



Welcome Back!

We are so happy to welcome you back!

Per Illinois Executive Order and Restore Illinois Guidelines, all patrons must wear a mask while in the library.

If you're not ready to visit us in person or if you cannot/do not wish to wear a mask, we have alternative arrangements that will allow staff to continue to serve you and enable you to use all the great resources the library has to offer from home.

Email bdref@mybpl.org or call us at (630) 924-2730 for more information.

Learning from home? Let us help!

Whether you're learning from home or the classroom, check out the library's Homework Help webpage (www.mybpl.org/homeworkteens) for online tutoring, writing help, practice tests, and more. All you need is your Bloomingdale Library card and PIN, and help is a click away!



Brainfuse HelpNow – Live online homework help and writing assistance. Free online tutoring is available from 3:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.



EBSCO School Center – Improve your skills in reading, science, math, and additional subjects with tutorials, practice sets, and more. Elementary, Middle School, and High School levels.



*For more at-home resources,
see page 8 of our Almanac section.*

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Visit our website at www.mybpl.org

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.

The Library will close Wednesday, November 25 at 5:00 p.m and will be closed Thursday, November 26 in observance of Thanksgiving Day.

Adult Virtual Programs



Registration required for some adult programs (noted with 🗄️). Register online, by phone at (630) 924-2730, or by email at bdref@mybpl.org. For programs with special registration requirements, please follow those instructions.

🗄️ Maximizing Your Social Security Benefits

Monday, October 12 | 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. **Zoom webinar**

Join Steven Briggs, Financial Adviser & CCO of Briggs Financial, as we explore the different factors that contribute to Social Security payments and what you can do to get the most out of your Social Security benefits.

🗄️ Pinched Paintings - Art Heists in Art History

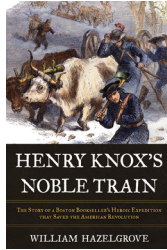
Monday, October 19 | 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. **Zoom webinar**

In this lecture, Jeff Mishur discusses a selection of history's most notorious art heists including the theft of art from The Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum in Boston, the Mona Lisa in the Louvre, and more.

🗄️ The Noble Train (Author Talk)

Monday, October 26 | 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. **Zoom webinar**

Join us for a special Zoom presentation by local author William Hazelgrove on his latest narrative non-fiction book, *Henry Knox's Noble Train: The Story of a Boston Bookseller's Heroic Expedition That Saved the American Revolution*.



🗄️ Shining a Light on Black Holes

Monday, November 2 | 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. **Zoom webinar**

Black holes are mysterious and amazing. Where do they come from? What happens near one? What happens when something falls into one? We'll explore these cosmic oddballs in detail. Presented by Astroeducator and spokesperson for the Adler Planetarium, Michelle Nichols.

🗄️ Seven Days in Vienna

Monday, November 9 | 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. **Zoom webinar**

For 700 years, Vienna was the center of an empire with a rich display of wealth, power, and culture. Now it's the capital of a small country and focuses on good food, good music, and a good life. Our tour guide is part-time Harper College instructor and travel enthusiast Gene Flynn.

🗄️ Vintage Holiday Cookies & Candy

Monday, November 16 | 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. **Zoom webinar**

Revisit the favorite holiday cookies and candies from past decades in this humorous presentation from cookbook collector and local author Amy Alessio.

ONGOING ADULT PROGRAM:


🗄️ Genealogy Club

Wednesdays, October 21 & November 18
7:00 – 8:30 p.m.



Join us on Zoom for our virtual Genealogy Club meetings! Learn about internet and archival genealogy and research support. Computer, tablet, or phone is required to attend via Zoom, and the meeting link will be emailed to you before the event.

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investigate
discover

Thank You to our 2020
Summer Reading Program Donors!

We want to thank
McDonald's (Bear Family
Restaurants) and the
Friends of the Bloomingdale Public Library
for their generous donations to make the
2020 Summer Reading Program a success.
Thank you for your continued support!

