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December 2022 through January 2023



## Snow is Falling BOOKS are Calling



# Winter Reading Program December 12 - February 3

Registration opens December 12 for all ages. Four ways to register:

online: mybpl.beanstack.org
 by phone: Adults/Teens: 630-924-2730
 by email: Adults/Teens: bdref@mybpl.org
 in person: Adults/Teens: Adult Reference Desk

mybpl.beanstack.org

Youth: 630-924-2740 Youth: bdys@mybpl.org

Youth: Youth Services Desk

The Winter Reading Program is open to Bloomingdale residents only.

#### Adult & Teen Program (7th grade to adult)

Cozy up with a warm drink and read! For every 120 minutes logged, earn an entry into our grand prize drawing.

**Grand Prizes:** \$25 Amazon gift card (2 winners)

#### Youth (Infants through 6th grade):

Join our Winter Reading challenge! Log 180 minutes to earn a free book. Turn in your log at the Youth Services desk by Friday, February 3 to receive your book prize and be entered into the Grand Prize Drawing.

**Grand Prizes:** Wolf Reading Prize Packs

#### **New to Winter Reading:**

#### **Using Previous Registrations:**

If you registered in our 2022 Summer Reading Program, your login information is also valid for Winter Reading and all future reading programs.

#### **Family Registration:**

You can register all family members under one account. Start your family registration at the Adult Services Desk.
Kids, teens, and adults will all log minutes read.
Reading to your child or sibling?
Those minutes count for you, too!

Paper logs are available at the Adult and Youth Services Desks.



## December 14 & 15 | 3:00 – 9:00 p.m. Open to all high school students, grades 9-12 (Drop-In)

Get ready for finals at the library's Exam Cram! We'll have group and quiet study areas, Wi-Fi, and computers. We'll provide caffeine, snacks, and opportunities to de-stress – you provide the brain power! Pizza served at 7:00 p.m.

### Library Closings: Closed Saturday December 24 through Monday December 26

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.

Closed Saturday, December 24 through Monday, December 26 in observance of the Christmas holiday

Closed Saturday, December 31 through Monday, January 2 in observance of the New Year's holiday

#### For updates to hours/services offered:

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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**

Registration required for some adult 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. Virtual classes are noted with 🗅.

#### The Biltmore Estate: America's Downton Abbey

Monday, December 5 | 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

The Biltmore Estate in Asheville, North Carolina combines the talents of landscape designer Frederick Law Olmstead and architect William Morris Hunt, who were collaborating at the very same time on portions of Chicago's 1893 World's Fair. In this slide lecture, art historian leff Mishur discusses the history, architecture, and landscape plan of Biltmore Estate.



**Zoom Webinar** 

#### **□** Christmas Music in the Movies

Monday, December 19 | 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

**Zoom Webinar** 

Ring in the season with style in this wonderfully wintry presentation! Enjoy lack Benny's hilarious holiday special and sing along with Bing Crosby, Judy Garland, and more stars in favorite Christmas movies. Watch musical clips from classic films including White Christmas, Meet Me in St. Louis, and Holiday Inn. Presented by retired teacher and film expert Steven Frenzel.



#### The Life of Bob Saget: America's Dad

Tuesday, December 20 | 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

When news broke that actor and comedian Bob Saget unexpectedly passed away in January 2022, fans everywhere were shocked and saddened. Historical presenter Michelle Gibbons will discuss his early life and rise to fame as well as the many roles he played in movies, television shows, and more that captivated audiences of all ages.



# **bplmakerspa**

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

> Registration Information: 4 per session, ages 12 to adult, BPL card required Please sign up for one session only

#### Custom Bottle Opener Magnet

Registration opens January 3 at 9:00 a.m. Register for one session:

Monday, January 9 | 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Monday, January 30 | 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.





#### Valentine's Day Paper Lanterns

Registration opens February 1 at 9:00 a.m. Register for one session:

Tuesday, February 7 | 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Monday, February 13 | 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

#### **At the Hop with Heather Braoudakis**

Tuesday, January 10 | 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Kick off your shoes and relive a classic sock hop! Please join us for an evening of your favorite songs fom the 1950s with Chicago Symphony Chorus Singer Heather Braoudakis.



