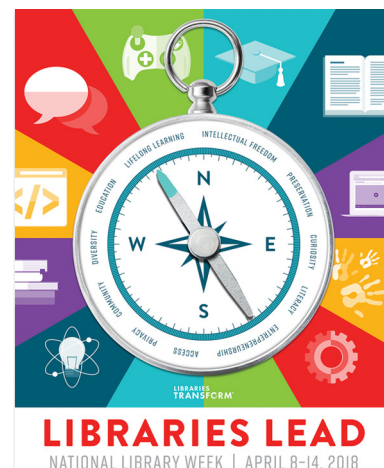


Bloomington Public Library



National Library Week - Libraries Lead Sunday, April 8 - Saturday, April 14

Today's libraries lead their communities and transform lives every day. From education to job resources to lifelong learning, your library provides access to the programming and services you need to reach your potential and grow as a leader. National Library Week is April 8 - April 14 — visit the Bloomington Public Library today!



SPRING BOOK SALE

Saturday, April 7
& Sunday, April 8

Friends of the Bloomington Library Spring Book Sale!

Save the date for the Spring Book Sale! Earn coupons for donating gently used books starting Saturday, March 31. The Book Sale will run Saturday, April 7 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Sunday, April 8 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

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SAVE THE DATE for SUMMER READING! "Reading Takes You Everywhere"

Come join the excitement and make new discoveries to be found in books, libraries, our communities, and beyond.
Registration begins **Friday, June 1!**



BPL's Migration to SWAN!

In May, Bloomingdale Public Library is joining a new consortium. Membership in SWAN (System Wide Automated Network) means we'll be part of a larger library consortium, expanding from 8 libraries to 97!

What You Need to Know:



Connect With the Library:

101 Fairfield Way, Bloomingdale, IL
630-529-3120
www.mybpl.org

Business Office: (630) 924-2720
Circulation: (630) 924-2750
Adult Services/Homebound: (630) 924-2730
Youth Services: (630) 924-2740
Local History: (630) 924-2765
Computer Services: (630) 924-2767
Email: bdref1@mybpl.org
Text a Librarian: Text "mybpl" to 66746

Hours:

Monday - Thursday: 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Friday & Saturday: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 1:00 - 5:00 p.m

Board of Trustees:

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FOOD FOR FINES

Food for Fines is Back!

In honor of National Library Week, the Bloomingdale Public Library will hold a Food for Fines event from Monday, April 2 through Friday, April 27.

For every non-perishable food item or personal health and hygiene item donated, library staff will remove \$1 worth of fines from your record.*

All items collected will be given to the Bloomingdale Township Food Pantry, which will distribute it to needy individuals and families in our community.

*** Food for Fines does not apply to lost or damaged items, fees, and fines owed to another library, or associated collection and processing fees.**



Ongoing Adult Programs



Some programs require registration (📅) as noted. You may register for programs online at www.mybpl.org (click on "Calendar" at the top of the page), at the Adult Services Reference Desk, or by calling (630) 924-2730.

Tai Chi

Fridays, April 6 & May 4 | 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.



Join us at the library for an hour of Tai Chi, which combines slow movement, meditation, breathing, and balance. Bob Plucinsky is a Tai Chi and Qi Gong instructor.

Scrabble Club (Drop-In)

Thursdays, April 12 & May 10 | 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Join us for an afternoon of Scrabble! The library will provide Scrabble boards and dictionaries, as well as snacks and beverages. Whether you play for fun or for the challenge, all skill levels are welcome. Come and enjoy some classic wordplay!

eBook Help

By appointment only | Call 630-924-2730 to select a time

We'll have a librarian available to get you started using eBooks, audiobooks, and digital magazines. Contact the Reference Desk to schedule a 45 minute appointment.

Bloomington Seniors' Club (Drop-In)

Tuesdays, April 10 & May 8 | 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Do you enjoy playing cards and meeting others who share your interests? Join the Seniors Club!

Genealogy Club (Drop-In)

Thursdays, April 26 & May 24 | 6:30 - 8:45 p.m.

Members share search strategies and explore library resources with guidance from genealogy librarian Leslie Drewitz.



Book Discussion Groups



Historical Book Group (Drop-In)

Tuesday, April 3 | 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Truevine: Two Brothers, a Kidnapping and a Mother's Quest: A True Story of the Jim Crow South by Beth Macy

Tuesday, May 1 | 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

The Gatekeeper: Missy LeHand, FDR, and the Untold Story of the Partnership that Defined a Presidency by Kathryn Smith

Great Decisions

Wednesdays, April 18 & May 16 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.