Total Request **LIVE** BPL Piano Show featuring Kaleen Dolan

Thursdays, October 8 & October 22 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Join us on Facebook Live for a themed piano show for the whole family! The video stream will be posted on the library's Facebook Page shortly before each show starts at 7:00 p.m. You can request songs via the comments section, so make sure to come with a few ideas.



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Adult Art Programs

Adult Take & Make Art Classes on YouTube

The first 20 people to email Kristina Giovanni at kgiovanni@mybpl.org will receive a kit that includes supplies to create one craft. You must provide your own scissors and hot glue gun.

Easy Fall Ribbon & Flower Wreath Tuesday, October 27

Watch the YouTube video premiere of "Easy Fall Ribbon & Flower Wreath" and learn how to make a beautiful fall wreath using burlap ribbon and faux flowers.



Inspired by Ruffles and Rain Boots
rufflesandrainboots.com/sock-gnome-holding-a-coffee-cup

No Sew Sock Gnome Tuesday, November 17

Check out our YouTube video premiere of "No Sew Sock Gnome" and learn how to make an adorable gnome using a sock stuffed with rice and polyfill, then attach a faux beard and mustache along with premade clay hands, nose, and mug.

Virtual Art Class for Adults & Teens

📅 Draw Your Pet

Tuesday, October 6 | 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Join us on Zoom to learn about animal illustration and create your own drawings with artist Lindsay Budzynski.

Supplies needed: paper, pencils/erasers, ruler. Tracing paper, markers, or colored pencils optional. Computer, tablet, or phone is required to attend via Zoom, and the Zoom meeting link will be emailed to you the week of the event.

Registration is required and limited to 10 participants. Teens are welcome to register.

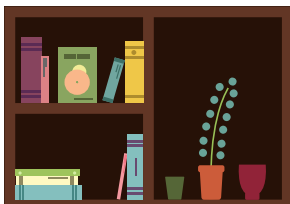


Book Group Picks

mybpl.org/bookgroupsupport/#titles



The library has multiple copies of popular book discussion titles available for check out. You can check out one or multiple copies of a title. If requested, we can also provide book discussion questions for these titles.



book discussion groups

Book Discussion Groups are now online via Zoom.

Selections are available at the Circulation Desk one month in advance of the discussion.

If you have any questions, please call the Reference Desk at (630) 924-2730.

Historical Book Discussion

To register, email Julie Deeke at jdeeke@mybpl.org.

Radium Girls: The Dark Story of America's Shining Women
by Kate Moore
Tuesday, October 6
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

City of Scoundrels
by Gary Krist
Tuesday, November 3
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Monday Night Page Turners

To register, email Jessica Frazier at jfrazier@mybpl.org.

Washington Black
by Esi Edugyan
Monday, October 19
7:30 – 8:30 p.m.

The Farm
by Joanne Ramos
Monday, November 16
7:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Computer Services



Registration required for some computers classes (noted with 📅). Register online, by phone at (630) 924-2730, or by email at bdref@mybpl.org.

Computer classes will be recorded and published on our YouTube channel. They will premiere on the date/time listed and will remain available any time afterward.

Please register for classes so that we can contact you regarding any changes to programming.

Beginner Classes

📅 **Getting Started: Windows 10**

Wednesday, October 7 | 7:00 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

This class will provide a basic understanding of how to use Windows 10. Topics such as using the desktop, settings, manipulating windows, understanding files, and installing new programs will be covered. We will also discuss the visual changes associated with Windows 10.

📅 **Introduction to Access**

Thursday, November 19, 7:00 p.m.

Instructor: Salvador

This class will provide a basic understanding of using Microsoft Access. Topics covered include creating Tables, Queries, Forms, and Reports.

📅 **Image Editing**

Tuesday, October 13 | 7:00 p.m.

Instructor: Charlie

This class will cover the basics of image manipulation and editing using a program that is freely available in our computer lab or on the internet. Learn skills such as cropping, rotating, changing file types, and more, helping anyone working with scanners or digital cameras.

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.

Have Fun, Be Safe

📅 **Internet Safety**

Monday, October 12 | 7:00 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

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

📅 **eBooks @ the Library**

Thursday, October 15 | 7:00 p.m.

