NEW FOR 2020

New policies in effect as of January 1, 2020

No More Overdue Fines for BPL Patrons, plus Auto-Renewal

Effective January 2020, Bloomingdale Public Library patrons will not be charged overdue fines for items borrowed from BPL. Eligible materials will also auto-renew for a period equal to the original loan period.

Why?
Currently, fines from overdue items make up less than 0.5% of BPL’s annual budget. By eliminating overdue fines, we have chosen to focus on making the time our patrons spend in the Library as positive and productive as possible.

Details:
All overdue fines for checkouts at BPL were waived as of December 19, 2019. No new overdue fines will accrue.

Every item checked out still has a due date, but now items will be automatically renewed 2 days before the item is due. Materials not returned will be billed the full replacement amount per the Chart of Loan Periods and Checkout Limits. Not every item is eligible for auto-renewal – please see www.mybpl.org for details.

Patrons will be notified via email about the status of renewals. Patrons can also check their account online or call the Circulation Desk for due date information.

“Fines Free” and “Auto-Renewal” are applicable to checkouts at the Bloomingdale Public Library only – materials checked out at other libraries are subject to the policies of those libraries.

Federal and State Tax Forms

The library has common federal income tax forms available to the public. Other forms may be printed at the library for 10 cents per page.

To order additional federal forms, call the IRS at 1-800-829-3676 or download forms online at www.irs.gov/forms-instructions.

To order state forms, call the Revenue Department at 1-800-356-6302 or download forms online at www.tax.illinois.gov/.

Friends of the Bloomingdale Public Library

spring BOOK SALE

Saturday, March 28
9:00 a.m.– 4:00 p.m.

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**FEBRUARY**

- **DIY: Folded Book Art Heart**  
  Tuesday, February 4 | 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. & 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.  
  Don’t get rid of your old books! Turn those dusty hardcovers that are sitting on your shelf into beautiful folded book art. We will provide the books and templates that you can try here and finish at home.  
  Each session is limited to 20 adults, no duplicate signups.

- **Heather Braoudakis Presents: That’s Amore**  
  Monday, February 10 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.  
  Join us for a romantic night of music featuring love songs from musical theater to Nat King Cole, George Gershwin, and The Hutton Sisters.

- **Sally Rand: American Sex Symbol**  
  Tuesday, February 11 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.  
  Local author and historian William Hazelgrove is back to promote his newest book, the very first biography of Sally Rand. She would pave the way for every sex symbol to follow from Marilyn Monroe to Lady Gaga, but in the end she would die penniless and in debt.

- **Women of WWII: Serving Soldiers at the Whistle Stop Canteen**  
  Tuesday, February 18 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.  
  Join us for a historical presentation by local author Barb Warner Deane on the women who helped serve troops traveling in trains across the country on their way to World War II.

**MARCH**

- **Heather Braoudakis Presents: Kiss Me, I’m Irish**  
  Monday, March 9 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.  
  Join us for a festive night of music featuring classic Celtic tunes in honor of St. Patrick’s Day!

- **Chef Maddox Presents: Irish Cuisine!**  
  Tuesday, March 10 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.  
  Chef Maddox is here to help us celebrate St. Patrick’s Day with recipes from the Emerald Isle.  
  Registration begins on February 1st and is limited to 50 adults.

- **Strange & Wonderful Illinois – Part 2: Stuff You Didn’t See The First Time!**  
  Monday, March 30 | 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.  
  Join us for a tour of Illinois’ biggest, smallest, tallest, and shortest, most strange and wonderful sights throughout our state, and plan your weirdest summer road trip ever with local roadside attraction and graveyard experts, Jim & Paula Hantak.