The Great Decisions discussion program is a civic education program administered and produced by the Foreign Policy Association. In preparation for discussion, participants read the relevant chapter on a particular policy issue in the Great Decisions book available for check out, followed by moderated discussion.

Monday Night Page Turners (Drop-In)

Monday, April 16 | 7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Never Let Me Go by Kazuo Ishiguro

Monday, May 21 | 7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Tell the Wolves I'm Home by Carol Rifka Brunt

Romance Readers Book Club (Drop-In) **NEW!**

Tuesday, April 24 | 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Knight on the Texas Plains by Linda Broday

Tuesday, May 29 | 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.

The Wanderer by Robyn Carr

Drop-In Movie Matinee

We'll supply the popcorn! Come enjoy this new release at BPL's Movie Matinee and enter for a chance to win a copy of that day's movie on DVD. Movie giveaway will be held following the conclusion of the movie and you must be present to win.

Murder on the Orient Express | **Wednesday, April 25** | 1:00 - 3:30 p.m. (Rated: PG-13 | Running Time: 114 minutes)

When a murder occurs on the train he's travelling on, celebrated detective Hercule Poirot is recruited to solve the case. Starring: Kenneth Branagh, Penelope Cruz, and Johnny Depp

Darkest Hour | **Wednesday, May 23** | 1:00 - 3:30 p.m. (Rated: PG-13 | Running Time: 125 minutes)

During the early days of World War II, the fate of Western Europe hangs on the newly-appointed British Prime Minister Winston Churchill, who must decide whether to negotiate with Hitler, or fight on against incredible odds. Starring: Gary Oldman, Lily James, & Kristin Scott Thomas.

Adult Programs

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Living in the Light: True & Amazing Stories of Angel Encounters and Miracles Monday, April 9 | 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.



Author talk! Karen Cesario Rizzo, local author, medium, and psychic, is back with her second book on the supernatural, *Living in the Light: True & Amazing Stories of Angel Encounters and Miracles*.



Ancient Life of Illinois Tuesday, April 10 | 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.



What does the fossil record reveal about ancient life that thrived in Illinois? Local author and professor of Earth Science Raymond Wiggers will tell us about the geologic and biologic history of Illinois, as revealed by its fossils.

Chef Cherise Presents: Yeast Breads Tuesday, April 17 | 7:00 - 8:15 p.m.



There is absolutely nothing better than the smell of freshly baked bread! Chef Cherise will guide you through the twelve steps of yeast bread production and give you tips and tricks to make bread baking your new favorite hobby. The chef's program will include Italian batard, walnut wheat bread, and golden dinner rolls. Tasty bites and recipes will be shared. Registration is limited to 50 people.

Money Smart Week: Understanding Wills, Trusts, and Powers of Attorney Monday, April 23 | 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.



Estate planning can be difficult to think about, but it's something everyone eventually needs to do. While you've probably heard the terms "will" and "trust," do you know what they are and the appropriate uses? Please join Pankau Law attorneys for an outline and discussion to better understand the terms and provisions of these documents.



Walt Disney: Frame by Frame Monday, May 7 | 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.



Join us for this intimate portrait of the quiet innovator who spent a lifetime combining creativity with commerce. Surprising personal insights from Disney's friends, family, and colleagues are supplemented with clips from some of the remarkable showman's finest productions. Presented by Bob Burton, Professor Emeritus of Communications at Oakton Community College.

Walt Disney World Resort for Grown-Ups Tuesday, May 8 | 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.



The Walt Disney World Resort isn't just for kids and families! Find out about all the exciting options available for couples, a girls weekend, or even adults traveling solo during this 75 minute presentation.



100th Anniversary of Mary Shelley's Frankenstein Monday, May 14 | 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.



Who was Mary Shelley and how has her classic science fiction novel from 100 years ago impacted popular culture both then and today? Join us for a presentation by COD English literature lecturer Ruth C. Hoffman, Ph.D., and learn about the creation of one of the most famous monsters from both literature and film.

Introduction to Felted Soap Tuesday, May 15 | 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.



Curious about felting but not sure where to start? Come find out how to create your own felted body scrubber with the soap included! We will also learn hand needle felting by making a felted pin or two using wool roving. All materials provided. Registration opens Sunday, April 1 and is limited to 20 people.

From the Battlefield to the Boardroom Monday, May 21 | 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.



During her military career, Colonel Jill led hundreds of men and women around the world in war and peace, and was the recipient of the Bronze Star and the Legion of Merit for her lifelong leadership.

