

BLOOMINGDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY



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April 2022
through
May 2022

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK ★★

APRIL 3–9, 2022

CONNECT WITH YOUR LIBRARY

Celebrate **National Library Week** with us -
stop by the library to pick up some free BPL giveaways and show off your library support!

Discover everything we have to offer:

- ★ Makerspace, 3D printing, computer classes, and online courses ★
- ★ 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 ★



EXCLUSIVE PREVIEW! **beanstack**

Summer reading will look
a little different this year!

Get ready for

Beanstack, our new
reading challenge software.

It includes cool new features like
family registration/logging, an attractive app, and
fun activities like tracking your reading streaks.

FREE COMIC BOOK DAY!

Celebrate Free Comic Book Day at the library!
Create super crafts and pick up some free comics
(3 per person, while supplies last).

Thank you to Keith's Komix
(528 S. Roselle Road, Schaumburg, IL 60193) for the support!

Saturday, May 7
12:00 - 3:00 p.m.

All ages
No registration necessary

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 17 in observance of Easter
Sundays for summer beginning May 29
Monday, May 30 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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For programs with special registration requirements, please follow those instructions. Virtual programs noted with 🖥️.

📅 **Vision: See Yourself There Before You Get There** **(Lake Park Reads)**

Tuesday, April 5 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Learn to achieve your goals with motivational expert, producer, and author Cherise Nicole Ragland. Cherise encourages participants to get a vision for their future, because without vision you can't see where you're going. Her motto is "If you can see it, you truly can achieve it!"



📅 **April Showers with Heather Braoudakis**

Tuesday, April 19 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Enjoy the songs of spring from showers to sunshine to flowers, inspired by the timeless poem with Chicago Symphony Chorus singer Heather Braoudakis.

📅 **Makerspace Craft: Mother's Day Pennant Banner**

Tuesday, April 19 | 3:00 – 4:30 p.m. OR
Wednesday, April 20 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Registration Limit: 4 per session, Bloomingdale Public Library card required, ages 12 to adult. Please sign up for one session only.



Learn how to use the library's Makerspace equipment and make a Mother's Day pennant banner.

📅 🖥️ **Chicago Architecture Highlights – A Virtual Walking Tour**

Monday, April 25 | 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Zoom Webinar

Chicago is widely recognized for its variety of modern architectural styles and for its groundbreaking status in the engineering and design development of the skyscraper. Art historian Jeff Mishur presents important examples of buildings constructed in the late 19th century and introduces some of the Chicago School's key players including Louis Sullivan, William Le Baron Jenney, and Ludwig Mies van der Rohe.

📅 **Magical Mackinac Island**

Tuesday, April 26 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Explore Mackinac Island with retired librarian and travel enthusiast Nancy McCully as she takes us on a tour of the land of ferryboats, history, fudge, and family fun. Admire the island's natural beauty, forts, lighthouses, Victorian cottages, and legendary hotels.



📅 **DIY Faux Flower Wreaths**

Monday, May 9 | 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Learn how to make your own faux flower spring wreaths in this quick and easy DIY workshop where we use dried grapevine wreaths and elements of spring to make beautiful and unique designs. Limit 10 - adults only.



📅 🖥️ **Betty Crocker and Her Cookbook That Changed How America Cooks**

Monday, May 16 | 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Zoom Webinar

Long before Martha Stewart, there was Betty Crocker. Created in 1921 by a flour company, Betty Crocker became the most trusted advisor to American cooks. This fun illustrated lecture by historian Leslie Goddard, PhD, looks at the invention of Betty Crocker, why her 1950 Picture Cook Book has endured, and what makes her so iconic.

📅 **ICash Search with the Illinois State Treasurer's Office**

Tuesday, May 17 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

A representative from the Illinois State Treasurer's office will be on hand to assist you in discovering if the State is holding any money owed to you through its ICash program. The State holds these lost funds until they are claimed, either by the original owner or by their heirs. Property is returned at no cost with the proper identification.

