



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.

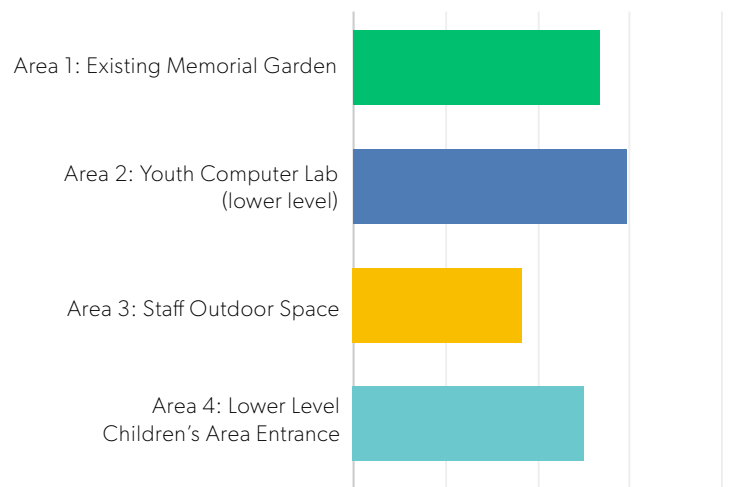
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New Outdoor Space to Honor Mr. Dominic Froio

The Bloomington Public Library is pleased to announce that we are in possession of a very generous donation from the estate of the late Dominic Froio. This donation came to the library without specific instructions or limitations on how to expend the funds. Mr. Dominic Froio was a long-time resident of Bloomington, a proud Marine veteran, and a past Village Board member. Mr. Froio had a long tradition of financially supporting local non-profits including the Bloomington Public Library. In 1982 Dominic established the Donna Beth Froio Memorial Fund, the proceeds of which are used to purchase materials that support cultural and language literacy.

Mr. Froio passed away in 2018 and his estate left a very generous donation to the Bloomington Public Library. We have begun a careful planning process on how best to expend the funds. To date we have engaged a local architectural firm to conduct a visioning session with Library Board and staff. We have identified expanding patron programming as an area of development. This matches our Long-Range Plan for growth, which includes fostering intellectual dialogue and promoting lifelong learning opportunities through new and innovative programs. In January, we asked for community input through an online survey. We will use this information to plan for and create an amazing new space near the front of the library that will expand our outdoor programming capabilities. We will also renovate our YS Computer Lab to create a more useful and flexible space. We will be posting updates including drawings and schedule information on our website soon. We look forward to the completion of this project as together we plan for the future of your Bloomington Public Library.

Areas of Most Use



Results from January survey

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.

Library Closings:

Sunday, April 4 in observance of Easter
Sundays for summer beginning May 30
Monday, May 31 in observance of Memorial Day

For updates to hours/services offered:

Call (630) 529-3120 • Email bdref@mybpl.org • Visit our website at www.mybpl.org



If A.D.A accommodations are needed for a program, please contact the Library at least 48 hours before the program.

Adult Programs



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📅 The Colorful History of the Little Black Dress

Monday, April 5 | 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. *Zoom webinar*

Versatile, dependable, and affordable, the Little Black Dress, or “LBD,” has become the fashion equivalent of a Model T Ford. In this illustrated lecture, historian Leslie Goddard, Ph.D., explores the history of this fashion icon. Learn how Chanel helped dissociate black from mourning, how Audrey Hepburn helped establish the LBD, and how it has been reinvented by everyone from Betty Boop to Prada.

📅 A Beacon in the City of Light: Notre Dame in Paris

Monday, April 12 | 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. *Zoom webinar*

Join art historian Jeff Mishur for this in depth look at the history of Notre Dame in Paris. Mishur will discuss the Gothic innovations used in the great cathedral as well as interior features such as its stained glass windows. He will also touch on the current status of the church restoration.

📅 Losing at the Oscars

Monday, April 26 | 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. *Zoom webinar*

Celebrate Oscar season by spending time with all the fabulous performers, filmmakers, and movies that **never won an Oscar!** Film enthusiast and retired teacher Steven Frenzel is back to take us on a journey of great films and performances that didn't win the big prize.

📅 Designing a Flower Bed with Seasonal Interest

Monday, May 3 | 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. *Zoom webinar*

Have you ever seen a garden that took your breath away? You visit again two months later and the garden is still in full glory. How do people do this? Learn how to design a garden that offers visual interest spring through fall with a few winter accents as well. This lesson will walk you through the design process step-by-step. Hosted by Nancy Bell, a Master Gardener with the University of Illinois Extension.