Now, after 30 years of success in high-stakes, fast moving environments, Colonel Jill shares her leadership secrets with the world. Join us for an entertaining talk by this best-selling author and military pioneer in honor of Memorial Day.



COMING SOON!

Al Capone & the 1933 World's Fair: The End of the Gangster Era in Chicago Tuesday, June 5 | 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Author Talk

How Sustainable Landscaping is Good for our Health Tuesday, June 12 | 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Garden Lecture

Teen Scene

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How to Ace Your AP History Exams Wednesday, April 11 | 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.



Stressing about taking your AP History exam? Come discover great study tips and test-taking strategies that will get you closer to scoring a 5 on your AP History exam. A rep from C2 Education will provide helpful material reviews and tips on preparing for the AP U.S History & AP World History Exams to help you achieve the score you're aiming for!



Teen Movie Night: *Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle* (Drop-In)

Wednesday, April 18 | 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Join us as we watch *Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle* and eat some snacks! You can even enter for a chance to win a copy of the movie! Movie giveaway will be held following the conclusion of the movie and you must be present to win.

SAT Practice Test

Saturday, April 21 | 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.



Stressing about taking the SAT? Take a full-length practice test to ward off test day jitters and see how you may score on the big test. Experience first-hand what test day will be like! A rep from C2 Education will provide a proctored practice test and contact you with scores and analyzed results. **Don't forget to bring a couple of pencils, your calculator, and a snack to eat!**

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ACT Practice Test

Saturday, May 26 | 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.



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Exam Cram (Drop-In)

Tuesday, May 29 - Thursday, May 31 | 3:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Open to grades 9 - 12

Get ready for finals at the library's Exam Cram! We'll have group and quiet study areas, Wi-Fi, and computers. We'll provide caffeine, snacks, and opportunities to destress - you provide the brain power! Pizza served at 7:00 p.m.



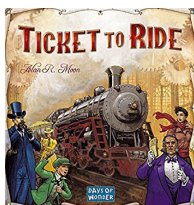
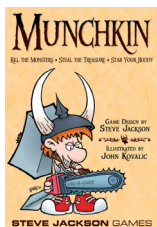
Ongoing Teen Programs

Teen Game Night (Drop-In)

Thursdays, April 12 & 26 | 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Thursdays, May 10 & 24 | 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Join other teens for gaming on our big screens or a tabletop! Have a dance-off using our Kinect, start your own Rock Band, race in Mario Kart 8, battle in Super Smash Bros., or discover your new favorite tabletop or board game!



3D Print Club (Drop-In)

Wednesdays, April 25 & May 23 | 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Are you curious about 3D printing? Do you want to learn how to create your own designs and print them out? Teens are welcome to join us for an Introduction to 3D printing class, where we will create our own Tinkercad accounts, learn the basics of 3D Printing and design, and even get to see the 3D Printer in action. No experience is necessary!

Dungeons and Dragons Club (Drop-In) **NEW!**

Thursdays, April 5 & May 3 | 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.

We've started a Dungeons and Dragons Club! Grab your twenty-sided die, rev up your imagination, and embark on an adventure with some friends. Newbies and long-time players are welcome. All players ages 13 and up are welcome to join us.



TAB: Teen Advisory Board (Drop-In)


Thursdays, April 19 & May 17 | 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Make your voices heard! Join us monthly to meet over pizza to help plan programs for teens, make decisions for the library's teen space, play games, promote the library, earn volunteer hours, and more!



Computer Classes



Some programs require registration () as noted. You may register for programs online at www.mybpl.org (click on "Calendar" at the top of the page), in the Business Office, or by calling (630) 924-2767.

Designing Web Pages With HTML

Monday, April 9 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Instructor: Sean



In this course, we'll learn how to create basic web pages using HTML code. We will cover basic topics like inserting text, links, pictures, and background colors, as well as more advanced design topics, as time allows. While the library does not provide a location on the internet for students to post their web page, they will learn the skills required to develop one. This class is intended to be introductory but some internet experience is recommended.

eBooks @ the Library

Thursday, April 12 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Instructor: Charlie



Students will learn to use several free tools to take advantage of the electronic books the library makes available for checkout. How to find books (and more), getting it on your device, details regarding checkout policy, possible snags in downloading, searching the catalog, and more will be discussed.

Getting Started: Your Files

Monday, April 16 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Instructor: Sean



Every time a picture is taken, a letter is written, or a song is purchased on your computer a file goes somewhere. Learn all about where these files are, how to find them, and copy, delete, and restore them. A great class for anyone with a lot of personal information or pictures they're worried about losing or moving to a new computer.

