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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.

NEW YEAR, NEW BOOKS!

Winter Reading Program

DECEMBER 14, 2020 - FEBRUARY 5, 2021

Registration opens December 14 for all ages. Four ways to register:

1. online: **www.mybpl.org/winterreading**
2. by phone: Adults/Teens: 630-924-2730   Youth: 630-924-2740
3. by email: Adults/Teens: bdref@mybpl.org   Youth: bdys@mybpl.org
4. in person: Adults/Teens: Adult Reference Desk   Youth: Youth Services Desk

The Winter Reading Program is open to Bloomingdale residents only.

ADULT & TEEN

Celebrate the new year with our Winter Reading Challenge! Log your books and challenges for a chance to win a $25 Amazon gift card.

Reading prize drawing:
Log one book, earn one entry. All books count!

Challenge prize drawing:
Log one book in a challenge category, earn one entry. Read books in different genres and subjects to complete challenges.

YOUTH
INFANTS THROUGH 6TH GRADE

Join our "New Year, New Books" challenge!

Register to receive your information packet and starting prize Complete your reading log by reading for just three hours.

Turn in your log at the Youth Services Reference desk by Friday, February 5 to receive your final prize and be entered into the Grand Prize Drawing.

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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 be closed Thursday and Friday, December 24 & 25 in observance of Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

The Library will be closed Thursday and Friday, December 31 and January 1 in observation of New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

Adult Virtual Programs

📅 'Tis the Season: Holiday Traditions from Radio's Golden Age

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

For many people, the holidays are a time of traditions—and there were plenty of entertaining traditions during the "Golden Age" of radio, from Jack Benny's annual shopping trips to Lionel Barrymore's portrayal of Ebenezer Scrooge. This presentation offers a stocking stuffed with classic seasonal sounds from radio's past, designed to spur the imagination and share a bit of Yuletide spirit.

Legends and Folklore of Winter

Tuesday, December 8 | All day   *YouTube Video (pre-recorded)*

Winter may seem like a quiet time, but it is actually filled with bizarre tales and stories of cannibalistic spirits, Krampus the anti-Santa Claus, werewolves, witches, people being buried alive, and numerous other Holiday traditions for the darkest days of the year. Paranormal enthusiast Chad Lewis, who has written over 20 books on the supernatural, is back to share some spooky legends and folklore about the holidays.

📅 The Irony of Festivus

Monday, December 14 | 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.   *Zoom webinar*

Celebrated annually on December 23, Festivus was created by writers of the TV series *Seinfeld*. This holiday "for the rest of us" as symbolized by a silver pole devoid of decoration mocks Christmas and all the commercialism that accompanies it. The irony, of course, is that Festivus was invented to bring in (and it still makes) a massive profit at Christmastime. Join Dr. Kelli Marshall to learn more about the origins of this silly holiday and its place in popular culture, Chicago's included. Clips from the *Seinfeld* episode featuring Festivus will be included in the lecture.

📅 Artists of the Harlem Renaissance

Monday, January 18 | 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.   *Zoom webinar*

Between the world wars, African American artists produced an extraordinary output of painting, sculpture, and photography answering a call to action from Professor Alain Locke (Howard University). Diverse in style, these artists often told the story of important events in African American history, including The Great Migration. In this Zoom presentation, art historian Jeff Mishur of Art Excursions discusses artists associated with this movement, including Aaron Douglass, Augusta Savage, Archibald Motley, Jr., James Van Der Zee, and Jacob Lawrence.

📅 Genealogy Club

Wednesday, January 20 | 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.

📅 The Grotesque 10: Amazing Architectural Sculpture from Ten American Colleges & Universities

Monday, January 25 | 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.   *Zoom webinar*

Mathew Duman has traveled around the country to photograph the unique grotesques and gargoyles roosting on many universities' academic buildings; a style of architecture known as Collegiate Gothic, popular in the 19th and early 20th centuries. Mathew collected his findings in a book called *The Grotesque 10: Amazing Architectural Sculpture from Ten American Colleges and Universities*, and he presents a selection in this illustrated lecture, giving you a taste of the variety of ornament, history, and humor these campuses have to offer.