📅 Splendors of the Vatican: Art, Architecture, and History

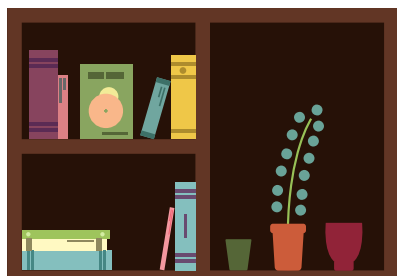
Monday, May 10 | 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. *Zoom webinar*

In this slide lecture, art historian Jeff Mishur discusses a selection of works from the Vatican Museums including works by Leonardo, Michelangelo, Raphael, and Caravaggio.

📅 Windmills & Tulips in the Netherlands and Belgium

Monday, May 24 | 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. *Zoom webinar*

This one-hour presentation follows travel enthusiast Gene Flynn's April 2019 river cruise, which begins in Amsterdam and visits five different areas of the Netherlands and Belgium. Gene starts by looking at the geography and history of these low countries and goes on to explore windmills, past and present, the world's largest tulip festival, the art of Rubens and Rembrandt, and wonderful chocolate vendors.



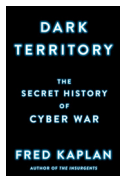
book discussion groups

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.

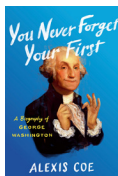


Dark Territory: The Secret History of Cyber War
by Fred Kaplan

Tuesday, April 6
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

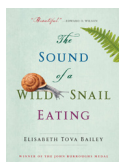
*You Never Forget Your First:
A Biography of George Washington*
by Alexis Coe

Tuesday, May 4
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.



Monday Night Page Turners

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



The Sound of a Wild Snail Eating
by Elisabeth Tova Bailey

Monday, April 19
7:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Have You Seen Luis Velez?
by Catherine Ryan Hyde

Monday, May 17
7:30 – 8:30 p.m.



Book Group Picks

mybpl.org/bookgroupsupport/#titles

The library has multiple copies of popular book discussion titles available for check out.



New Picks:

Have You Seen Luis Velez? by Catherine Hyde Ryan

The Vanishing Half by Brit Bennet

A Promised Land by Barack Obama



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Adult Art Programs

Adult Take & Make Art Class

The first 20 people to [email Kristina Giovanni at kgiovanni@mybpl.org](mailto:kgiovanni@mybpl.org) will receive a kit that includes supplies to create one craft. Kits available to pick up on the day of the program.

You must provide your own scissors, sewing needle, and thread.

📅 Flannel Kitty Heating Pad

Tuesday, April 27 | All day [YouTube video \(pre-recorded\)](#)

Watch the premiere of Flannel Kitty Heating Pad and learn how to easily sew your own heating pad in the shape of a cat. For this craft you will need flannel fabric, rice, scissors, a sewing needle, and embroidery thread.

📅 Hand-Crafted Felt Baby Mobile

Tuesday, May 25 | All day [YouTube video \(pre-recorded\)](#)

Watch the premiere of Hand-Crafted Felt Baby Mobile and learn how to create a cute baby mobile from scratch. For this craft you will need a wooden embroidery hoop or metal macramé hoop, felt, sewing needle, embroidery thread, pillow stuffing, and paper templates to cut out your designs.

Virtual Art Class for Adults & Teens with artist Lindsay Budzynski

Registration is required and limited to 15 participants. Teens are welcome to register.

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.

📅 Still Life & Symbolism

Tuesday, April 20 | 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Join us on Zoom to learn about the symbolism and hidden meaning of still life paintings, and create your own drawing.

📅 Scales, Feathers, and Exoskeletons

Tuesday, May 18 | 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Join us on Zoom to learn how to draw animals with unique bodies and textures, and create your own drawing.

Ongoing Adult Programs

Total Request LIVE

BPL Piano Show featuring Kaleen Dolan

Thursdays, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
April 8 & 22 and May 6 & 20

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!



📅 Genealogy Club

Wednesdays, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
April 21 & May 19

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.



Computer Classes



Registration is encouraged for computer classes to receive program updates. 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.*

OFFICE TOOLS - MICROSOFT AND OTHERS

Free Office Software – LibreOffice 1

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

Instructor: Charlie

Discover the no cost MS Office alternative LibreOffice. This class will cover downloading and installing the free product as well as the basics of using its word processing program Writer.

