



## VOLUNTEER MONTH

At BPL, we're all about giving back.  
That's why we are inviting the entire community to take part in  
Volunteer Month this August!

Stop into the library to pick up information about  
where you can go to volunteer and how to get started.

visit [www.mybpl.org/volunteermont](http://www.mybpl.org/volunteermont) for more information

## Friends of the Bloomington Public Library

Interested in leadership, volunteering,  
and community service?

The Friends of the Library are looking for new  
leadership to continue the wonderful work they've  
been doing for the past 40+ years benefitting  
the Bloomington Public Library.

If interested, please contact the Friends  
at [mybplfriends@gmail.com](mailto:mybplfriends@gmail.com)

## sign up for a LIBRARY CARD

Adults and children of all ages,  
now is the time to get  
your very own BPL card!  
Give us a call or visit  
[www.mybpl.org/apply](http://www.mybpl.org/apply)  
to find out how to get  
yours!



## wrap up your summer @ BPL

# Summer 2022

## @ BPL

### Ice Cream Social

Thursday, August 4 | 5:30 – 8:30 p.m.  
in the Library Parking Lot

### Summer Concert Series:

#### Final Concert - The Sting Rays

Friday, August 12 | 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. in the Memorial Garden



### 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. beginning September 11

### Library Closings:

Closed Sundays through September 4  
Closed Monday, September 5 in observance of Labor Day

### For updates to hours/services offered:

Call (630) 529-3120 • Email [bdref@mybpl.org](mailto:bdref@mybpl.org) • Visit our website at [www.mybpl.org](http://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 classes are noted with 📺.

## 📺 The Discovery of a Masterpiece

Monday, August 8 | 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Zoom Webinar



Join us for a unique presentation by Mallory Mortillaro, Curator of Collections for the Hartley Dodge Foundation in Madison, NJ, who fortuitously uncovered a masterpiece by Auguste Rodin that had been lost to the art world since the 1930s, and became one of the biggest art finds in recent history.

## Paint a Ceramic Flowerpot

Monday, August 15 | 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

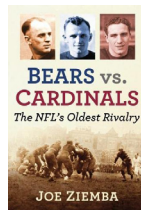
Outdoors, weather permitting

Drop in to the Dominic Froio Memorial Garden and paint a one-of-a-kind ceramic flowerpot using colorful acrylic paints. Outdoors or in the Makerspace, while supplies last.



## 📺 Bears vs. Cardinals: The Forgotten History of the NFL's Oldest Teams

Tuesday, August 16 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.



Join us for an evening with local author Joe Ziemba, whose new nonfiction book showcases a time when players lacked equipment protection, gangsters interrupted NFL games, and players worked second jobs during the professional football season. Books will be available to purchase and autographed by the author.

## 📺 Al Capone & the 1933 World's Fair: The End of the Gangster Era in Chicago

Monday, August 22 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.



Local author William Hazelgrove presents the story of Chicago during the darkest days of the Great Depression and how the city fought back against organized crime to host the 1933 World's Fair. Books will be available to purchase and autographed by the author.

## 📺 What are NFTs?

Monday, September 12 | 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Zoom Webinar

NFTs (non-fungible tokens) are all over the news as a way to produce and/or acquire digital art, music, videos and other collectibles. Are they just a passing trend or a useful way to assign uniqueness to easily reproducible items? Presented by tech tutor Mike Gershbein, owner of VerySmartPeople.

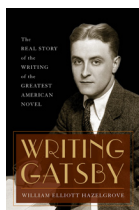
## 📺 Medicare 101

Tuesday, September 13 | 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

This free educational seminar will get you up to speed on what Medicare covers, what it doesn't, and your potential out of pocket expenses. Presented by Robin Dawson of Medicare Solutions Network.

## 📺 Writing Gatsby

Monday, September 19 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.