Instructor: Salvador

Take advantage of the electronic books the library offers! We'll discuss how to find books and other digital media, getting materials on your device, details regarding our checkout policy, possible snags in downloading, and more.

📅 **Social Networking**

Monday, October 26 | 7:00 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

Learn how to create and use accounts with popular social media sites Facebook and Twitter. An emphasis will be placed on popular functions such as finding friends using your email account, adding pictures, searching topics, and much more. Privacy and personal safety issues will also be discussed.

Get Creative!

📅 **Printing Mailing Labels**

Thursday, November 12, 7:00 p.m.

Instructor: Salvador

In this course, students will use Microsoft Word and other Microsoft Office tools like Macros and Mail Merge to automate repetitive tasks like the creation of mailing labels to save time (and skip lots of typing). Great for holiday cards!

📅 **Designing Web Pages with HTML**

Monday, November 16, 7:00 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. 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 may help to understand topics discussed.

📅 **Creating a Website**

Monday, November 23, 7:00 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

This class will pick up where "Designing Web Pages With HTML" left off. It will teach students how to acquire web space online, transfer their files to the Internet, weave together multiple pages to make their websites more efficient and easier to understand, and cover more advanced HTML topics more thoroughly.



TEEN TERRITORY

Registration required for some teen programs (noted with 📅). Register online, by phone at (630) 924-2730, or by email at bdref@mybpl.org. For programs with special registration requirements, please follow those instructions.

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

TAKE AND MAKE CRAFTS!

To sign up for Take and Make crafts, teens can email kyager@mybpl.org the day that registration begins. Limited to the first 10 teens who register.

📅 Teen Take and Make: Electric Gizmos

Sign up begins Monday, October 5

Use science to build customizable electronic gizmos! You also get a book of games, pranks, and jokes to put your gadgets to use. Clear explanations of the electronic circuitry accompany step-by-step instructions for how to wire (and rewire) your own door alarm, motion sensor, light sensor, and push-button device.



📅 Teen Take and Make: Comic Book Picture Frame

Sign up begins Monday, October 12

Cut up comics and paste them together to make a unique decoupage picture frame.



📅 Teen Take and Make: Harry Potter Crochet

Sign up begins Monday, October 19

Create your own magic and conjure up these adorable Harry Potter figures. All the spells you need to make crochet dolls of Harry Potter and Dobby are included! An instruction book gives step-by-step directions to make ten more magical models.



📅 Teen Take and Make: Mini Erasers

Sign up begins Monday, November 2

Making mistakes has never been this much fun! Sculpt your very own creations with eraser clay, and then bake them in the oven to make absolutely adorable, slightly squishy erasers that really work.



📅 Teen Take and Make: Felted Friends

Sign up begins Monday, November 16

Transform wool into adorable animals! Follow the simple step-by-step instructions and use the tools provided to create perfect pets to play with. There are six different animals to make including a cat, a rabbit, and a hedgehog.



📅 Teen Take and Make: Gummy Candy Lab

Sign up begins Monday, November 23

Mold your own delicious gummy candies using a natural gelatin-like ingredient called carrageenan that comes from seaweed! Flavor and sweeten your mixture with two flavors and then mold the gummy shapes in the included mold.



Whether you are learning from home or at school, Brainfuse is here to help with free live online tutoring and more.

VIRTUAL SCAVENGER HUNTS

Put your brain power to use for a chance to win prizes! Take part in virtual scavenger hunts throughout October and November for a chance to win an e-gift card. Winners will be announced when the scavenger hunt closes. One entry per teen.

Twilight
October 4 – 10

Attack on Titan
October 11 – 17

Monsters
October 18 – 24

Halloween
October 25 – 31

Cartoons
November 1 – 7

Animals
November 8 – 14

Candy
November 15 – 21

Thanksgiving
November 22 – 28

Star Wars
November 29 – December 5



www.mybpl.org/homeworkteens

Kids' Corner



Registration required for some youth programs (noted with 📅). Register online, by phone at (630) 924-2740, or by email at bdys@mybpl.org. Please have your library card when you register.