Free Office Software – LibreOffice 2

Thursday, April 22 | 7:00 p.m.

Instructor: Charlie

Further exploring the LibreOffice software, this class will cover the basics of the PowerPoint equivalent Impress, teaching students to create simple slideshows.

Using & Organizing eMail

Monday, May 10 | 7:00 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

Email account getting out of control? Have a few thousand messages in your inbox demanding attention? This class might be right for you. We will cover how to organize and filter your email, as well as basic and advanced options. Demonstrations will be done with Gmail but most lessons are applicable for other email services as well.

Basic Macros

Monday, May 17 | 7:00 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

Macros allow you to automate tasks in Microsoft Office programs. This class will demonstrate how to create and manage macros using both the record and program features.

Office 365 Organization Tools

Monday, May 24 | 7:00 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

New to Office 365 and looking to explore some of the apps beyond Outlook and OneDrive? In this class, we'll take a look at the organizational tools available in some of the lesser known applications. Time will be spent on Calendar, Project, To Do, Planner, and Power Automate. These can be effective working on your own and even more powerful when used as part of a team.

WORK ONLINE

YouTube & Sharing Videos Online

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

Instructor: Sean

Learn how to post a video to YouTube, Instagram, and other social media sites. We will also discuss editing programs and how to make basic changes to your movie.

Using Web Browsers

Thursday, April 29 | 7:00 p.m.

Instructor: Sal

Learn the differences between Chrome, Firefox and Edge, while exploring the options available and how to use browser extensions.

Cloud Storage

Monday, May 3 | 7:00 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

This class will thoroughly discuss cloud storage options, from solutions designed for quick transfer or sharing of files, to those intended as long term backup. Cost, convenience, and security will all be covered.



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.



Teen Programs

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.

📅 Teen Take and Make: Hanging Terrarium

Sign up begins Monday, April 5

Become a botanist! Take home all the tools and supplies needed to create a little green oasis to keep all year round. Supplies will include a glass hanging terrarium ball, rocks, moss, sand, and a tiny succulent plant. Limited to 10 teens.

📅 Teen Take and Make: Scrabble Tile Pendant

Sign up begins Monday, April 19

Create a custom pendant using a Scrabble tile. Cut out a picture of your own choice and use the supplies to create a one-of-a-kind piece to wear. Limited to 15 teens.



📅 Teen Take and Make: Star Wars Tote Bag

Sign up begins Monday, May 3

May the Fourth Be With You! Celebrate Star Wars day by picking up craft supplies to make your very own Star Wars tote that you can travel with all over the galaxy. All supplies will be provided, just choose your decal. Limited to 15 teens.

📅 Teen Take and Make: Survival Bracelet

Sign up begins Monday, May 17

Be prepared for anything by making your very own survival bracelet. Paracord is a useful item to have on adventures - even everyday adventures. Learn this weaving technique and create your very own useful paracord bracelet following simple step-by-step instructions. Limited to 15 teens.

📅 Teen Take and Make: Funfetti Candle

Sign up begins Monday, May 24

Who says sprinkles are just for dessert? Brighten up your day with a candle full of sprinkles and celebrate all year long by making your very own tasty-looking funfetti candle! Limited to 10 teens.

VIRTUAL SCAVENGER HUNTS

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

Theme	Date
Name That Logo	March 28 - April 3
Easter	April 4 - 10
Animals	April 11 - 17
Movies	April 18 - 24
Music	April 25 - May 1
Star Wars	May 2 - 8
Toys and Games	May 9 - 15
Celebrities	May 16 - 22
Nintendo	May 23 - 29
Chicago	May 30 - June 5

Virtual ACT/SAT Practice Tests

Stressing about taking the ACT or 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, April 3
9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

📅 SAT Practice Test

Saturday, May 1
9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

FREE ONLINE

ACT® and SAT® Test Preparation is available through
EBSCO LearningExpress®

@ mybpl.org/homeworkteens

Youth Programs



Registration required for some youth programs (noted with 📅). **Registration begins March 22, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.** Register online, by phone at (630) 924-2740, or by email at bdys@mybpl.org. Please have your library card when you register.



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 videos will be on our YouTube channel and a link posted on our Facebook page.

