It's a good thing that the Garden City Library is known as “Not a Quiet Library” because very little people can produce a very big ruckus, especially when the bubbles start flying during Toddler Tales! Each week about 15-20 toddlers and their parents gather to hear stories, sing, dance, and meet new friends, activities that are so fun that the children don’t even realize that they're absorbing valuable pre-reading and social skills the whole time. With the help of Alex the Alphabet Alligator, staff members focus on one letter sound each week, and at least one of the stories they read to the children highlights that sound, as in “G” in *Good Night, Gorilla* by Peggy Rathmann. Between stories the toddlers “dance”—wave their arms and hop around—to a silly song about glue and later learn several words of American Sign Language in the song “The More We Get Together.” Without even knowing it, the toddlers have seen and heard the week’s letter dozens of times, practiced raising their hands to ask or answer questions, and learned words in a new language. Miss McKenzie and Miss Grace save the best for last: the super bubble maker. The decibel and pitch levels rise to heights that only very young and very excited voices can muster as tiny hands slap at hundreds of bubbles. That’s about as much fun as these little folks can have for one morning, but they’ll be back next week for more.

Bubbles, bubbles everywhere!
BUCKAROO BOOK BASH

It’s almost time to saddle up for the Buckaroo Book Bash! It will happen at the Garden City Public Library Courtyard between 4:00pm and 7:00pm on Saturday, June 17. The Book Bash is the Foundation’s largest fundraising event each year, and last year it brought in over $22,000 that supported Bells for Books and other library programs throughout the year.

KTVB Anchor Brian Holmes will be our Master of Ceremonies for the evening. You can support the library by buying raffle tickets or bidding on silent auction items donated by Black Bear Diner, Chandlers, D&B Supply, Far West Nursery, Riverside Hotel, Rolling Hills Winery, Synergy Salon and Spa, Twisted District, Zoo Boise and many more! You can also sponsor one of the many outstanding programs at the library next year.

Please bring the whole family and join us for a delectable dinner from Neighbor Tim’s BBQ, dessert from Wild Flour Bakery, Lemon-Berry or Grapefruit cider from Meriwether Cider, live musical entertainment, fun and friendship!

Tickets are on sale now at https://gardencitypubliclibraryfoundation.wildapricot.org/

GC VISITORS BUREAU SEEKS VOLUNTEERS

The Garden City Visitors Bureau (GCVB) is looking for individuals who would like to make a difference in Garden City. The GCVB was formed in 2019 to market our unique corner of the world by attracting tourists, business owners, and Idaho residents. By encouraging thoughtful growth, we support local businesses, a vibrant community of artists and artisans, outdoor recreational opportunities, and close neighbors. We need volunteers who want to help Garden City grow while preserving our unique natural assets and charm. The commitment is two years, and we do not require financial support. Your ability to work with our staff a few hours per week is our greatest need. Please visit visitgardencity.org, and reply to gardencityvisitorsbureau@gmail.com with your interest and questions. We appreciate your support.