*The Great Gatsby* is considered the greatest American novel, and yet the story of how it was written has not been fully told. This story is one of heartbreak, alcoholism, financial hardship, and one man's perseverance. Presented by local author William Hazelgrove. Books will be available to purchase and autographed by the author.

## 📺 James Webb Space Telescope

Monday, September 26 | 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Zoom Webinar

The James Webb Space Telescope will fundamentally alter our understanding of black holes, the early Universe, the life cycle of stars, planets, and more. Join us to learn more about this groundbreaking mission as we prepare for the next giant leap forward in astronomy and space exploration. Presented by Astroeducator Michelle Nichols.

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**PAGE**

Coming in October:  
**On the Same Page**, our community book program in collaboration with Itasca Community Library and Roselle Public Library District.

# bpl makerspace crafts

Learn how to use the library's Makerspace equipment to make creative crafts. Computer experience is required.

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

Registration opens the 1st of each month for that month's craft.

Depending on craft complexity, patrons may need to pick up their finished project later.

## 📺 Autumn Pennant Banner

Monday, August 15 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

OR

Tuesday, August 16 | 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

## 📺 Custom Pet Tag

Tuesday, September 13 | 3:00 – 4:30 p.m.

OR

Tuesday, September 20 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

## 📺 Halloween Wooden Sign


Tuesday, October 4 | 3:00 – 4:30 p.m.

OR

Monday, October 10 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.



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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.

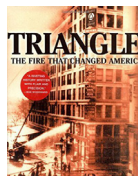
### HISTORICAL BOOK DISCUSSION

To register, email Julie Deeke at [jdeeke@mybpl.org](mailto:jdeeke@mybpl.org).



***The Bone and Sinew of the Land: America's Forgotten Black Pioneers & the Struggle for Equality***  
by Anna-Lisa Cox

Tuesday, August 2 | 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.



***Triangle: The Fire that Changed America***  
by David von Drehle

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

### MONDAY NIGHT PAGE TURNERS

To register, email Jessica Frazier at [jfrazier@mybpl.org](mailto:jfrazier@mybpl.org).

**August - No Meeting**



***Say Nothing: A True Story of Murder and Memory in Northern Ireland***  
by Patrick Radden Keefe

Monday, September 19 | 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.



## DROP-IN MOVIES

Come enjoy a movie with us and enter for a chance to win a copy of that day's movie on DVD. You must be present to win.

***The Lost City*** (PG-13)

Wednesday, August 10 | 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

***The Harvey Girls*** (PG)

Wednesday, August 24 | 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.



***Marry Me*** (PG-13)

Wednesday, September 14 | 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

***Moonfall*** (PG-13)

Wednesday, September 28 | 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

### Drop-In Blood Pressure Screening Clinic

Saturday, August 27 | 12:30 – 2:30 p.m.



Drop in to the library and get your blood pressure checked with staff from **Northwestern Memorial Health Care**. This is a complimentary blood pressure screening with an emphasis on identifying individuals with elevated blood pressures, and offering them the tools to seek care when appropriate and awareness of community resources/programming to support lifestyle modifications.

## ONGOING ADULT PROGRAMS

### Great Decisions

Wednesday, September 21 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

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](mailto:jdeeke@mybpl.org).

### Genealogy Club (Drop-In)

Wednesdays, August 17 & September 21  
6:30 – 8:45 p.m.



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 computer classes to receive program updates.  
Register online, by phone at (630) 924-2730, or by email at [bdref@mybpl.org](mailto:bdref@mybpl.org).



## Classes for Seniors

*In these friendly, introductory classes, we'll give you lots of guided hands-on practice and time to ask questions.*

### Basic Computer Use

Tuesday, September 13 | 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.  
Instructor: Sean

Learn the basics of computer use and dealing with Windows.

### Internet Use & Safety

Tuesday, September 20 | 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.  
Instructor: Sean

Discuss and learn about internet topics, such as browsing the web, email questions and concerns, how the cloud works, and how to avoid viruses.