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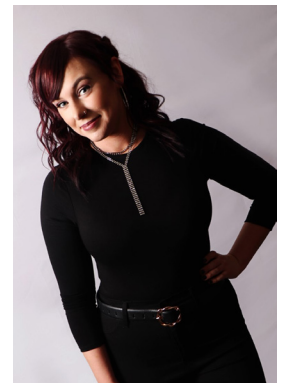### BPL Piano Show *featuring Kaleen Dolan*

Thursdays, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
December 3 & 17 and January 7 & 21

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 Virtual Programs

Adult Art Programs

Virtual Art Class for Adults & Teens

📅 Drawing the Winter Solstice
Tuesday, December 8 | 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Join us on Zoom to learn about winter solstice illustration and create your own winter inspired drawing 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. 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.

📅 Make Your Own Art Nouveau Drawing
Tuesday, January 12 | 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Join us on Zoom to learn about Art Nouveau and create your own Art Nouveau drawing 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. 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.

Adult Take & Make Art Class

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.

📅 Valentine's Day Post Cards
Tuesday, January 26 | 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Zoom Meeting

Join Shari Pontillo, owner of Twisted Fiber Studios, on Zoom and learn how to use cereal boxes to make your own Valentine's Day post cards!
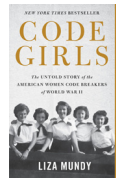
book discussion groups

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.

Code Girls: The Untold Story of the American Women Code Breakers of World War II
by Liza Mundy
Tuesday, December 8 | 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Peppermint Twist: The Mob, the Music, and the Most Famous Dance Club of the '60's
by John Johnson Jr. and Joel Selvin
Tuesday, January 5 | 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Monday Night Page Turners
To register, email Jessica Frazier at jfrazier@mybpl.org.

📅 Our Favorite Picks Party
Monday, December 14 | 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Register for our end of year party! There's no book discussion this month. Instead, we'll be sharing our favorite picks of the year. A list of all shared titles will be available after the party, so you're sure to find some great book, movie, and TV show recommendations.

These Is My Words: The Diary of Sarah Agnes Prine, 1881-1901
by Nancy E. Turner
Monday, January 18 | 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Book Group Picks
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BOOK GROUP PICKS

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.

Computer Services

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.

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Intermediate Word Processing
Thursday, December 3 | 7:00 p.m.
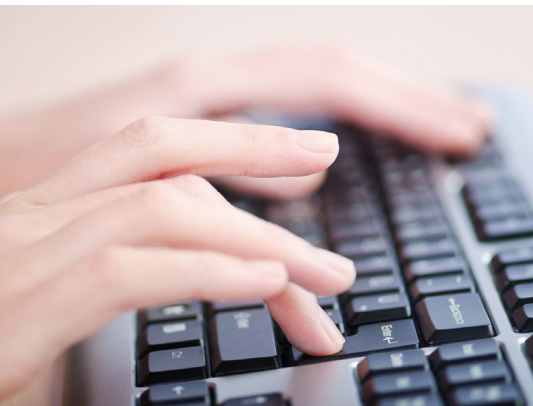Instructor: Charlie

Intended for users who have some experience with computers and Microsoft Word, this class will cover how to use many of the more advanced options available. Lecture will include using outlines, adding images, and other formatting/design topics.

Advanced Word Processing
Thursday, December 10 | 7:00 p.m.
Instructor: Charlie

Join us to learn the more complex features that Word provides. In addition to editing and creating documents, Microsoft Word has tools to create labels, envelopes, letters, and more. Mail merge and tables will be discussed.

Macros
Monday, January 11 | 7:00 p.m.
Instructor: Sean

Take the next step towards Office expertise by learning to use macros to make complex processes more efficient. Designing macros, both through recording and basic coding, as well as making them easier to find and use, will be discussed in detail.

