everyone who attended the Bash, for the many donations from businesses and individuals throughout the community, for the volunteers from U.S. Bank and Idaho Central Credit Union, for the remarkable staff at the library, and for our generous Bash sponsors: Idaho Central Credit Union, Idaho Power, Jacksons, Mountain America Credit Union, Republic Services, Title One, and Western Building Maintenance.