### Tablets & Smartphones

Wednesday, September 21 | 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.  
Instructor: Salvador

Familiarize yourself with your smartphone or tablet. Use one of our iPads or bring your own smart device to class.

### Social Networking

Monday, August 15 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.  
Instructor: Sean

Learn how to use Facebook and Twitter, including finding friends using your email account, adding pictures, searching topics, and privacy/personal safety issues.

### Customizing Your Computer

Thursday, September 22 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.  
Instructor: Charlie

Make your personal computer more comfortable and pleasant to use by adjusting settings for your monitor, mouse, and sound. We'll also look at changing your preferences for internet and Windows use.

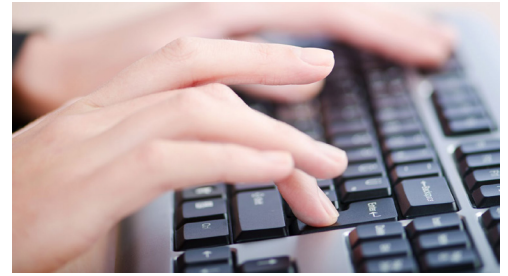
### VHS to Digital

Thursday, September 29 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.  
Instructor: Charlie

Learn to use library equipment to digitize VHS tapes and prepare them for viewing on a DVD player or to share online. Techniques from basic recording to more advanced tricks like chapter creation will be covered.



Our **VIRTUAL CLASSES** remain on our YouTube channel - visit [www.youtube.com/user/bloomingdalelibrary](https://www.youtube.com/user/bloomingdalelibrary) for the Computer Classes playlist and catch up on any classes you may have missed!



## MASTER MICROSOFT OFFICE

### Introduction to Access

Monday, August 22 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.  
Instructor: Sean

Get a basic understanding of using Microsoft Access with topics such as creating tables, queries, forms, and reports.

### Using PowerPoint

Thursday, August 25 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.  
Instructor: Charlie

PowerPoint can be used to create slides, overheads, audience handouts, and on-screen presentations. This class will cover the basics of creating and organizing a presentation.

### Excel 1

Monday, September 12 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.  
Instructor: Sean

Learn the basics 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, September 26 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.  
Instructor: Sean

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



## 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](mailto:bdcs@mybpl.org) to schedule an appointment.



# Teen Programs

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Join us to watch a great movie and enter for a chance to win a copy! Movie giveaway held at the conclusion of the movie and you must be present to win.

## Teen Movie Night (Drop-In)

### **Uncharted**

Wednesday, August 31 | 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

### **Fantastic Beasts:**

### **The Secrets of Dumbledore**

Wednesday, September 28 | 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.

## Teen Crafts @ BPL

### 📅 **Custom Tote Bag**

Wednesday, August 3 | 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Use one of the library's cutting machines in our Makerspace to create a custom tote bag. Limit 4 teens.

### 📅 **Strawberry Lemonade Candle**

Wednesday, August 17 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Make a sweet smelling candle that will remind you of summer all year long. Limit 10 teens.

### 📅 **Custom Buttons**

Wednesday, September 14 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Use the library's button machine to make your own unique buttons. Limit 10 teens.



## TAB: Teen Advisory Board (Drop-In)

Wednesday, September 21 | 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

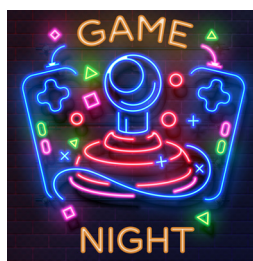
Make your voices heard! Join us monthly to meet over pizza to help plan programs for teens, make decisions for the library's teen space, play games, promote the library, earn volunteer hours, and more!