**COMING SOON!**

- **Money Smart Week - Beyond Basics: Wills & Trusts**  
  Tuesday, April 7 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

- **US-Cuba Relations 1898-2018: What They Didn’t Teach Us in School**  
  Tuesday, April 14 | 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

**Historical Book Discussion**

- **Star Spangled Scandal: Sex, Murder, and the Trial that Changed America**  
  by Chris DeRose  
  Tuesday, February 4 | 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

- **Ulysses S. Grant: The Unlikely Hero**  
  by Michael Korda  
  Tuesday, March 3 | 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

- **The Jungle**  
  by Upton Sinclair  
  Monday, February 17 | 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.

- **When All is Said**  
  by Anne Griffin  
  Monday, March 16 | 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.
** Bloomingdale Seniors’ Club (Drop-In)**

Tuesdays, February 11 & March 10  |  11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Do you enjoy playing cards and meeting others who share your interests? Join the Seniors’ Club!

** Great Decisions**

Wednesdays, February 19 & March 18  |  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 the discussion, participants read the relevant chapter on a particular foreign policy issue in the Great Decisions briefing book that will be available for check out, followed by a moderated discussion among the participants.

** Genealogy Club (Drop-In)**

Wednesdays, February 19 & March 18  |  6:30 – 8:45 p.m.
A Local History librarian provides internet and archival genealogy instruction and research support. Members share ideas and meet other researchers, receive help with questions and brick wall dilemmas, and share genealogy finds.

**EBOOK HELP**

Need help getting started with eBooks, audiobooks, or digital magazines?
Contact the Reference Desk at 630-924-2730 to schedule a 45 minute appointment.

**Explore More @ BPL**

The Explore More Illinois cultural pass program is now available through your library! You can access discounts to museums, historical societies, and other attractions across the state 24/7 from any computer, tablet, or smartphone with a valid BPL library card. Visit mybpl.org/museumpass for more information.
Teen Territory
Registration is required for some teen programs (noted with Z). Register at the Adult Reference Desk, online, or by phone at (630) 924-2730.

Teen Programs are open to 7th-12 graders unless otherwise noted.

**TEST PREP**

**SAT Practice Test**
Saturday, March 7 | 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 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 representative 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!

**ACT Practice Test**
Saturday, March 21 | 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Stressing about taking the ACT? 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 representative 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!

**Cupcake Wars!**
Wednesday, February 5 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Join us for our third annual Cupcake War contest! Show off your decorating skills by frosting the perfect cupcake. Bring in your own unfrosted cupcakes or use the ones we provide. Toppings and frosting will also be provided. Prizes will be awarded to the most creative and tastiest looking cupcakes!

**3D Print Club (Drop-In)**
Wednesday, February 26 | 7:00 – 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? Join us to create your own Tinkercad account, learn the basics of 3D printing and design, and even get to see the 3D printer in action. No experience is necessary!

**Custom USB Drive**
Wednesday, March 4 | 7:00 – 8:15 p.m.
Tired of your plain, old USB drive? Make it look like a piece of pizza, a cupcake, or your favorite emoji! Join us at the Library while we customize our USB drives using Sculpey Clay. Never look at a boring USB drive again!

**Safety-Pin Bracelet**
Wednesday, March 25 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Create a stylish bracelet using safety pins and beads!

**MAKE SOMETHING FUN!**

**Five Feet Apart**
Wednesday, February 12
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

**The Sun is Also a Star**
Wednesday, March 11
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

**ONGOING TEEN PROGRAMS**

**Teen Game Night (Drop-In)**
Thursdays, February 13 & 27
March 12
6:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Join other teens for gaming on our big screens or a tabletop! Check out the Nintendo Switch, race in Mario Kart 8, brawl in Super Smash Bros., battle in Overwatch, or discover your new favorite tabletop or board game!

**Tabletop Gaming Club (Drop-In)**
Thursdays, February 6 & 20
March 5 & 19
6:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Join other teens for tabletop gaming and some snacks! Run your D&D campaign or duel in your favorite collectible card game. Players of all games are welcome to attend.

**TAB: Teen Advisory Board (Drop-In)**
Wednesday, March 18
6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
Make your voices heard! Join us 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!

