



Read a latte!



Winter Reading Program December 13 – February 4

Registration opens December 13 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



Adult & Teen 7th grade to adult

Cozy up with a warm drink and read!

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 Winter Reading 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 desk by Friday, February 4 to receive your final prize and be entered into the Grand Prize Drawing.

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:

Closed Friday, December 24 through Sunday, December 26
in observation of the Christmas holiday

Closed Friday, December 31 through Sunday, January 2
in observation of the New Year's holiday

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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📅 🖥️ Midcentury Christmas: Fads and Fun from 1945 to 1970

Monday, December 6 | 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Zoom Webinar

Christmas in America from the 1940s through the 1960s meant aluminum trees, department store Santas, and cartoon specials on TV. Historian Leslie Goddard explores this optimistic era in a new illustrated lecture, using photographs, advertisements, greeting cards, and catalogs to explore why this era was a turning point for how we celebrate the holidays.



📅 🖥️ Home for the Holidays with Heather Braoudakis

Tuesday, December 7 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

In-Person Event

Set the mood for the season with holiday classics we all know and love like *White Christmas*, *Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas*, *Silent Night*, *Joy to the World*, *Chestnuts Roasting on an Open Fire*, and *Winter Wonderland*.

This program is part of the Live Music @ the Library Series - see page 8 for more details.

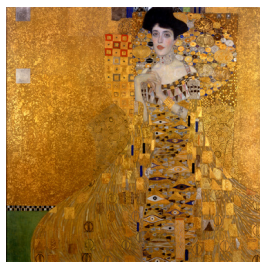


📅 🖥️ Gustav Klimt and The Woman in Gold

Monday, December 13 | 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Zoom Webinar

This lecture presented by art historian Jeff Mishur celebrates Austrian artist Gustav Klimt and places him within the art historical context of late nineteenth century French painting. Important examples of Klimt's work include *The Kiss* and *The Portrait of Adele Bloch-Bauer*, aka *The Woman in Gold*.

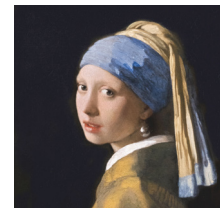


📅 🖥️ The Art of Jan Vermeer and the Girl with a Pearl Earring

Monday, January 10 | 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Zoom Webinar

This slide lecture presented by art historian Jeff Mishur discusses a number of Vermeer's paintings and provides a historical context for each. Paintings include *Woman Holding a Balance*, *Allegory of Painting*, and *Girl with a Pearl Earring*.



📅 🖥️ Virtual Art Class for Adults and Teens – Outsider Art

Tuesday, January 11 | 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Zoom Meeting

Join artist Lindsay Budzynski for a short discussion on the aspects of outsider art, self-taught/untrained art making, and basic drawing techniques. You will then have the opportunity to create your own unique drawing. Supplies needed: paper, pencils/erasers, ruler. Tracing paper, markers, or colored pencils optional. Registration is required and is limited to 15 participants. Teens welcome.



📅 🖥️ Regards to Broadway with Heather Braoudakis

Tuesday, January 18 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

In-Person Event

Hear the stories behind Broadway's classics from *Showboat* to *Phantom*, *My Fair Lady* to *Cats*, and everything in between.

This program is part of the Live Music @ the Library Series - see page 8 for more details.

📅 🖥️ Groundbreaking Musicals

Monday, January 24 | 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Zoom Webinar

From *The Jazz Singer* to *La La Land*, from *Meet Me In St. Louis* to *Moulin Rouge*, certain musicals have had a revolutionary approach to cinematic storytelling. Challenging audiences with fresh and unusual styles of music and dance, these films dared to break the rules and reinvent the musical. Presented by Steven Frenzel of Marquee Film Talks.

📅 🖥️ Icy Worlds

Monday, January 31 | 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Zoom Webinar

Ice: it's not just the stuff you shovel off the sidewalk. Many different ices are all over our solar system – and it is really – ahem – cool stuff to study. We'll investigate ices on hot planets and cold comets, moons made of a huge amount of ice, flowing and floating ice glaciers, and even ice volcanoes. Presented by Astroeducator Michelle Nichols.

ONGOING ADULT PROGRAMS

📅 🖥️ Great Decisions

Wednesday, January 19 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

In-Person Event

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. Registration is required and limited to 15 participants. To register, email Julie Deeke at jdeeke@mybpl.org

📅 🖥️ Genealogy Club

Wednesday, January 19 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Zoom Meeting

We're meeting via Zoom to learn about internet and archival genealogy and research support. Members share strategies and explore library resources with guidance from genealogy librarian Leslie Drewitz.



Join BPL on **Goodreads!**
Get reading suggestions
and book reviews shared by
library staff and Board.

