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/volunteermonth for more information

Friends of the Bloomingdale 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 Bloomingdale Public Library.
If interested, please contact the Friends at 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 to find out how to get yours!

wrap up your summer @ 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

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 • 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.
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.

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.
Registration required for some adult programs (noted with \( \square \)). 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.

**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 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.

- **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.

- **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

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.

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 for the Computer Classes playlist and catch up on any classes you may have missed!

RENT-A-TECH

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.
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 7-12 graders unless otherwise noted.

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.

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 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.

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

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!

Teen Book’d Bags

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

- YA novel selected just for you!
- Snack
- BPL Gift
Youth Programs

Registration required for some youth programs (noted with ☑). Virtual classes are noted with ☐.
Registration for August programs begins July 25 at 9:00 a.m. Registration for September programs begins August 22 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.

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.

☐ 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.

☐ 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!

☐ 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.

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!
Registration required for some youth programs (noted with ⓘ). Virtual classes are noted with ⏯️.
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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 storyline will incorporate breath and movement to stories, songs, and stretches. Be sure to dress comfortably for this storyline.

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 storyline 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.

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.

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

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.
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.

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.

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