📅 🖥️ **James Bond – The History, the Thrills**

Monday, May 23 | 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Zoom Webinar

Climb into our Aston Martin as we enjoy the history of the Bond films, examining how they reflect our changing values over the past 50 years. We'll also view the greatest moments from the films— fast cars, incredible gadgets, fascinating women, and colorful villains! Join us as we travel all over the world with Bond...James Bond. Presented by Steven Frenzel.



Coming Soon!

📅 🖥️ **Name Change 101**

Thursday, June 23 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Zoom Webinar

Learn the criteria and procedures for making a legal name change in Illinois. Gender self-determination, free of government limitations, is the goal of this workshop. The Transformative Justice Law Project of Illinois provides free help to guide transgender and gender nonconforming people through the complicated and expensive process of making a legal name change. This event is in collaboration with the Roselle Public Library. Registration opens April 25th.



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

www.goodreads.com/mybpl



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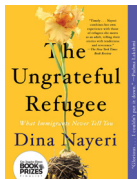


book discussion groups

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.

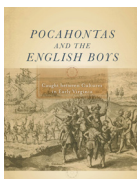
HISTORICAL BOOK DISCUSSION

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



***The Ungrateful Refugee:*
*What Immigrants Never Tell You***
by Dina Nayeri

Tuesday, April 5 | 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.



***Pocahontas and the English Boys:*
*Caught Between Cultures in Early Virginia***
by Karen Ordahl Kupperman

Tuesday, May 3 | 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

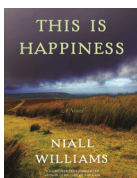
MONDAY NIGHT PAGE TURNERS

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



Inheritance: A Memoir of Genealogy, Paternity, and Love
by Dani Shapiro

Monday, April 18 | 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.



This is Happiness
by Niall Williams

Monday, May 16 | 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.



King Richard

Wednesday, April 13 | 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

A look at how tennis superstars Venus and Serena Williams became who they are after the coaching from their father. *Rated PG-13*



North by Northwest

Wednesday, April 27 | 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

A New York City advertising executive goes on the run after being mistaken for a government agent by a group of foreign spies, and falls for a woman whose loyalties he begins to doubt. *Rated PG*



Steel Magnolias

Wednesday, May 11 | 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

A group of women in a small southern town share a powerful bond of friendship and family. *Rated PG*



No Time to Die

Wednesday, May 25 | 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

James Bond has left active service. His peace is short-lived when an old CIA friend turns up asking for help, leading Bond onto the trail of a mysterious villain armed with dangerous new technology. *Rated PG-13*

ONGOING ADULT PROGRAMS

📅 Great Decisions

Wednesdays, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
April 20 & May 18

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.

In-Person Event

Genealogy Club (Drop-In)


Wednesdays, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
April 20 & May 18

In-Person Event

Join us in person to learn about internet and archival genealogy and research support. Members share strategies and explore library resources with guidance from genealogy librarian Leslie Drewitz.

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.

Computer Classes are now in person at BPL unless otherwise noted. Virtual classes (noted with ) are prerecorded and published on our YouTube channel. They premiere on the date/time listed and will remain available afterward.

Using Zoom

Monday, April 11 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Sean

This class will help students become comfortable using the Zoom videoconferencing tool. Creating accounts, joining meetings, using video & audio, creating meetings of your own, and much more will be covered.



Excel 1

Monday, April 18 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Sean

Learn the basic concepts of creating and using spreadsheets. Formatting, designing, and sorting spreadsheets will be discussed along with the first steps towards creating formulas and using functions.

Excel 2

Monday, April 25 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Sean

Build your Excel skills with more advanced topics in Excel such as formulas, graphs, and linking between multiple worksheets.

Intro to Python

Thursday, April 28 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Salvador

Learn the basics of this versatile and popular programming language.

Excel 3

Monday, May 16 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Sean

This class will provide a deeper investigation of formulas, graphs, and formatting techniques, as well as examining other functions provided by Excel.