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Computer Services

Registration for computer classes is not required but is recommended to reserve seating and to make materials available. Register at the Adult Reference Desk, online, or by phone at (630) 924-2730.

EXCEL AT EXCEL

Excel 1
Monday, February 10 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Sean
Learn the basics of creating and using spreadsheets. Formatting, designing, and sorting spreadsheets will be discussed along with the first steps towards creating formulas and using functions.

Excel 2
Monday, February 17 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Sean
Build your Excel skills with more advanced topics such as formulas, graphs, and linking between multiple worksheets.

Excel Formulas
Monday, March 2 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Sean
Create and edit dynamic formulas using tools like logical (IF) functions, arrays, conditional formatting, data validation, and more.

Excel PivotTables
Monday, March 30 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Sean
Learn the basics of creating dynamic lists using Excel PivotTables. Modifying reports, formatting tables, and keeping data tables up to date will be discussed. Students will work with several examples to develop a comfort level with the tools Excel provides.

GENERATOR AT GENERATOR

COMPUTER SKILLS

Google Docs & Cloud Backup
Monday, February 3 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Sean
Google provides a number of free cloud applications perfect for safe storage or collaboration with friends, family, or colleagues. Learn the basics of working with these tools to create, edit, and share documents. Students will also learn about other cloud based backup and recovery options for computers, tablets, and phones.

Word Processing
Thursday, February 6 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Salvador
This class will be aimed at those with little or no experience using Microsoft Word or any word processors. Topics such as creating and saving files, formatting, and editing documents will be covered. There will be time available for questions and specific problems students have encountered.

Digital Archiving
Thursday, February 13 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Charlie
Learn to convert VHS tapes, 35mm slides, documents, and photos into digital files. Great for record keeping and making it easier to share memories.

PERFECT YOUR PRESENTATIONS

Using PowerPoint
Thursday, March 5 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Salvador
Need to speak in front of a group or give a report at work? PowerPoint can be used to create slides, overheads, audience handouts, or on-screen presentations. This class will cover the basics of creating and organizing a presentation. Time will also be given to free PowerPoint alternatives like Google Slides.

Using PowerPoint 2
Thursday, March 12 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Salvador
Building on skills learned in Using PowerPoint, this class will teach students to make their slide shows more dynamic and complex. Go beyond the presets and design your own slides, create slide transitions, and use sounds, animations, and other slide show options.

Classes for Seniors

In these friendly, introductory classes, we’ll give you lots of guided hands-on practice and time to ask questions.

Seniors Course: Computer Basics
Tuesday, March 3 | 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.
Instructor: Sean
Learn the basics of dealing with Windows and computer safety.

Seniors Course: Word Processing
Tuesday, March 10 | 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.
Instructor: Michael
In this session, we’ll learn about word processing and how to fill out forms on computers.

Seniors Course: Internet Use & Safety
Tuesday, March 17 | 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.
Instructor: Sean
Come in to talk about Internet topics, such as browsing the web, email questions and concerns, how the cloud works, and how to avoid viruses.

Seniors Course: Tablets & Smartphones
Tuesday, March 31 | 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.
Instructor: Michael
Learn how to operate your smartphone or tablet. Students will be provided iPads or they are welcome to work on their own devices.

RENT-A-TECH

Have a computer question or need help with an online account? Computer Services staff can be reserved for one hour help sessions during select time slots every week. Contact Computer Services at (630) 924-2766 or bdcs@mybpl.org to schedule an appointment.
Registration is required for some Youth programs (noted with 🌟). Register at the Youth Services Desk, online, or by phone at (630) 924-2740. Please have your library card when you register. Registration for Bloomingdale residents begins Monday, January 20 and for non-residents one week before each program begins.

Our Library has a subscription to TumbleBookLibrary, and your family can access it from home! It's unlimited, and it's FREE for you to use from home!

TumbleBookLibrary is an online collection of eBooks for children. They are a great way to encourage tech-savvy kids to enjoy reading! There are over 250 animated, talking picture books! The site also features Spanish and French books, read-along chapter books, non-fiction books, and exciting games and puzzles!