HELPFUL INFORMATION

Résumé Writing/Online Job Hunting
Monday, December 14 | 7:00 p.m.
Instructor: Sean

Use Microsoft Word to create sharp, easily read and understood résumés. Learn how to create accounts and perform searches with job-finding websites like LinkedIn. This course is about the technical skills required to create résumés, not about proper style, content, or design.

Facebook Live Computer Help Q&A
Wednesday, January 20 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Instructor: Sean

Have a computer question about using Office software, browsing the Internet, smart phone usage, computer maintenance, or any other common issue?
Stop by the Bloomingdale Library's Facebook page and I'll do my best to answer it. Questions will be addressed on a first come, first serve basis for an hour and when necessary, patrons will be referred to other resources for more detailed help.

GET CREATIVE

Blender Graphics Design
Thursday, January 14 | 7:00 p.m.
Instructor: Charlie

Curious about creating computer graphics for games or animation? Learn the basics of working with this free design product that can be used anywhere.

Audacity – Audio Editing/Recording
Thursday, January 21 | 7:00 p.m.
Instructor: Salvador

Learn to use this free audio software to make your own recordings, remove noise, cut and combine clips, apply special effects, and much more.

STORAGE

iCloud
Monday, December 7 | 7:00 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.

Your Files
Monday, January 4 | 7:00 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 about file locations, how to find files, and how to copy, delete, and restore files. A great class for anyone with a lot of personal information or pictures they're worried about losing or moving to a new computer.

PROGRAMMING

Intro to Python 2
Thursday, January 28 | 7:00 p.m.
Instructor: Salvador

Building upon what we learned in Intro to Python, we will continue to explore basic programming logic including: variables, expressions, logic statements, and loops. Expanding on this, we will learn how to build functions with all these attributes and do some light formatting for output statements.

TEEN TERRITORY

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: Diamond Painting

Sign up begins Monday, December 7

Create a dazzling work of art with your diamond painting kit! In this therapeutic activity you will apply tiny resin "diamonds" to an adhesive canvas to create vibrant mosaic paintings.

📅 Teen Take and Make: Color-Gami

Sign up begins Monday, December 14

Customize your origami folding sheets by coloring in beautiful designs and patterns, then follow the instructions to create flowers, animals, and more. The easy step-by-step instruction book with detailed diagrams will take you through the folds.

📅 Teen Take and Make: Mini Garden Plushies

Sign up begins Monday, January 4
Just because it's winter doesn't mean that you can't have a garden! Practice your sewing skills and learn how to make cuddly cacti, sweet succulents, cute carnivorous plants, a variety of bugs, and even a little garden gnome.

📅 Teen Take and Make: Cake in a Cup

Sign up begins Monday, January 11

Make a tasty treat in minutes! Come pick up your supplies to make a cake in a cup, complete with frosting and sprinkles!

📅 Teen Take and Make: Origami Art

Sign up begins Monday, January 25

Learn about the art of folding paper! Create works of art with beautifully patterned origami paper. Instruction booklet with animals and kaleidoscope patterns included.

Virtual ACT/SAT Practice Tests

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 virtual practice test and contact you with scores and analyzed results.

📅 ACT Practice Test
Saturday, January 9
9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

📅 SAT Practice Test
Saturday, January 23
9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Virtual Scavenger Hunts

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

Star Wars November 29 – December 5	Harry Potter January 3 – 9
Winter December 6 – 12	Anime January 10 – 16
Norse Mythology December 13 – 19	Disney January 17 – 23
Christmas December 20 – 26	DC Universe January 24 – 30
New Year December 27 – January 2	Gaming January 31 – February 6

Get Creative for the Holidays!

Looking to make a handmade holiday gift? Need some new decorating ideas to bring the holiday cheer? **Creativebug** offers thousands of online art and craft classes to help spark your DIY projects. From knitting to cookie decorating, you're sure to find something new!