Take It, Make It Parties

Even though we are not doing programming in the library building, we want to continue to offer unique experiences that you can do from home. Please register for each program individually. All kits or parties will be available for pick up at the Youth Services Desk during their allotted timeframe.

📅 Kindness Kit

September 28 – October 2 (all ages)

Kids will pick up a kit that has them draw and color what they like about themselves and their friends, play kindness bingo, use a kindness calendar, complete a changing thoughts rainbow activity, and more!

📅 Leaf Party

October 5 – October 9 (grades 1-3)

Bring the beauty of autumn inside by collecting leaves that you will use in fun activities and crafts.

📅 Sensory Activities

October 12 – October 16 (families)

Create your own sensory activities! Materials to make fun sensory activities like paint bags and texture boards will be included!

📅 Say CHEESE!

October 12 – October 16 (grades K-2)

Celebrate National Cheese month with cheesy jokes, fun activities, a snack, and a DIY photobooth!

📅 Silly Scarecrows

October 19 – October 23 (grades 1-6)

Let's have fun with scarecrows! Pick up your bag of materials to make crafts with a book of activities included – there might even be a trick-or-treat inside! A video to go with your scarecrows will be available on our YouTube channel starting October 23.

📅 Monsters, Ghosts, & Goblins

October 25 – October 31 (ages 5-7)

Halloween is just around the corner, so grab a kit, bring it home, and have some fun with crafts, games, songs, stories, and more!

📅 Spooky Sound Effects Studio

October 26 – October 30 (grades 3-6)

Pick up some supplies and activities for making your own creepastic sound effects to spook your friends and family!

📅 Finger Knit Your Own Pet Blanket

November 2 – November 6 (ages 8 and above)

We are always thankful for our furry friends! Register and pick up materials to make a blanket for your family furry friend or even your favorite doll!

📅 Disguise a Turkey

November 16 – November 20 (all ages)

Tom the Turkey doesn't want to be eaten for Thanksgiving! Disguise Tom the Turkey and send in a picture of your finished product to the library. The most creative will receive a prize!

📅 Thanksgiving Party in a Bag

November 20 – November 25 (all ages)

Includes all the materials to have your own Thanksgiving party including decorations, activities, stories, and snacks!

📅 Brain Power Kit

November 30 – December 4 (grades 3-6)

Kids will play brain trivia, do optical illusions, brain teasers, and a brain and neurons craft.

Decorate Our Christmas Tree!

Ornament Take and Make (and Return)

Families

Pick up Ornament Kits- November 14 – November 20

Return ornaments by November 21

Help decorate our Christmas tree! Take home a craft kit and make ornaments for our tree, then return them to the library. You can also make your own ornaments, but please keep them animal friendly. Natural items are best.

No wire or pipe cleaners and please use craft glue, not school glue.



Have you read the latest book on the Storywalk? Check out the

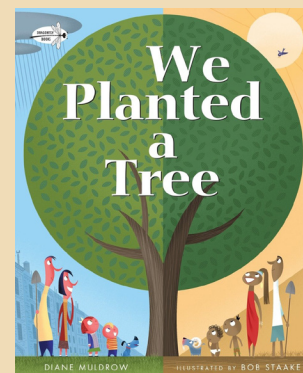
storybook trail

Located around Circle Park, a great story awaits your family.

A new story, ***We Planted a Tree*** by Diane Muldrow and Bob Staake, is now available.

This outdoor activity combines walking, reading, and social distancing.

The Storybook Trail is provided in partnership with the Bloomingdale Park District.





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Virtual Storytimes

Families

Every Wednesday, premieres on YouTube at 10:30 a.m.

Join us every Wednesday for a short virtual storytime. Listen to our staff read stories, sing songs, and tell rhymes.

Looking For A Good Book?

Choose a title from the very popular Monarch (grades K-2), Bluestem (grades 3-5), or Caudill (grades 4-8) Illinois award book lists! Join the Youth Services Department as we virtually discuss each title to help you pick something adventurous, mysterious, or maybe even historical. Readers will be eligible to vote for their favorite title in Spring 2021 when voting throughout Illinois occurs. Many copies of these titles are available at the library and videos of our book talks will be available on our YouTube channel this fall.