Check www.mybpl.org/kids and click the TumbleBooks link to access this free service.

💡 Full S.T.E.A.M. Ahead
Grades K – 2
Mondays, February 3, February 17, March 2, and March 16
4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

Each month we will incorporate Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math concepts through engaging experiments, activities, and projects. Please register for each class.

There will be no S.T.E.A.M. the week of Spring Break.

Storytime with a Surprise at Stratford Square Mall (Drop-In)
All Ages
Thursdays, February 6 and March 5 | 11:00 – 11:45 a.m.

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)
All Ages
Thursdays, February 6 and March 5 | 3:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Stop by the Youth Services department anytime during craft time to make a fun craft. We'll supply all the materials needed.

Come Together (Drop-In)
0-24 months with caregiver
Every Thursday | 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Every Thursday meet and chat with other parents & caregivers while your child socializes and explores with hands-on toys.

🌟Will be offered simultaneously with Baby Tales Storytime when in session.

Make It, Take It (Drop-In)
All Ages
Sunday, February 9 | 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

It's crafting time! Stop in and make a Valentine Fish!

Storytime, Milk, and Cookies at Panera (Drop-In)
All Ages
Mondays, February 10 and March 9 | 9:30 – 10:15 a.m.

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!

Playing with STEM (Drop-in)
Ages 3-5
Tuesday, February 11 | 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) are important learning areas for kids of all ages. Start your child early with our fun play to learn program. Each week we will have different stations for kids to explore.

Baby, Let’s Make Music (Drop-In)
Ages 0 – 2 years with caregiver
Thursdays, February 13, and February 27 | 10:00 – 10:30 a.m.

Join us for a parade of fun! We will explore the world of sound using an array of musical instruments.

🌟 STEM Club: Tech Time
Grade 3-6
Thursday, February 13 and March 12 | 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

Libraries are more than books - they are a great place to learn technology too! Come get some hands-on time with tech at STEM Club!

Sensory Time
(registration required)

Saturdays, February 15 & March 21
10:00 – 10:45 a.m.

Ages 3-8 with caregiver

This program is especially for children with autism, sensory processing, and other special needs.

We will engage the senses through music, stories, large and small motor activities, and sensory stations. Please e-mail us at bdys@mybpl.org about your child’s special needs so that we can better serve them.

Siblings welcome.
Registration is required for some Youth programs (noted with Z). Register at the Youth Services Desk, online, or by phone at (630) 924-2740. Please have your library card when you register. Registration for Bloomingdale residents begins Monday, January 20 and for non-residents one week before each program begins.

**Homeschool Movie Meet-Up**  
*All Ages*  
Tuesday, February 18 | 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.  
Waddle, slide, or hop over to watch *Disney Nature Penguins* and then collaborate on some fun and educational arctic animals activities!

**The Great Escape**  
*Grades 3-6*  
Wednesday, February 19 | 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.  
Learn about famous real-life spies while racing to solve all the codes, clues, and ciphers in only 45 minutes!

**Our Feathery Friends in the Winter**  
*Grades K-2*  
Thursday, February 20 | 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.  
Bird watching is fun all year, but in the winter they need our help. Come make a bird feeder and learn about winter birds in Illinois.

**Doodlebugs**  
*2-3 years old with caregiver*  
Monday, February 24 | 11:00 – 11:30 a.m.  
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.

**Mardi Gras Party**  
*Grades K-6*  
Monday, February 24 | 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.  
Let the good times roll! Learn about the festive Mardi Gras holiday as we share books, make masks, and try King Cake!

**Leap Day Party**  
*Families*  
Friday, February 28 | 10:30 – 11:15 a.m.  
Leapin’ Lizards, it’s Leap Day! We will celebrate this day that comes only once in four years in silly style with stories, songs, some silly games, and singing “Happy Leap Day to You!”