Beginning Gaming with Raspberry Pi

Thursday, May 19 | 7:00
Instructor: Charlie

In this beginner's guide to creating a retro gaming device with Raspberry Pi, viewers will learn the basics of setting up and using these low cost computers.

Making YouTube Videos

Monday, May 23 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Sean

This class will teach students how to prepare their movies for publication on YouTube. Time will be given to mobile apps, desktop computer options, and the tools YouTube provides. Students may sign up for a free account through Google.



Did you miss a virtual class? Perhaps you want to brush up on your skills? If so, see our YouTube page at www.youtube.com/user/bloomingdalelibrary.

We have playlists for you to find anything you need:

- Computer Classes •
- How to Use BPL Services •
- BPL Crafts • Adult Programs •
- Youth Programs •
- BPL Piano Shows •

Check it out today!

bpl makerspace equipment profile

Silhouette Cameo 4 Plus

The Silhouette Cameo 4 machine and software cuts numerous materials, from paper to fabrics to vinyl. It is popular for cutting vinyl, heat transfer vinyl, and paper, and it has a wider cutting area of up to 15 inches by 60 feet. We also offer some specialty tools, including the sketch pens, pen holder, punch blade, and kraft blade.



Stop by the Makerspace during our open hours to use this and other equipment we have for Bloomingdale Public Library cardholders.
For more information, visit www.mybpl.org/makerspace.



Teen PROGRAMS

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For programs with special registration requirements, please follow those instructions.

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



For all of our teen volunteer opportunities, see page 8.

Teen Crafts @ BPL

📅 Sharpie Mugs

Wednesday, April 13 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Design your very own custom mug!
Use oil based paint markers to create a one of a kind cup.

📅 DIY Charm Bracelet

Thursday, April 21 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Choose from hundreds of charms to make your own bracelet.
Keep your unique creation for yourself or give it as a gift!

📅 Paint a Bookend

Wednesday, May 25 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Use your imagination to decorate a bookend
that will be displayed in the Teen area!

Teen Take & Make

To sign up, teens can email kyager@mybpl.org the day that registration begins. Limit 10 teens.

📅 Diamond Art Keychain

Sign up begins Monday, April 4

Pick up a kit to create keychains that are works of art.
Use the diamond painting technique to create five sparkling keychains to decorate your backpack or to give as gifts.

📅 Star Wars Felt

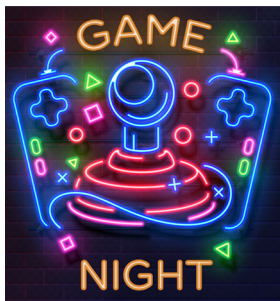
Sign up begins Monday, May 2

May the fourth be with you! From Han Solo to Boba Fett, you can create these ten Star Wars figures from a galaxy far, far away.
The kit includes step-by-step directions and color photos to help you advance from Padawan crafter to Jedi felt master.

Game Night (Drop-In)

Thursdays, 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.
April 28, May 12 & 26

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! Grades 7-12.



Teen Book'd Bags

Teens, Fill out the online form and receive...



YA novel selected just for you!



Snack



BPL Gift



No need to return anything to the library!

Catch a Movie with BPL!



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.



Space Jam

Wednesday, April 27
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.



Meet Me @ THE MOVIES

Meet our Teen Librarian to see a new release movie!
Meet at The Picture Show, 324 Army Trail Rd, Bloomington, IL 60108.
Time will be announced to registrants before film date.
Movie tickets and snacks will be provided. Limit 10 teens.

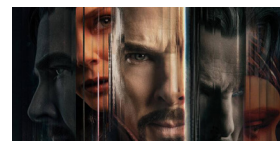
📅 The Batman

Friday, April 1 | Meeting Time TBA
Sign up begins on Monday, March 7



📅 Dr. Strange in the Multiverse of Madness

Friday, May 27 | Meeting Time TBA
Sign up begins on Monday, May 2



Youth Programs



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Registration for May programs begins April 18 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 recommended but not required for all in-person Youth Services programs.*

📅 In-Person Storytimes

Families

Fridays in April and May

10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. OR 11:15 a.m. – 11:45 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 open one week prior to the event. Please register as a family and for only one storytime per week.*

April Fools (Drop-In)

Grades K-6

Friday, April 1 | 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Come to the Youth Services desk on the last day of spring break and make a fun April Fools craft.