#### 🛱 🗀 Aaron Douglas – Harlem Renaissance **Meets Art Deco**

Monday, January 16 | 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Famous for his murals at the Harlem branch of the New York Public Library, painter Aaron Douglas blended compelling narratives about Black history and culture with a modernist style. Art historian Jeff Mishur discusses Douglas and his relationship to the Harlem Renaissance movement during the period between the wars.



Zoom Webinar

#### **□** Gene Kelly – Dancing Storyteller

Monday, January 23 | 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Whether he's a charming American in Paris or Singin' in the Rain, Gene Kelly is one of the most memorable and beloved actors of all time. His contributions to film - as an actor, dancer, singer, director, producer, and choreographer – are simply unparalleled. Presented by retired teacher and film expert Steven Frenzel.



#### Radio in the 1950s: From Golden Age to TV Age Tuesday, January 24 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

The ascension of television led many of radio's biggest stars and shows to leave the old medium for the new one. This presentation examines how radio evolved as its Golden Age ended and a new age began, with news, talk,



music, and a new generation of comedy. Presented by Steve Darnall, host of Those Were the Days radio show.

#### ONGOING ADULT PROGRAMS

#### Great Decisions

Wednesdays, December 21 & January 18 | 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

The Great Decisions discussion program is a civic education program administered and produced by the Foreign Policy Association.

If you would like to join Great Decisions for the 2023 session, email Julie Deeke at jdeeke@mybpl.org.

#### **Genealogy Club (Drop-In)**

Wednesday, January 18 | 6:30 - 8:45 p.m. no Genealogy Club meeting in December



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 DISCUSION**

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

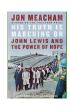
Saving Freedom: Truman, the Cold War, and the **Fight for Western Civilization** by Joe Scarborough

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



#### His Truth is Marching On: John Lewis and the Power of Hope by Jon Meacham

Tuesday, January 3 | 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 12 | 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.



**The Midnight Library** by Matt Haig

Monday, January 16 | 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.



# 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.



#### **Downton Abbey: A New Era**

Wednesday, December 7 | 1:00 - 3:30 p.m.

Follow-up to the 2019 feature film in which the Crawley family and Downton staff received a royal visit from the King and Queen of Great Britain. Rated PG



#### **Surviving Christmas**

Wednesday, December 21 | 1:00 - 3:30 p.m.

A lonely, obnoxious young millionaire pays a family to spend Christmas with him. Rated PG-13



#### **Top Gun: Maverick**

Wednesday, January 11 | 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

After more than thirty years of service as one of the Navy's top aviators, Pete Mitchell is where he belongs, still pushing the envelope as a courageous test pilot. Rated PG-13



#### Singin' in the Rain

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

A silent film star falls for a chorus girl just as he and his jealous screen partner are trying to make the difficult transition to talking pictures in 1920s Hollywood, Rated G

## 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. Virtual classes are noted with 🖨 and will be posted on our YouTube channel.

#### WORD PROCESSING, SPREADSHEETS, AND MORE!

#### ☐ Introduction to LibreOffice - Calc

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

LibreOffice is a free suite of office software comparable to Microsoft Office. This class is an introduction to the Calc program, a spreadsheet program similar to Excel.

#### **Macros**

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

Macros allow you to automate tasks in Microsoft Office programs. Design macros, both through recording and basic coding, as well as make them easier to find and use.

#### **Google Docs & Cloud Backup**

Monday, January 9 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. Instructor: Sean

Students will learn about cloud storage options to work collaboratively, access their saved items anywhere in the world, and provide a backup in case of computer failure. We will use Google's free applications, but alternatives will also be discussed.

### ☐ Microsoft Word: Common Problems

Thursday, January 12 | 7:00 p.m.

Instructor: Charlie

In this video, we discuss solutions to common issues patrons come across when working with Microsoft Word.

#### **Virus/Spyware Protection**

Monday, January 16 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

Examine the problems caused to computers by viruses, spyware, pop-ups, and other malicious programs, and discuss ways to avoid and remove them if necessary.

#### **Password Managers**

Monday, January 23 | 7:00 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

Curious about the various online tools for organizing and storing your passwords? This virtual class will explore options available and discuss the potential benefits in convenience while addressing security concerns.

# Classes

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

#### **Basic Computer Use**

Tuesday, January 10 | 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. Instructor: Sean

Learn the basics of computer use and dealing with Windows.