Virus/Spyware Safety

Thursday, April 19 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Instructor: Charlie



Don't call the number on your screen! Learn about common security threats, how to remove most virus and spyware issues, what to do to reduce your risk of infection, and how to recover if your computer is infected.

iCloud

Monday, April 23 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Instructor: Sean



Many iPhone, Mac, and iPad users are confused about what is happening with iCloud. What is that message that keeps telling them they are out of space? How do they access their pictures? Is my phone definitely backing up? We'll talk about all these concerns.

Cutting the Cord

Monday, May 7 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Instructor: Sean



Explore entertainment options beyond paying for cable. We'll discuss how to connect your TV or other devices to streaming services, what options are out there to replace or improve on current service, and how to determine what's right for you.

VHS to Digital

Thursday, May 10 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Instructor: Charlie



Have some old tapes you'd like to be able to watch on a DVD player or share online? Students will learn to use library equipment to digitize VHS tapes and prepare them for modern viewing. Techniques from basic recording to more advanced tricks like chapter creation will be covered.

Using Android Phones

Monday, May 14 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Instructor: Sean



Learn how to install and manage your apps, customize your phone using settings changes and widget installations, take advantage of expandable storage, use Google tools, and much more!

CD/DVD Burning

Thursday, May 17 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Instructor: Charlie



This class will teach students how to burn computer files to a CD or DVD, an essential skill for backing up pictures, documents, or other important information. The basics of working with music, data, and video files, as well as CD/DVD copying, will be discussed. The class works in a Windows 10 environment, but attention will be paid to the issues that come up when burning CDs with an older operating system.

Using Android Phones 2

Monday, May 21 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Instructor: Sean



Students will learn more about their Android phones, including account syncing, connections to the cloud, managing their files, pay by phone, and beyond.



Kids Corner

Some programs require registration (📅) as noted. Register online at www.mybpl.org, at the Youth Services Desk, or by calling (630) 924-2740. Please have your library card when you register. Registration for Bloomingdale residents begins Monday, April 2 for April programs and Monday, April 23 for May programs. For non-residents, registration opens one week before each program begins.

LEGO Madness (Drop-In)

Mondays, April 2 & May 7 | 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. | grades K-6

Come stretch your imagination and make new friends while building with LEGOs.

Storytime with a Surprise at Stratford Square Mall (Drop-In)

Thursdays, April 5 & May 3 | 11:00 - 11:45 a.m. | all ages

Join us for a themed storytime the first Thursday of every month at Stratford Square Mall (meet by Cafe Court – lower level) and receive a treat for being a good listener! All ages welcome; caregivers must remain with their children.

Craft Time (Drop-In)

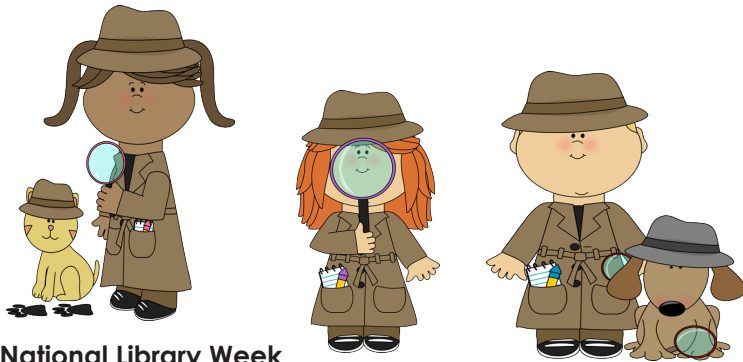
Thursdays, April 5 & May 3 | 3:00 – 8:00 p.m. | all ages

Stop by the Youth Services department anytime between 3:00 - 8:00 p.m. to make a fun craft. We'll supply all the materials needed.

Family Storytime (Drop-In)

Fridays, April 6, 13, & 20 | 10:30 - 11:00 a.m. | all ages

Family Storytime is designed to serve families of babies, toddlers, and/or preschoolers who want to attend morning storytime together. Children will enjoy a variety of books, flannel stories, musical activities, and/or puppets, along with a simple craft. No registration is required.



National Library Week

Guess That Shredded Book Contest! (All week long)

Sunday, April 8 - Saturday, April 14 | all ages

Join the fun as Youth Services continues a popular tradition...guessing which books have been, oh my, shredded by the librarians! Use your magnifying glass to identify the title and author of each tattered book. If there's more than one correct guess, each savvy sleuth will be entered into a drawing.