[www.goodreads.com/
mybpl](https://www.goodreads.com/mybpl)



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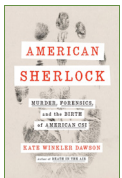


book discussion groups

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.



American Sherlock: Murder, Forensics, and the Birth of American CSI
by Kate Winkler Dawson

Tuesday, December 14 | 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.



The Great Secret: The Classified World War II Disaster That Launched the War on Cancer
by Jennet Conant

Tuesday, January 4 | 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 13 | 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.

Zorrie

by Laird Hunt

Monday, January 17 | 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.



DROP-IN MOVIES

Come enjoy a movie with us at BPL's Drop-In Movie and enter for a chance to win a copy of that day's movie on DVD.

Movie giveaway will be held following the conclusion of the movie and you must be present to win.



Jungle Cruise

Thursday, December 9 | 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Based on Disneyland's theme park ride where a small riverboat takes a group of travelers through a jungle filled with dangerous animals and reptiles but with a supernatural element. *Rated PG-13*



In the Heights

Thursday, January 13 | 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

A film version of the Broadway musical in which Usnavi, a sympathetic New York bodega owner, saves every penny every day as he imagines and sings about a better life. *Rated PG-13*



Meet Me in St. Louis

Tuesday, December 14 | 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Young love and childish fears highlight a year in the life of a turn-of-the-century family. *Rated PG*



Funny Face

Tuesday, January 25 | 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

An impromptu fashion shoot at a bookstore brings about a new fashion model discovery in the shop clerk. *Rated PG*

Computer Classes



Registration is encouraged for in-person computer classes to receive program updates.
Register online, by phone at (630) 924-2730, or by email at bdref@mybpl.org.

IN-PERSON CLASSES

Online Garage Sales

Monday, December 6 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Sean

Do your spring cleaning online! Come learn about eBay and other popular websites/apps to buy and sell items. Creating accounts, shopping, and listing items will be discussed along with payment methods and possible concerns.

Creating Mailing Labels

Thursday, December 9 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Charlie

About to send out holiday cards or want an easier way to do it next year? Use 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).

Using Android Phones

Monday, January 10 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Sean

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

iPhone Basics

Thursday, January 13 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Salvador

Learn to download and run apps, organize your icons, configure your settings, find and use your pictures, play your music, synchronize your phone with other devices, and much more.

Online Travel Planning

Monday, January 17 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Instructor: Sean

This class will teach students how to use many of the resources available online for travelers. Ways to save money as well as learning about your destination and avoiding unfortunate mistakes will be discussed. This is also a fun way to learn about using forums, online review sites, and other technology.

Excel Formulas

Monday, January 24 | 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.

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.

KEEP LEARNING - VIRTUALLY!

Virtual classes are prerecorded and published on our YouTube channel, noted with . They premiere on the date/time listed and will remain available afterward.

Write a Resume Using Google Docs

Monday, December 13 | 7:00 p.m.
Instructor: Salvador

Need to write a resume? Learn how to use Google Docs to write one that meets professional standards. We will briefly cover job searching sites and writing a cover letter.

Inkscape 2

Thursday, December 16 | 7:00 p.m.
Instructor: Charlie

Inkscape is a free application used for drawing vector graphics. In this class, we'll explore topics like sculpting, gradients, and layers.

Applying for Jobs Online

Monday, January 10 | 7:00 p.m.
Instructor: Salvador

Learn how to browse for jobs utilizing Indeed.com, USAJOBS.gov, and LinkedIn.com. Learn to automate your job search with results delivered to your inbox.

3D Sculpting with Blender

Thursday, January 13 | 7:00 p.m.
Instructor: Charlie

Blender is a professional-level, free 3D modeling application. In this follow up to our Blender Graphics Design class, we'll learn how to use the sculpting tools to create or modify a 3D object.

Introduction to Coding with Scratch

Thursday, January 20 | 7:00 p.m.
Instructor: Charlie

Learn the basic concepts of computer coding with this fun and easy-to-learn programming language! Instead of typing, programs are assembled like a puzzle out of blocks of code. Designed for kids 8-16, but a great place to start for anyone.

Podcasting with Garageband

Monday, January 24 | 7:00 p.m.
Instructor: Salvador

Learn how to create a podcast using the Garageband app in the Sound Recording Studio. Add a musical intro, create a vocal track, and learn how to filter out unwanted noises. Mix tracks together and export to share.





Teen Programs

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For programs with special registration requirements, please follow those instructions. Virtual classes are noted with 🖥️.

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

VIRTUAL PROGRAMS

TAKE AND MAKE CRAFTS!

To sign up for Take and Make crafts, teens can email kyager@mybpl.org the day that registration begins. Crafts are limited to 10 teens.