📅 Foodie Face Contest

All ages

Monday, October 5 | 4:15 p.m.

A Fun Foodie Event! Come hear a food-filled story and then get assigned a fun foodie assignment! Submit pictures and the most creative gets a prize! Participants will receive a Zoom link at least 2 days prior to the event.

📅 Design, Craft, & Share

Grades 1-6

Monday, October 26 | 4:15 p.m.

Do you love to create and make things from just about anything? Put your imagination, skills, and our materials to use and create something awesome! Register, then drop in to the Youth Services area to pick up your bag of miscellaneous craft materials the week before, go home, and design something amazing! Then tune into Zoom on October 26 at 4:15 p.m. to join our LIVE show and tell! We can't wait to see and hear all about what you designed and how you did it! ALL NEW Materials this month.

Choose-Your-Own-Adventure Fairy Tale Forest

Grades K-2

Month of November

Put yourself in the story and explore the woods with Little Red Riding Hood, the Three Bears, Hansel and Gretel, and more! Play over and over again to try all the paths and characters! Look for the link on our website starting November 1!

Tech Time - Grades 3-6

During the second week of each month, learn a new skill or technology from home.

If applicable, videos will be posted on our YouTube channel.

Tech Time Online: Trick-or-Treat Escape Room

October 11 – October 17

Trick-or-Treat won't be the same this year, so why not try it virtually? Travel through town trick-or-treating and meeting classic children's book characters in this virtual escape room. Answer the riddles to move to the next house. Get to the end and receive a special treat from a local Bloomingdale business.

📅 Tech Time Online: Take It, Make It: Light Up Card

November 8 – November 14

The holidays are coming soon, so make a card for someone special with this special Take and Make Kit. Do it yourself with included directions or follow along with the instructional video premiering on Sunday, November 8.

Outside the Library

Have you walked by our library? Next time you are around, stop by to see what outdoor passive programming we have for you. From Scavenger Hunts to Kindness Rocks, see what the library is doing outside of its walls.

Outdoor Picture Scavenger Hunt

Calling all children! Swing by BPL to participate in our NEW Outdoor Scavenger Hunt! Each month, Youth Services will provide a different mystery word to hunt and decode. Once you crack the code, bring your clue card down to YS to receive a prize!

October: Ghoulish Hunt
November: Thankful Hunts



Outdoor Craft Cabinet

Want to create a craft? Each week, staff will design new craft kits for 24/7 pick up at our library craft container along Fairfield Way. Stop by anytime to take a kit to make at home!

Remote Learning with BPL

Ready for a career change?

Looking for a new job or ready to advance your career? Check out the library's Job Help webpage (www.mybpl.org/jobhelp) for live job coaching, interview help, resume reviews, and courses to improve your skills. To use our featured databases, you'll need a Bloomingdale Library Card and PIN.



Brainfuse JobNow - Online help with job coaching, interviewing, and resumes. Upload your resume to receive expert feedback. Assistance is available online from 3:00-10:00 p.m. Este servicio está disponible en español.



Gale Courses - Online courses for business professionals, teachers, health care workers, and lifelong learners. The six week courses are taught by college instructors and experts in the field.



Learning Express Library - Online test prep and practice exams for the GMAT, professional tests, and more. Also includes online computer tutorials, U.S. citizenship preparation, and more.



lynda.com - Video tutorials on tech and business skills, including graphic and web design, business and career skills, photography, software, and more.

Feeling crafty? Make something fun with BPL!

Get ready for the library's makerspace with some DIY projects! Our Makerspace webpage (www.mybpl.org/makerspace) features databases to help you create new crafts or projects and sharpen your skills.



CreativeBug - Thousands of award-winning art and craft video classes taught by recognized design experts and artists. Recommended for DIYers, crafters, and makers.



Hobbies and Crafts Reference Center - How-to instructions and creative ideas from leading hobby and craft magazines.

*For our own craft programs, see our YouTube channel playlist at: www.YouTube.com/user/BloomingdaleLibrary/playlists and scroll down to **BPL Crafts** to view the complete library. More craft videos will be posted monthly.*