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Free with your library card! Visit mybpl.org for details.

Kids' Corner

🗓 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.

🗓 Brain Power *(Grades 3-6)*
Kit Pickup: November 30 – December 4

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

🗓 Rub a Dub Scrub! *(Ages 3-5)*
Kit Pickup: November 30 – December 4

Crafts, stories, and activities in a bag to help you celebrate Bathtime Party Day at home.

🗓 Christkindlmarkt *(All Ages)*
Kit Pickup: December 7 – December 11

Decorate your own mugs and ornaments, enjoy coloring pages and a recipe book, and create your own German pretzel and holiday cookie crafts!

🗓 Holidays Around the World *(Grades K-2)*
Kit Pickup: December 14 – December 18

Let's travel in the safety of our homes and learn about winter holidays celebrated around the world. We will cover 8 different countries through fun crafts, games, recommended books, and more.

🗓 Bake Cookies Day *(Grades K-6)*
Kit Pickup: December 14 – December 18
Video Premiere: Wednesday, December 16

Cookies are delicious and fun to make too. Kit includes materials to bake some cookies at home, as well as recipes and activity ideas.

🗓 Gingerbread Man *(Ages 2-5)*
Kit Pickup: December 21 – December 30

Make your own puppets for this traditional tale and use them to help retell the story.

🗓 Play Ball In the House *(Grades K-3)*
Kit Pickup: January 4 – January 8

Pick up a kit loaded with materials to create fun games you can play inside this winter, including balloon tennis, marshmallow shooters, and a balloon ball race.

🗓 Yule Ball *(Grades 3-6)*
Kit Pickup: January 4 – January 8

Celebrate Harry Potter with crafts, snacks, and a very special raffle for a full set of hardcover Harry Potter books.

🗓 Winnie the Pooh Day *(Grades K-2)*
Kit Pickup: January 18 – 22

Help celebrate National Winnie the Pooh Day by making your own "hunny" pot, character headbands, and more!

🗓 Design, Craft, & Share: Tool Time Edition
(Grades 3-6)
Kit Pickup: January 18 – January 22
Zoom Meeting: Monday, January 25 at 4:15 p.m.

For those of you who love to create something out of nothing, we have a fun new woodworking version just for you! Kit will include: goggles, hammer, screwdriver set, nails, screws, and building materials. Tune into Zoom on January 25 to join our virtual show and tell. *Adult supervision recommended.*

🗓 Ice Lanterns *(Grades K – 3)*
Kit Pickup: January 25 – January 29

Let Winter help you make these outside ice lanterns. This kit explores the science of ice and freezing.

🗓 All About Robots *(Grades 1-6)*
Kit Pickup: January 25 – 29
Zoom Meeting: Monday, February 1 | 4:15pm

Pick up a kit containing materials to build your own low-tech robot, then participate in a Zoom meeting to code programs for our Robot Mouse. Participants will receive their Zoom link 2 days prior to the Zoom meeting.

The Donna Beth Froio Foreign Language and Cultural Collection

The Youth Services Department houses a special collection called the Donna Beth Froio Foreign Language and Cultural Collection. The collection began in 1982 with a generous donation by Mr. Dominic and Mrs. Barbara Froio in memory of their loving daughter Donna Beth, who died at the age of 16. The interest from these invested funds is used each year to purchase new items. Titles selected may be in one language, bilingual, or multilingual, or reflective of cultural experience and practices from around the world.

We have added over 35 new items this year with Froio funds. The items reflect demand in the collection and include a series of board books, items in Arabic, six new DVD sets, Playaways, and materials reflecting the immigrant experience.

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.

Dewey Decimal Scavenger Hunt (Drop-In)
Grades 1-6
Month of January

Use your Dewey detective skills while visiting the library! Follow our clues and earn a prize.

Virtual Storytimes
Families
Every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m.   *on YouTube*

Join us every Wednesday for a short virtual storytime. Listen to our staff read stories, sing songs, and tell rhymes. Storytime will be posted on our YouTube channel and a link posted on our Facebook page.

