

# Garden City Library Foundation Herald

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## THANKS TO OUR GENEROUS COMMUNITY

The Foundation's May Fundraiser, the Beach Bash for Books, raised over \$42,000 for our signature Bells for Books Program and other Library programs. This fun sold-out event featured Golden Tickets, a Wine Wall, and Live and Silent Auctions. Watch for a new venue next year (necessary to accommodate growing attendance) and hold the date-- April 23, 2020. If you enjoy planning special events, let us know and join the event planning team!

On May 2nd, seven Foundation volunteers staffed three sites for Idaho Gives, the statewide online giving day that supports local non-profits. Many thanks to our site hosts: The Garden City Public Library, The Village at Meridian, and Banana Ink in downtown Boise. Participants were generous as they donated to the Foundation and other charities of their choice. Thanks to Dan Robinson, Board Secretary for coordinating this special event.



## Volunteer

### Opportunities

You can make a difference and support the Library by helping with these Foundation activities: edit newsletter, coordinate business sponsorships, maintain database, plan special events, and/or serve as a webmaster/webpage designer.



## "UNIVERSE OF STORIES"

Coming Soon to Our Galaxy: The Garden City Public Library

By Sarah Cox

June 4 was the kick-off for the annual Summer Reading Program at the Garden City Public library. This year's theme, a "Universe of Stories," promises to be a really out-of-this-world program with activities for parents and children from infancy through teen years.

What you may not know is that you - wonderful donors and friends of the Garden City Library Foundation - are the ones who make this program possible. The Summer Reading Program is funded by the Foundation and is second only to the Big Blue Bus in our priorities. So what is this program and who are the great folks who make it happen?

The Summer Reading Program at the Garden City Public Library began officially on June 1. The kick-off was a big celebration in the Courtyard on June 4. The theme of the Program this year is "A Universe of Stories." College of Idaho's Star Lab was on hand for the kick-off to engage children and families in reading and science fun for the Summer with engineering for kids and creating stomp rockets. There was face painting, crafts, games, and some special other worldly guests. Lots of fun and over 200 attendees!

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## Amazon Smile

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## Invitation to Book Clubs

The 2nd Annual Treasure Valley Book Club "Lunch and Share" is scheduled Saturday, October 25th at the Garden City Public Library. Registration forms and the identity of the guest speaker will be announced by email in July to the clubs that attended last year. If your club didn't participate last year, there is room for two more clubs! We are also seeking donations of autographed books and a few auction baskets for that event.

Email: [gcpl.foundation@gmail.com](mailto:gcpl.foundation@gmail.com) or phone Sue at 208-340-9450.



## "UNIVERSE OF STORIES" CONTINUED

The program officially ends on August 1 with a drawing for prizes including passes to Roaring Springs, bicycles, long boards, and, of course, books. Children and families register during the kick-off or any time in June or July and get busy reading. Children are encouraged to read 10 books over the course of the Summer (6 for teens).

The goal of the Summer Reading Program is to help prevent the 'Summer Slide' – children losing reading ability over the Summer. 'Summer Slide' is a problem for all kids, but is especially serious in neighborhoods where parents may struggle to support their children in reading or other academics. Some parents may be working extra hours just to keep food on the table or may be academically challenged themselves. The Summer Reading Program at Garden City Public Library helps all children achieve their potential.

The Program is built on levels (numbers of books read toward their total) to keep children and families engaged. Every time a child completes a level, they come in to the Library for a small prize. If they reach their final reading level of 10 books, they are entered in a drawing for big prizes at the conclusion of the Program. Kids who read more than 10 books get multiple chances in the drawing.

This wonderful program is the brainchild of Amanda Berardinelli and Rachel Worthington (see photo), two of the very special staff members at the Garden City Public Library. Amanda has been with our library for 7 months and came to us from the library in Meridian. She is a BSU graduate with a degree in English and Communications. Her co-worker Rachel describes Amanda as "a go-getter who is passionate about helping others." Amanda also has a "perfect" dog – Reggie – who really should be the official Garden City Public Library Dog! Rachel is an Idaho native, and has worked at our library for 2 years. Rachel's degree is in Multi-Ethnic Studies. Her friend and co-worker Amanda describes Rachel as "absolutely passionate about helping our littlest patrons and their families with early literacy." How lucky for all of us in Garden City that these two women are so passionate about helping our children learn.

So thank you Garden City Public Library Foundation donors! We are so fortunate to have your support for this great program that helps children learn and families keep reading.