Storytime, Milk & Cookies at Panera (Drop-In)

Mondays, April 9 & May 14 | 9:30 - 10:15 a.m. | all ages

Location: Panera Bread, 370 W. Army Trail Road, Bloomingdale, IL

Enjoy a special themed storytime with music and nibble on some yummy cookies and milk from Panera!

Sensory Yarn Painting (Drop-In)

Wednesday, April 11 | 4:15 - 5:00 p.m. | grades K-2

Wiggle, twist, drag, and drop! Make unique and beautiful art using yarns, paints, and glue on special paper.

Introduction to Little Bits **NEW!**

Thursdays, April 12 & May 10 | 4:30 - 5:15 p.m. | grades 3-6

The library just received an exciting collection of Little Bits! These toys make STEAM building and inventing electronic gadgets fun and easy. Join us as we start out with the basics and build our first gadget. Provided through a generous donation from the Friends of the Library.

PostCrossing Club (Drop-In)

Monday, April 16 | 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. | grades 1-6

Make and write postcards to send to special recipients all over the world — then come back to see what we get in return!

Kitchen Kids

Wednesday, April 18 | 4:30 - 5:00 p.m. | grades 3-5

Come practice kitchen skills and make easy, kid-friendly snacks and treats! Food is prepared and served at this program, so please notify Youth Services if your child has dietary restrictions.

SAVE THE DATE for SUMMER READING!

"Reading Takes You Everywhere"




Registration begins **Friday, June 1!** Be on the lookout for more information regarding this year's Summer Reading program!





Kids Programs

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Money Smart Week for Kids

Monday, April 23 | 4:15 – 5:00 p.m. | grades K - 2



The Bloomingdale Bank and Trust will teach children to be Money Smart. Participants will receive a gift to take home.

Potty Party

Tuesday, April 24 | 10:30 – 11:00 a.m. | ages 1-5 + caregiver



No more diapers, it's time to use the potty! Toddlers of all stages of potty training are invited to a party with stories and songs to encourage and motivate potty training.



Doodlebugs

Monday, April 30 | 11:00 - 11:30 a.m. | 2-3 years old + caregiver

This is a special art class just for toddlers and parents. Little fingers will experiment with painting, gluing, sticking, and creating, while developing fine motor skills.

I Can't Believe I Made Butter!

Wednesday, May 2 | 4:15 - 5:00 p.m. | grades 3-6



Come make your very own butter while learning about cows and dairy farmers from the DuPage County Farm Bureau. YUM!

I'm a Big Brother or Sister

Tuesday, May 8 | 10:30 - 11:00 a.m. | ages 1-5 + caregiver

Calling all big brothers and sisters, congratulations on your promotion! Join us for some stories and songs about the new arrival in your home.



Mother's Day Gifts for Mom! (Drop-In)

Tuesday, May 8 | 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. | grades K-6

Drop in to make a great crafty gift for that special someone... Mom! Just in time for Mother's Day.

Fly Away Butterflies! (Drop-In)

Thursday, May 17 | 4:15 – 4:45 pm | all ages

Have you ever seen a caterpillar change into a butterfly? Today we watch the butterflies fly away! Join us for this exciting event – we will have butterfly crafts to take home too!

Time for Toys (Drop-In)

Monday, May 21 | 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

ages 3 months-5 years + caregiver

Time for Toys is an informal program giving parents with small children the opportunity to meet and talk with other parents, while children play with toys and games. Provided toys and games are appropriate for children ages 3 months to 5 years.

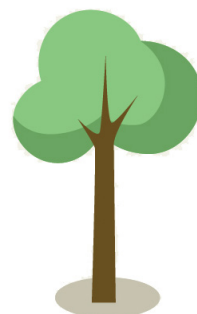
LEARN with LEGOs for Preschoolers

Wednesday, May 23 | 11:00 - 11:45 a.m. | ages 3-5

Play with LEGOs and build your child's school readiness too! Come to the library for learning and fun. Practice STEM with LEGOs!

Storybook Trail

Back for Spring! Take a walk or ride your bike along the Storybook Trail at Circle Park and enjoy the outdoors while reading *Underground* by Denise Fleming. This family friendly trail is co-sponsored by the Bloomingdale Public Library and the Bloomingdale Park District. Circle Park is located at 163 Fairfield Way, Bloomingdale, IL.



Fly Away Butterflies

Have you ever seen a caterpillar change into a butterfly? Starting on Friday, April 27, we will have the caterpillars here at the library and everyone can watch them as they cocoon and then become butterflies! On Thursday, May 17 at 4:15 p.m., after they transform, we will watch the butterflies fly away!