Looking For A Good Book?!
Choose a title from the very popular Monarch (K-2 grade), Bluestem (3-5 grade), or Caudill (4-8 grade) Illinois state 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 the whole state of Illinois occurs. Many copies of all titles are available at the library and videos of our book talks will be available on our YouTube channel.

Choose-Your-Own-Adventure: "Winter Wanderland"
Grades K-2
Month of December

Put yourself in the story virtually and explore the winter! Play over and over again to try all the paths and characters. Look for the link on our website starting December 1.

🗓 Winter Bingo!!
Families
Monday, December 28 | 3:00 p.m.
on Zoom

Zoom in to play some Bingo with your pals at the library. Prizes will be awarded and available for pick-up after the bingo.

🗓 Zoom Sing-along
Families
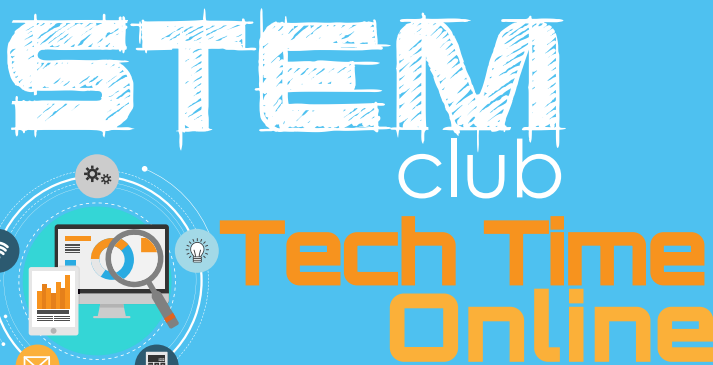Tuesday, January 12 | 10:30 a.m.   *on Zoom*

Join us for a sing-along of classic children's songs. Patrons who make a song request will receive a fun prize.

Valentines for Veterans
Tuesday, January 5 – Thursday, January 28

Children are invited to make Valentine cards for men and women serving in the military and for veterans in **Hines Veteran's Hospital**.

Art supplies will be available as a **Take It, Make It, Return It** craft at the Youth Services desk. Everyone is welcome to bring in cards made from their own craft supplies as well. There will be a drop-off box at the Youth Services desk for completed items. Envelopes for cards are not required.

STEM club — Tech Time Online

During the second week of each month learn a new skill or technology from home. If applicable, links to videos or activities will be on our website or YouTube channel.

Tech Time Online: eCards and Paper Cards
Grades 3-6
December 6 –12

Cards are fun to make and receive. Learn how to design cards using Google Docs and Google Drawings, using our templates or try your own design. Print them out and mail them or save them as pictures to send electronically. We will also share some ideas of online eCards and apps that are fun to use.

Tech Time Online: Virtual and Paper Snowflakes
Grades 3-6
January 10 – 16

We're stuck inside while it's cold out, so grab your computer or some paper and make some snowflakes! We have an online simulator, snowflake ideas, and links to patterns that you can print and cut. Send your pictures to the library for a chance to win a prize!

Stay Inside with Streaming Services from BPL!

Winter is the perfect time to binge read, listen, and watch your favorite books, magazines, TV shows, and movies!

With your Bloomingdale Public Library card, you can download or stream on a computer, smartphone, tablet, or other compatible device.

DIGITAL LIBRARY of Illinois	eReadIllinois featuring axis360	Flipster	hoopla	kanopy
eBooks, Audiobooks	eBooks, Audiobooks	Magazines	Movies, TV Shows, eBooks, Audiobooks, Music	Movies, TV Shows

Find all the information you'll need to get started at **www.mybpl.org/ebooks**.

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Did you know that you can watch our virtual programming anytime, anywhere? Just visit our YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/user/bloomingdalelibrary!

See programming for adults, computer classes, kids' storytimes, crafts for kids and adults, and more!

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