## Virtual SAT Practice Test

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, September 3 | link will be emailed



## Game Night (Drop-In)

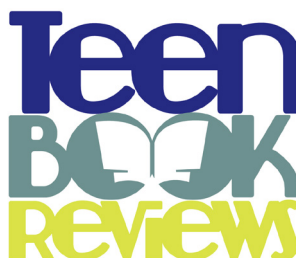
Thursdays, August 11 & 25, September 8 & 22  
6:00 – 8:30 p.m.

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!

## Teen Book Reviews

Love to read and looking to earn some service hours? Be sure to submit a book review! Your review will be featured on the library's social media accounts. Each review submitted will earn you one service hour. You can earn up to three service hours each month!

[www.mybpl.org/teenbookreviews](http://www.mybpl.org/teenbookreviews)



## Teen Book'd Bags

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



YA novel  
selected just  
for you!





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# Youth Programs

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## School Age Programs

### **Makerspace Madness**

Grade 3-6

Thursdays, August 11 & September 8 | 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

Come join us in the new Makerspace and make something awesome! In August, we will make custom buttons. In September, we will use 3D pens to design whatever your imagination creates!

### **Middle Grade Makers (Drop-In)**

Grades 4-8

Thursdays, August 18 & September 29 | 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Explore our new Makerspace as we create all sorts of fun and useful items. Each project will take anywhere from 15 minutes to an hour.

### **Kindness Storytime**

Grades K-2

Saturday, August 20 | 10:00 – 10:30 a.m.

Listen to a book about being kind, complete an interactive craft, and get ideas for future acts of kindness.

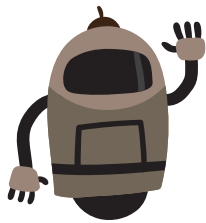


### **Back to School Crafting**

Grades 3-6

Monday, August 22 | 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Get ready for school by creating your own cute pencil toppers, bookmarks, and an owl pencil holder with our supplies.



### **Robot's Day Out (Drop-In)**

Grades K-6

Tuesday, August 23 | 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Come to the library to try out some of the robots we have in our science kit collection!

### **Sock Puppets**

Grades K-2

Monday, September 12 | 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

Make your own friend using a sock, yarn, and pom-poms.

## Take It, Make It

### **Take It, Make It STEM KIT**

Grades: 2-4

Pickup: September 19-23

Each kit contains activities demonstrating a STEM concept. Extended learning and explanation of concepts will be included.

### **Party with Elephant and Piggy**

Grades K-2

Thursday, September 22 | 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

Piggy's been invited to a party and she's bringing along Elephant and all her friends (that's you!) Join us for a fun afternoon of partytime fun!



### **Catapult Olympics**

Grades 3-6

Tuesday, September 27 | 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

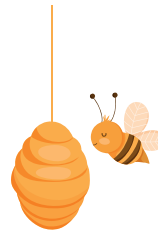
Build different kinds of catapults and test their range and accuracy with obstacles and targets.

### **Be a Friend to the Bees**

Grades K-2

Wednesday, September 28 | 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Sign up to learn more about bees and their importance to our environment.



## ALL AGES DROP-IN CRAFTS

• crafts available while supplies last •

### **Craft Time (Drop-In)**

All Ages

Fridays, August 5 & September 2

Stop by the Youth Services department anytime to create a fun craft.

### **Coloring Day (Drop-In)**

All Ages

Friday, September 23

Come to the library to celebrate Coloring Day! There will be individual coloring pages and large posters to work on collaboratively.

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# thank you volunteens

An extra special thank you to the fantastic teens we had in our VolunTeens program this summer.  
We couldn't do what we do without you!



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## Preschool Programs

### 📅 Gear Up for Kindergarten!

Ages 4-6

Wednesdays, August 3 & 10 | 3:00 – 3:45 p.m.

Practice circle time, letters, numbers, & colors to get ready for kindergarten this fall.

### 📅 Pop It Math!

Ages 3-6

Monday, August 8 | 2:00 – 2:45 p.m.

Pop it toys can be great learning tools! Caregivers can help their young children learn early math skills with these popular fidget toys.