**Fairytale Ball**  
*Ages 3-10 with caregiver*  
Saturday, February 29 | 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.  
Every Prince, Princess, Knight, and Jester between the ages of 3 and 10 is welcome! Wear your shiny suit of armor, sparkly ball gown, or come dressed like your favorite fairytale creature. Join us for an afternoon of fun and fantasy. At the ball, you can dance to your heart’s content, create enchanting crafts, and test your skill at medieval games.

**We Love eBooks, You Can Too! (Drop-In)**  
*All Ages*  
Thursdays in March | 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.  
We have a lot of eBooks and audio books for kids available through the Bloomingdale Public Library. Come to the library during these times and we will walk you through getting started and help you find some great books for your kids!

**Super Science: Slippery Slime**  
*Grades 3-6*  
Thursday, March 5 | 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.  
Did you know animals make slime too? Learn about the science behind slime and take some home!

**Leprechaun Stories (Drop-In)**  
*Families*  
Friday, March 13 | 10:30 – 11:00 a.m.  
It’s almost St. Patrick’s Day! Join us for this special family storytime in a world full of leprechauns, and where everyone wears green!

**Homeschool Art Series**  
*Grades K-6*  
Thursday, March 19 | 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.  
Pop Art is the theme this month, with a focus on Andy Warhol and Keith Haring.

**Homeschool Book Binge (Drop-In)**  
*All Ages*  
Tuesday, March 24 | 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.  
Homeschool students and families are invited to bring their lunch and learn about hot new releases that are fun for all ages with curriculum tie-ins for several of them. Dessert will be provided, and there will be plenty of time to share your favorite titles, too!

**Under Construction (Drop-In)**  
*Grades K-6*  
Saturday, March 28 | 12:00 – 3:00 p.m.  
Calling all engineers and builders: get creative, invent, design, and build! We will have a variety of building materials available for constructing structures of all shapes and sizes.
**Storytimes**

**STORYTIMES SCHEDULE THROUGH APRIL 10**

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| **Readers and Eaters**  
Grades K-2  
6:30 – 7:00 p.m.  
Books and snacktivities for little foodies who’ve grown beyond Happy Books storytime. | **Preschool Storytime**  
Ages 3-5  
10:30 – 11:15 a.m.  
LIMITED STORYTIMES  
Open to the first 20 children to arrive for storytime | **Toddler Storytime**  
Ages 2-3 with caregiver  
10:30 – 11:00 a.m. | **Baby Tales**  
0-24 months with caregiver  
10:10 – 10:30 a.m.  
and  
10:40 – 11:00 a.m.  
During this storytime, we will introduce your baby to books, songs, rhymes, and movement that will aid in the development of early literacy skills. | **Family Storytime**  
All ages with caregiver  
10:30 – 11:15 a.m. |
| **Happy Books, Happy Cooks**  
Ages 3-5  
7:00 – 7:30 p.m.  
A storytime for your budding chef. | |  |  |  |
| If you have a 5 year old in Kindergarten, please register for one cooking series only. |  |  |  |  |

**Coloring Craze (Drop-in)**  
Ages 3 and up  
Monday, March 30 | 4:00 – 8:00 p.m.  
Coloring is fun, relaxing, and can be enjoyed by all ages. Turn off your distractions for a while and indulge your creative side in some fun the whole family can enjoy.

**Drop-In Movie**  
All Ages  
Tuesday, March 31 | 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.  
Enjoy the matinee with some popcorn! Children 8 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Movie to be announced in March.

**Myth Busters**  
Grades 3-6  
Wednesday, April 1 | 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.  
Is Diet Coke the only soda with an explosive reaction to Mentos? Does a pirate patch really help you see better in the dark? How true is the 5 second rule? Don a pair of safety glasses as we find out the answer to these questions and more!

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**Lunch Box Pals**  
Ages 4-6  
Friday, April 3 | 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.  
Enjoy lunch time at the library. Pack a lunch and enjoy the lunch hour with friends. We’ll enjoy crafts, games, and stories.