I Can Do It! An SEL-Based Storytime (Families)

Fridays, April 2 and May 7 | 10:30 a.m. [on YouTube](#)

All emotions are good emotions! Social and emotional learning (SEL) is the process through which children acquire knowledge, attitudes, and skills necessary to understand and manage emotions. Learn about social and emotional learning in this interactive storytime. Each storytime, we will go through the emotion of the day so you can stand on the mountaintops and show off how awesome you are. Mini kits are available at the Youth Services desk for pickup (**first come, first served**) beginning on the video release date.

Now Boarding: An International Storytime (Families)

Italy: Friday, April 16 | 10:30 a.m. [on YouTube](#)

Mexico: Friday, May 21 | 10:30 a.m. [on YouTube](#)

Get your boarding passes ready! In this storytime, we will be travelling all around the world to learn about different languages, foods, and customs while reading books from the country of the day. Mini kits are available at the Youth Services desk for pickup (**first come, first served**) beginning on the video release date.

Outdoor Scavenger Hunt: Springtime Madness

All ages

April: Flower Power May: Let's Get Buggy!

Spring is just around the corner, which means our outdoor scavenger hunt is back! Visit outside the library this month to see what kind of secrets await you!

Escape the Library! (Grades 3-6)

National Library Week, April 4 – 10

Virtually visit the Bloomingdale Public Library - find all the clues and solve all the puzzles to disable the alarm and escape!

STEM Club - Tech Time Online: YouTube How-To

(Grades 3-6)

Week of May 9 – 15

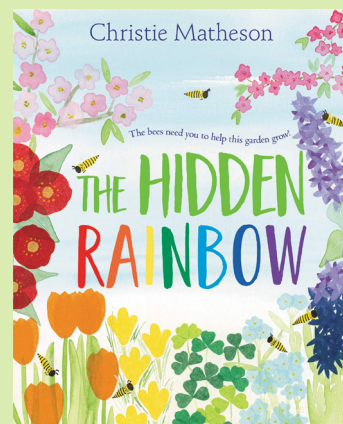
Learn how to film and edit your own videos then upload them to YouTube.

Wish you could walk and read at the same time? You can! Take a stroll on the

storybook trail

Located around Circle Park, a story awaits your family as you walk the trail. A new story, **The Hidden Rainbow** by Christie Matheson, will be available.

This lovely activity combines walking, reading, and social distancing. The Storybook Trail is provided in partnership with the Bloomingdale Park District. Come out and enjoy!





Youth Services

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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 Kits

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. **All registration begins on March 22 at 9:00 a.m.** All kits will be available for pick up at the Youth Services Desk during their allotted timeframe. Please register for each kit individually for each child.

📅 **April Fool's Day In A Bag** (All ages)

Kit Pickup: March 29 – April 2

Includes all the materials to celebrate April Fool's Day at home!

📅 **Circus at Home** (Grades K-6)

Kit Pickup: April 12 – 16

YouTube Video Premiere: April 16

Since we can't go to the circus, have a circus at home with clowning tricks and circus crafts.

📅 **We Are In a Bag!** (Ages 3-6)

Kit Pickup: April 19 – 23

Crafts, stories, activities about our favorite elephant and pig...throw a party and share your best projects/costumes for a chance to win some Elephant and Piggy books!

📅 **Earth Day** (Grades K-3)

Kit Pickup: April 19 – 23

Learn how to make seed balls and shapes from recycled paper. These can be planted this spring!

📅 **Sensory Activities** (All Ages)

Kit Pickup: April 26 – 30

Includes materials to make fun, new sensory activities.

📅 **Crochet Along with Miss Carol** (Grades 3-8)

Kit Pickup: April 26 – 30

YouTube Video Premiere: April 26 and May 10

Zoom Meeting: May 24 | 5:00 p.m.

Learn to crochet along with Miss Carol. Intro kit includes crochet hook and yarn. Video 1 will show you how to hold your hook and yarn and how to crochet a chain, the foundation of most crochet projects. Video 2 will show you how to use your skills to make a simple dishrag. Then, come to our May Zoom meeting to show off your creations.

📅 **Mother's Day** (Grades K-6)

Kit Pickup: May 3 – 7

Design and create a Mother's Day card and flowers to put into your real vase included in the kit.

📅 **Learn About Hawaii for Kids** (Grades K-6)

Kit Pickup: May 3 – 7

YouTube Video Premiere: May 7

Take an imaginary trip to Hawaii to learn about their volcanoes, culture, and traditions. Make a lei craft and your own volcano! Watch the accompanying storytime to learn even more about our 50th state!