📅 Avocado Fleece Pillow

Sign up begins Monday, December 6

Make a cute and comfortable avocado fleece pillow using simple knots.



📅 Donut Animals

Sign up begins Monday, December 20

Sew up a half dozen super sweet donuts full of adorable animal personality! The kit comes with everything you need to whip up adorable felt plushies.

VIRTUAL SCAVENGER HUNTS

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

December 5-11	Star Wars
December 12-18	Animals
December 19-25	Harry Potter
December 26-January 1	Name That Logo

Virtual ACT/SAT Practice Tests

Stressing about taking the SAT or 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 virtual practice test and contact you with scores and analyzed results.

📅 SAT Practice Test

Saturday, December 11 | 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

📅 ACT Practice Test

Saturday, January 8 | 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

in-PERSON PROGRAMS



Join us to watch a movie together and enter for a chance to win the movie!

Movie giveaway held following the conclusion of the movie and you must be present to win.

No registration required.



Black Widow

Wednesday,
December 22

5:30 – 8:00 p.m.



Finding You

Wednesday,
January 19

5:30 – 8:00 p.m.

📅 Meet Me at the Movies: **Spiderman: No Way Home**

Monday, January 3 | Meeting Time TBA

Sign up begins on Monday, December 20

Meet me at the movies to watch *Spiderman: No Way Home*! Movie tickets and snacks will be provided.

We will meet at The Picture Show, 324 Army Trail Rd, Bloomingdale, IL 60108. Limit 10 teens. Time will be announced to registrants before film date.



📅 Candy Sleds

Wednesday, December 15

7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Make a sled using a variety of different candies! Keep it for yourself, or give it out as a tasty holiday treat.



Game Night (Drop-In)

Thursdays, January 13 & 27 | 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!

FREE ONLINE

ACT® and SAT® Test Preparation
is available through

EBSCO LearningExpress®

@ mybpl.org/homeworkteens

Youth Programs



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Registration for January programs begins December 20 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.



In-Person Programs @ BPL

*Please register individually for each child unless otherwise noted.
Masks are required for all in-person Youth Services programs.*

📅 In-Person Storytimes

Families

Fridays in December and January | 10:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Join us every Friday for in-person storytime. Listen to our staff read stories, sing songs, and tell rhymes. **Registration for this program will be one week prior to the event. * Please register as a family.*
There will be no In-Person Storytimes on December 24 and 31.

📅 Sensory In-Person Storytime

Ages 3-8

Saturday, December 4 | 10:30 – 11:15 a.m.

Come join us for a fun sensory story time and sensory stations!
Please register as a family.

Indoor Scavenger Hunts (Drop-In)

Families

December – Holidays Around the World
January – Winter Wonderland

Stop in the Youth Service department to search for items, complete the check list, and return for a prize.

📅 Jingle Bells

Preschool Age

Thursday, December 9 | 10:30 – 11:15 a.m.

The winter holidays are almost here. Come celebrate with jingle bells, snowflakes, crafts, and music.



📅 Iron-On Pencil Case

Grades 3-6

Thursday, December 16 | 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

Use our new BPL Makerspace to learn some cool skills and create an iron-on decal pencil case you get to keep.

Winter Break Origami (Drop-In)

Sunday, December 19 | 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Families

Join us for some fun paper folding and origami for the holidays. Make ornaments, snowmen, or anything else you like using our fancy paper and origami books.

📅 Explore the Deep Blue

Grades 3-6

Wednesday, January 5 | 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

Learn extreme facts about the deep ocean, meet some super cool shark and ocean scientists, and make crafts to celebrate the most unexplored place on earth.

📅 Celebrate Winnie the Pooh Day

Families

Tuesday, January 18 | 10:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Celebrate National Winnie the Pooh Day with a fun storytime and craft.

📅 Where do Animals Go in the Winter?

Grades K-3

Tuesday, January 18 | 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

Learn about wintertime animal habitats then identify and create animal tracks to become an expert winter animal tracker in your neighborhood.



📅 STEAM Challenge

Grades 3-6 with Adult partner

Monday, January 31 | 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

Engineers solve problems using math and science. Work together with your adult partner to engineer a solution to the challenge problem using the materials you will find in your mystery box.

Valentines for Veterans

Wednesday, January 5 – Thursday, February 3

Children and adults are invited to make Valentine cards for veterans. All Valentine cards will be given to veterans who are currently hospitalized at **Hines Veterans Hospital**.

Art and card supplies will be available as a **Take It, Make It, Return It** craft at the Youth Services desk. Cards made from personal supplies are welcome as well. **Please turn in all cards to the Youth Services desk.** Envelopes for cards are not required.