📅 Fart Science!

Grades K-2

Wednesday, April 13 | 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

Explore the crazy world of animal (and human!) farts, how scientists study them, and then make a silly science craft.

📅 STEM Club: Tech Time

Grade 3-6

Thursday, April 14 | 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

Come get some hands-on time with tech at STEM Club! This month we will be working with programming the Root Robot and building with Snap Circuits.

📅 We Love the Earth

Families

Friday, April 22 | 1:00 – 1:45 p.m.

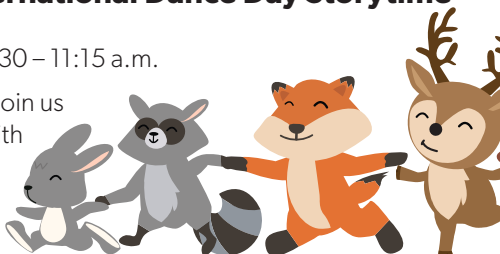
Let's learn about how to care for our Earth and what we can do to celebrate its beauty.

📅 Celebrate International Dance Day Storytime

Families

Tuesday, April 26 | 10:30 – 11:15 a.m.

Get ready to boogie! Join us for a storytime filled with moving and grooving.



📅 Make A Mermaid Hair Comb

Grades 2-6

Thursday, April 28 | 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

Join us in the Makerspace to create your own magical mermaid hairpiece to keep or give as a gift.

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📅 Soup Opera Puppets

Ages 2-5

Thursday, May 5 | 10:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Create a giant puppet and then use it for a theatrical reading of *Soup Opera* by Jim Gill.

📅 STEAM Challenge

Grades 3-6 with adult partner

Monday, May 9 | 4:15 – 5:15 p.m.

Engineers solve problems using math and science. Work together with your adult partner to engineer a solution to the challenging problem using the materials in your mystery bag.

📅 Make a Grassy Garden Gnome!

Grades 2-6

Tuesday, May 17 | 4:30 – 5:15 p.m.

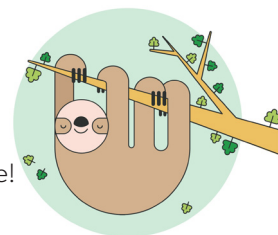
Watch your adorable garden gnome come to life with a head of fast-growing grassy hair you can trim any way you like.

📅 Sloth Planter

Grades 4-8

Thursday, May 19 | 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

Come share some snacks and sculpt a hanging planter that looks like a sloth hanging from a tree!



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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.

📅 Have Fun with Unicorns (Grades K-3)

Kit Pickup: April 4 – 8

Make fun unicorn crafts and activities to transport yourself into your own fairytale land!

Peter Rabbit 120th Anniversary (Grades K-2)

Kit Pickup: April 11 – 15

Virtual Storytime: April 15

Beatrix Potter loved drawing her favorite bunny, Peter Piper. Celebrate the 120th anniversary of the publication of Peter Rabbit with take home crafts and activities, plus your own Peter Rabbit book!

Sun Catchers (Grades 3-6)

Kit Pickup: April 18 – 22

Now that spring has fully sprung, make a colorful sun catcher to hang in your window.

Puppet Show (Ages 2-5)

Kit Pickup: April 18 – 22

Have your own puppet show at home with this fun and interactive kit.

Mother's Day Crafts (Grades K-2 **OR** Grades 3-6)

Kit pickup: April 25 – 29

Make a great crafty gift for that special someone...Mom! Just in time for Mother's Day. Please register for the correct age group.

Cinco De Mayo Celebration (Grades K-2)

Kit Pickup: May 2 – 6

Let's TACO 'bout it! It's time for a fiesta! Let's celebrate with stories, games, songs, and more!

