

GARDEN CITY LIBRARY FOUNDATION HERALD

SPRING CALENDAR

May 2 - 5, 2022

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2022 Beach Bash

Save the date:

June 4, 2022, 4:00 - 7:00 pm

for this year's Beach Bash, our annual fundraiser for the Bells for Books Bookmobile and many other programs at the library. Join us in the library courtyard for delicious Hawaiian food from Kanak Attack, live music by Esteban Anastasio, a silent auction, raffle, and games and activities for children. Tickets go on sale on sale on April 1 at: gardencitypubliclibraryfoundation.wildapricot.org

Thank you to the following organizations that have already committed to sponsor our Bash:

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Cat in the Hat copycats

SPOTLIGHT ON FOUNDATION-SPONSORED PROGRAMS: DR. SEUSS'S BIRTHDAY & PI DAY

What could be more fun than crazy hats, games, crafts, candy and some of the most beloved children's books ever written? Not much, and the library had all of these items and more at this year's birthday party for Dr. Seuss on March 2. Last year's virtual party was a noble effort but no match for the comradery and commotion of a live event for children. Amanda, the event's coordinator, believes the "carnival atmosphere" contributed to the success of this well-attended event, and everyone present obviously had a lot of fun; however, the larger purpose of the colorful decorations and alluring crafts and games was to entice children to read. Each child was given a book by the beloved author because millions of children have fallen in love with reading through the clever rhymes and zany illustrations of Dr. Seuss. The GCPL Foundation provided the funds for all of the refreshments, materials, and of course, for the books.



Dr. Seuss's Birthday Party had plenty of surprises.

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The latest news and updates from your favorite library foundation

LIBRARY PARTNERSHIPS SERVE GARDEN CITY RESIDENTS OF ALL AGES

One glance at the Garden City Public Library's Event Calendar reveals a myriad of partnerships between the library and many different organizations. According to Amanda, the Programs and Outreach Librarian, the library has many longstanding relationships, especially with schools and organizations that serve children, such as the Boys and Girls Club; Head Start; Whittier, Pierce Park, and Shadow Hills Elementary Schools; and Answer and Future Charter Schools.

Library staff members are regular visitors at schools. Each March Kindergarten Registration presents opportunities for the library and schools to connect with a brand new group of children and begin to build both early literacy skills and strong relationships. At registration library staff members hand out free books provided by the Idaho Commission for Libraries (ICFL), and this year incoming kindergarteners were able to choose a book for themselves and take another one for a younger sibling. Another example of a long-term partnership between schools and the library is the My First Books Program, which is currently serving 250 children. Each month library staff members read stories to the children and present them with a new book donated by the ICFL. Each book contains tips for parents to reinforce literacy skills, which will have lifelong benefits. Schools' Parent Teacher Organizations also frequently partner with the library to support activities such as Read-A-Thons. The Bells for Books bookmobile recently spent the entire day at Pierce Park Elementary for such an event and staff members handed out 620 books. Children come to recognize the friendly faces of library staff members and look forward to seeing them. Every partnership allows the library staff to encourage children to read and to visit the library with their parents to take advantage of the many excellent programs there.

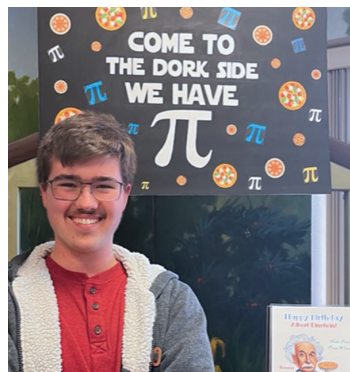


Bells for Books at Pierce Park Elementary's Read-A-Thon

Children, however, are not the only recipients of library partnerships. The library and community organizations give adults many opportunities for support, education and fun. In conjunction with the Southwest Idaho Area Agency on Aging, a Diabetes Workshop is held each week for six weeks at the library. The workshop primarily serves newly diagnosed individuals, but even people who have had diabetes for years can learn about the most recent research on their condition and garner tips for living more healthfully. A new workshop will begin soon, which will help adults cope with chronic pain. With tax season just around the corner, as it does

every year, the American Association for Retired Persons (AARP) has been providing free tax assistance at the library since early February and will continue to do so until early April. Also, the University of Idaho Extension Service presents a variety of gardening and cooking workshops each year. The information presented at these workshops is excellent, but equally important are the relationships participants enjoy with their instructors and with each other.

Library staff members are constantly researching the needs of the community and reaching out to entities that can support those needs. Often various organizations reach out to the library because they know it has both the facilities and the dedicated staff needed to ensure the success of their endeavors. Strong partnerships are cultivated through hours of careful communication and coordination, often over the span of many years. They benefit both the library and the organizations with which they partner, but the true beneficiaries are the hundreds of people, young and not-so-young, whose lives are enriched through learning and friendship. ■



This year's Pi Master recited an astounding 75 digits after the decimal point of pi.

DR. SEUSS'S BIRTHDAY & PI DAY CONTINUED

Although Pi Day might sound like an episode of the Great British Bake Off, it is actually a day devoted to the ratio that enables us to measure circles: pi (3.14...). March 14, which also just happens to be Albert Einstein's birthday, is an opportunity to celebrate math and particularly circles. The library, with the support of the GCPL Foundation, went all out for Pi Day this year. McKenzie, who organized the event, hopes that the Pi Day activities will give students the "inspiration to seek more knowledge and information about math." Participants found plenty of fun activities to inspire them: they graphed the digits of pi to create Pi in the Skyline pictures, made circle art and badges, strung assorted colored beads to make pi bracelets, played a fractions-based game, and enjoyed pizza pie. Because the digits following the decimal point of pi are infinite, it just invites a competition to see who can recite the longest string of digits following the decimal. This year's winner recited 75 digits, which will become the record to beat on future Pi Days at the library. ■