Thank You

to the Village of
Bloomington and
SBC Waste Solutions
for sponsoring our
Little Blue Truck
Library Party
in October.
It was a big success!





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Take It, Make It Kits



As we slowly start back with in-person programming at the library, we continue to offer unique experiences that you can do from home. 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. See registration dates above.

📅 Yarn Holiday Tree Ornaments (Grades K-2)

Kit Pickup: December 6 – 10

Create your own holiday tree ornaments with yarn, glue, and a balloon. There is enough material in the kit to make one ornament.

📅 Holidays Around The World (Families)

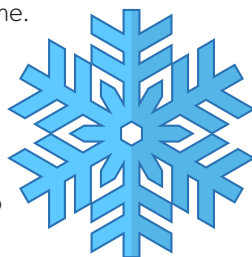
Kit Pickup: December 13 – 23

Get your boarding passes ready! Together we will hop on an imaginary plane and go all around the world to experience the different ways cultures celebrate the wintertime.

📅 Winter's Workshop (Families)

Kit Pickup: December 13 – 23

Let your children learn the spirit of giving this holiday season with this Take and Make Kit. This Kit will include materials to make crafts to give as gifts for the holiday season.



📅 New Year's Eve Bash (Grades K-2)

Kit Pickup: December 27 – 30

Get all of the materials ready to bring in the New Year with this fun craft and activities based kit.

📅 Arctic Animals (Ages 3-5)

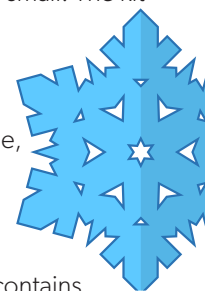
Kit Pickup: January 3 – 7

Winter is the time to learn about Arctic animals big and small! The kit includes fun and easy Arctic animal crafts.

📅 Snow (Grades K-6)

Kit Pickup: January 10 – 14

You will have snow much fun making a snowflake puzzle, snow science experiments, and creating snow poetry!



📅 Little Chefs (Grades 1-6)

Kit Pickup: January 17 – 21

Do you like to cook or help out in the kitchen? This kit contains everything you'll need to become a chef in training!

📅 National Puzzle Day (Grades K-2)

Kit Pickup: January 24 – 28

Celebrate National Puzzle Day by making your own jigsaw puzzle, along with some puzzle crafts. Solve our special puzzle and get a surprise!

📅 Pipe Cleaner People (Grades K-2)

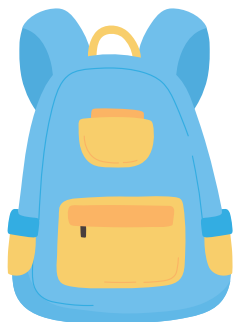
Kit Pickup: January 31 – February 4

Create fun poseable people with simple materials.

New Additions to our Story Pack Collection:

This fall, we introduced our ALL-NEW Baby Packs – all the materials needed for a DIY Storytime @ Home, for children 0-24 months.

This winter, we launched our SEL (Social Emotional Learning) Packs. These backpacks are designed to make a family's journey of healing following a traumatic experience easier to navigate. These packs contain books, games, and a parent/child resource booklet full of coping strategies, activities, and ideas to ease through a tough transition. Topics include loss of a pet, divorce/separation, and moving, with additional subjects added on an ongoing basis.



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Live Music @ the Library

Join us for a night of music from Chicago Symphony Chorus singer **Heather Braoudakis** featuring a variety of styles and classic songs.



Home for the Holidays

Tuesday, December 7 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Regards to Broadway

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That's Amore

Tuesday, February 15 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Top of the World

Tuesday, March 22 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

April Showers

Tuesday, April 19 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

This is an in-person program at BPL. Registration encouraged.



COMING IN FEBRUARY

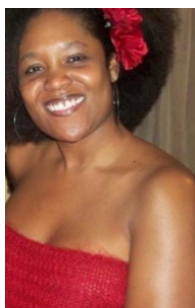
African Textiles

Tuesday, February 1 | 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Zoom Webinar

Presented by Shannon Johnson,
Fashion Studies Instructor at College of DuPage

African Fashion tells stories and African clothing has a vibrant and interesting history to match its bright and bold textiles. Although tracking the evolution of African styles can be difficult, ancient art gives us hints about the textiles used. Fashion Instructor Shannon Johnson will take us on a short journey from her exploration of the history of African fashion and textiles from the 12th century to the 21st century, with emphasis is on how these findings have shaped African American fashion over time.



bpl makerspace

Limited Hours in December

Be sure to visit the Makerspace by Saturday, December 18 to get in your last minute holiday crafts and gifts!

The Makerspace will be closed for the holidays starting Thursday, December 23 and will reopen for Bloomingdale cardholders on Thursday, January 6.