📅 **Masterpiece Journal** (Grades K-2)

Kit Pickup: May 10 – 14

Pick up supplies and instructions to make your own art while learning about famous artists.

📅 **A Tangle of Knots: Virtual Family Book Discussion** (Grades 4-6 and an adult)

Book Pickup: as soon as you register

Zoom Book Discussion: Monday, May 10 at 5:00 p.m.

A Tangle of Knots explores families, self-esteem, peanut butter, a little bit of magic, and lots of cake. Read the book together with an adult and then join our Zoom discussion. If you'd like, try one of the cake recipes in the book to share at home during the discussion.

📅 **Paw Patrol** (Ages 2-6)

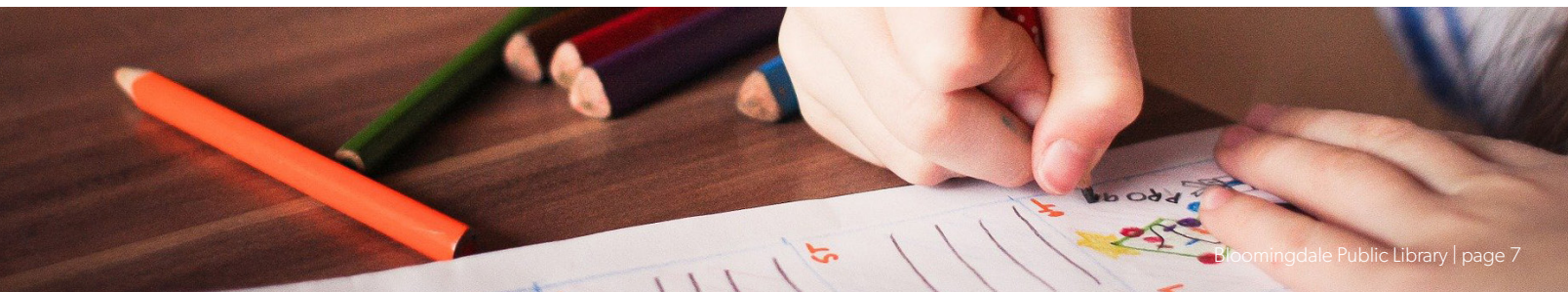
Kit Pickup: May 17 – 21

Calling all Paw Patrol fans! Join Ryder, Chase, Marshall, and the rest of the Paw Patrol gang for a Pawty Adventure! Kit includes crafts, games, and loads of fun!

📅 **Australian American Girl Doll Adventure** (Grades K-2)

Kit Pickup: May 24 – 28

Learn about Australian culture and the 2021 American Girl doll who is from this exciting place.





**NATIONAL
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APRIL 4-10, 2021

ALA American Library Association Library Champions LIBRARIES TRANSFORM

National Library Week - Welcome to Your Library!

Celebrate our library during National Library Week!

Enter our library themed online scavenger hunt at www.mybpl.org/nlw for a chance to win a \$25 gift card.

Discover everything we have to offer!

- Computer classes, 3D printing, and online learning ←
- eBooks, audiobooks, digital magazines, and streaming movies and music ←
- Museum passes for local attractions • Programs for all ages ←
- STEM and music kits, video games, and board games ←
and so much more!

Through Our Eyes Multi-generational Grant Program

Have some family fun that involves imagination, creativity, and free expression!

Through Our Eyes is a Visual Arts Mini-Grant Program awarded to Bloomingdale Public Library through the **DuPage Foundation JCS Arts, Health and Education Fund**.

The intention of the program is to show visual interpretation of a literary passage through the eyes of multiple generations. A passage is read by each participant and then visually interpreted and transposed onto paper and then canvas for the finished product using watercolor pencils.

Artwork must be returned to the library. These paintings will be on display in the Library through the months of April and May as our Artist of the Month Selection and then returned to the artists after their showcase.

Participants should include 3 family members (close family friend acceptable) in 3 different generations (i.e., Child: ages 6-19, Adult: 20-50, Older adult family member: 50+).

This kit includes several passages from classic children's books & poetry, drawing paper, specialty watercolor pencils, eraser, paint brushes, canvas for final product, and complete instructions.

Ages: 6 and up, to include 3 generations

Special Limited Registration starts March 15

Kit Pickup: April 5 – 9

Return Projects by April 16

Take It, Make It



Drawing is vision on paper ~ Andrew Loomis, American Illustrator