### 📅 Baby, Let's Make Music

Ages 9 months – 2 years

Wednesday, August 17

10:00 – 10:30 a.m.

Join us for a parade of fun! We will explore the world of sound using an array of musical instruments.



### 📅 Paint by Digits

Ages 3-5 with caregiver

Tuesday, August 30 | 10:00 – 10:30 a.m.

Make a picture, make a swirl, and make a mess! Washable finger paints will be used, so wear clothes you don't mind getting messy.

### 📅 Yoga Storytime

Ages 3-6

Wednesday, September 7 | 6:00 – 6:30 p.m.

Yoga can calm the mind and help to focus energy and anxiety, even in preschool aged children! This storytime will incorporate breath and movement to stories, songs, and stretches. Be sure to dress comfortably for this storytime.

### 📅 Celebrate National

### Teddy Bear Day @ the Library

Ages 2-5

Friday, September 9 | 10:30 – 11:15 a.m.

Meet at the library for a Teddy Bear Parade! When the parade is over, leave your stuffed friend with our staff at the library and pick them up the next day to hear all about the fun they had!

### 📅 Happy Books, Happy Cooks

Ages 3-5

Thursday, September 15

6:00 – 6:30 pm

A storytime for all the budding chefs! Read a food-filled story and create a tasty treat.



### 📅 Preschool Process Art

Ages 2-5

Saturday, September 24 | 10:00 – 10:45 a.m.

Use tea bags in all different colors to create a watercolor painting.

## 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 and fall. The Storybook Trail is provided in partnership with the Bloomingdale Park District. Come out and enjoy!

## AUGUST Storytimes

### August Storytimes (Drop-In)

Families

Fridays in August | 10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Join us every Friday in August for in-person storytime. Listen to our staff read stories, sing songs, and tell rhymes. Limited to the first 20 children to arrive. Please note that our Community Storytime will replace this storytime on August 12.



### COMMUNITY STORYTIMES

#### Circle Park Storytime (Drop-In)

All Ages

Thursday, August 11 | 10:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Meet us at the picnic shelter in Circle Park for storytime! Weather permitting.

#### Community Helper Storytime: Police Department (Drop-In)

Age 1-5 with caregivers

Friday, August 12 | 10:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Come out for a special storytime with our helpers from the community.

# FALL Storytimes



Storytime Sessions are back at Bloomingdale Public Library!

The Youth Services department provides age-appropriate interactive fun with stories, sign language, music, and more. Each program runs for six weeks. Fall Storytimes run **September 12** through **October 21**.

*Please note there will be no Family Storytime on Friday, September 30.*

## LIMITED DROP-IN STORYTIMES

Open to the first 20 children to arrive for storytime

### Preschool Storytime

Ages 3-5  
Mondays, 1:30 – 2:00 p.m.

### Toddler Storytime

Ages 2-3 with caregiver  
Thursdays, 10:30 – 11:00 a.m.

### Family Storytime

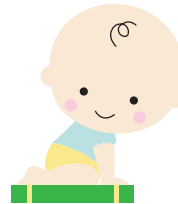
All ages with caregiver  
Fridays, 10:30 – 11:15 a.m.  
(no session September 30)



### Baby Tales (Drop-In)

Ages 0-24 months with caregiver  
Wednesdays  
10:00 – 10:30 a.m. and 10:45 – 11:15 a.m.

Baby Tales will introduce your baby to books, songs, rhymes, and movement that will aid in the development of early literacy skills.



### Come Together (Drop-In)

Ages 0-24 months  
Wednesdays | 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Every Wednesday, stop in to meet and chat with other parents & caregivers while your child socializes and explores with hands-on toys.

*\*Will be offered simultaneously with Baby Tales Storytime when in session.*



## 1000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN

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](mailto:bdys@mybpl.org).

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Their support helps our reading challenges succeed.

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Honey Baked Ham  
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