Find a Bird Day (Grades 3-6)

Kit Pickup: May 9 – 13

Birds are flying north now that spring is here. Learn about the birds that live nearby, the best places to spot birds, and make a bird craft.

Get Ready to Garden! (Families)

Kit Pickup: May 16 – 20

Make fun crafts to learn about gardening and decorations for your garden and/or backyard to kick off gardening season!



1000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN

1000 Books Before Kindergarten: New Revamped Program Coming Soon!

Experts recommend children hear at least 1000 stories before they learn to read themselves. Families who read aloud to their children strengthen their language skills and build their vocabulary. Let BPL help you celebrate your child's progress toward this goal with the **1000 Books Before Kindergarten** program.

Any child residing in Bloomingdale is eligible to join the program from birth until the day they enter Kindergarten. Families can track reading with paper logs or use **Beanstack**, our new online reading program software. Contact the Youth Services desk for more information by calling (630) 924-2740 or emailing bdys@mybpl.org.



Crochet Along with Miss Carol

Grades 3-8

YouTube Video Post on 15th of each month

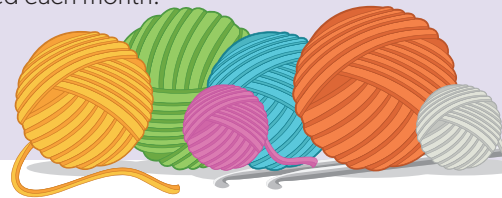


Learn to crochet along with Miss Carol.

Check the Library's YouTube page for video tutorials for each project. A supply list and written instructions can be picked up at the library. New projects will be posted each month.

April – cell phone pillow

May – water bottle sling



Have you read the book around the storybook trail?

Located around Circle Park, a story awaits your family. Be sure to check out The Storybook Trail often as new stories will be featured throughout the summer. The Storybook Trail is provided in partnership with the Bloomingdale Park District. Come out and enjoy!

Teens - Volunteer at BPL!



Teen BOOK Reviews

Do you love to read and review books? Then write reviews for our new Teen Book Reviews shelf on Goodreads! Each review will earn you one service hour and you can complete three reviews per month. Your reviews will be added to our Goodreads page and other social media accounts.

Visit www.mybpl.org/teenbookreviews to get started!

volunTEENS

Are you a student going into grades 7-12? Are you looking for a fun way to get job experience, earn service hours, or make a difference in the community? If so, the **Bloomington Public Library** **VolunTEENS** program is looking for you! During your summer vacation, we'll develop a schedule to fit your availability and our programming needs. You'll work 10-15 hours over the 8-week program with BPL's Youth Services staff preparing crafts, keeping the library tidy, and helping with special projects. Summer is an exciting time at the library—be a part of it!

If you are interested in joining our group of amazing VolunTEENS, applications can be picked up in the library at the Youth Services desk or found on our website at www.mybpl.org/volunteer.

Please contact Carol Leeson, VolunTEEN Coordinator, at 630-924-2744 or email cleeson@mybpl.org if you have any questions regarding the program.

Applications accepted from April 8th - May 27th.

TAB: Teen Advisory Board (Drop-In)

Wednesday, May 18
6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Make your voices heard! Join us monthly to meet over pizza to help plan programs for teens, make decisions for the library's teen space, play games, promote the library, earn volunteer hours, and more!



LAKE PARK READS

A MULTI-COMMUNITY READING EVENT

Sunday, April 3 - Saturday, April 9

Becoming & Being a Chef: The Inside Scoop

Monday, April 4 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. • In-Person Event at Itasca Community Library

Vision: See Yourself There Before You Get There

Tuesday, April 5 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. • In-Person Event at Bloomington Public Library

Emancipation to Inauguration: The Black Experience in Chicago

Thursday, April 7 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. • Virtual Event hosted by Roselle Public Library District

Arshay Cooper, Author of *A Most Beautiful Thing*

Saturday, April 9 | 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. • In-Person Event at Lake Park West - 500 West Bryn Mawr Ave., Roselle
Residents from Bloomington, Itasca, and Roselle are invited