#### **Internet Use & Safety**

Tuesday, January 17 | 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, January 18 | 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. Instructor: Sean

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

#### **DESIGN TOOLS**

#### **Digitizing Audio Cassettes**

Thursday, December 15 | 7:00 p.m. Instructor: Salvador

Learn how to digitize your audiocassette tapes using our Digital Archiving Station in the computer lab. Create audio files for use on computers and other media storage (CDs, USB flash drives). We will also go over basic functions and editing of audio with Audacity and Adobe Audition.

#### **□** Blender - Textures

Thursday, January 19 | 7:00 p.m. Instructor: Charlie

In this course, we will look at the basics of adding color details to a 3D model in Blender. This can be helpful for planning a paint job for your 3D prints.

#### □ Canva 101 - Free Design Tools

Thursday, January 26 | 7:00 p.m. Instructor: Charlie

A beginner's introduction to the free online design and publishing tool.



**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.

Registration required for some teen programs (noted with 🖨). Register online, by phone at (630) 924-2730, or by email at bdref@mybpl.org.

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

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



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### Teen Crafts @ BPL

#### **Candy Sled**

Wednesday, December 21 | 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Craft a sled made from candy! Keep the sweet treat for yourself or give it as a gift. Limit 10 teens.

#### **DIY Brownie Candle**

Wednesday, January 11 | 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Calling all chocoholics! Make a sweet smelling chocolate brownie scented candle. Just try not to take a bite out of it! Limit 8 teens.



#### Game Night (Drop-In)

Thursdays, 6:00 – 8:30 p.m. December 8 & 22, January 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!

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

Wednesday, January 18 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Make your voices heard! Join us 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**

The Bloomingdale Library is ready to make a personalized book bag for you! Fill out a form on our website about what types of books you like and dislike. Once we receive your form, a librarian will personally select a book that you get to keep, and put it in a bag with other goodies. No need to return anything to the library! www.mybpl.org/teenbookbags



## Catch a Movie with BPL!



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.

#### Home Alone (PG)

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

#### **Chaos Walking (PG-13)**

Wednesday, January 25 | 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.



Meet our Teen Librarian to see a new release movie!

Meet at **The Picture Show, 324 Army Trail Rd in Bloomingdale.**Time will be announced to registrants before the film date.

Movie tickets and snacks will be provided. Limit 10 teens.

#### Avatar: The Way of Water (PG-13)

Friday, December 23 | Meeting Time TBA Registration begins Monday, November 28



## 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.

#### **ACT Practice Test**

Saturday, December 17 | link will be emailed on testing day

#### SAT Practice Test

Saturday, January 14 | link will be emailed on testing day

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## Youth Programs



Registration required for some youth programs (noted with 🖨). Registration for December programs begins November 28 at 9:00 a.m.

Registration for January programs begins December 27 at 9:00 a.m. Register online, by phone at (630) 924-2740, or by email at bdys@mybpl.org.

Virtual classes are noted with 📮 and will be posted on our YouTube channel. Please have your library card when you register.

## School Age Programs



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

Grades 4-8

Thursday, December 1 & January 5 | 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Explore our new Makerspace as we create all sorts of fun and useful items like keychains, coasters, custom buttons, and jewelry. Crafts will take anywhere from 15 minutes to an hour – drop by and see what's new each session!



Grade 3-6

Thursdays, December 8 & January 12 | 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

Come get some hands-on time with tech at Makerspace Club! December – light up holiday cards January – glow in the dark creations

#### Slime Time (Drop-In)

Grades 3-6

Monday, December 12 | 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Drop by after school and make THE BEST slime in all sorts of colors!

#### **Milk & Cookie Santa Plate Set**

Grades 1-6

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

Join us in the Makerspace to create a milk & cookie plate set for your family to use for years to come.

#### **LEGO® Club (Drop-In)**

Grades 1-6

Wednesday, December 21 | 1:30 - 2:15 p.m.

Can you use our LEGO® to complete the challenge?

#### Haiku Time (Drop-In)



Grades 3-6 Tuesday, |anuary 10 | 4:15 - 5:00 p.m.

Learn about haiku: what it is, where it came from, and why people love it, all while making your own!

#### Crochet Along with Miss Carol

Grade 3-8

YouTube video posted on January 15

Learn to crochet along with Miss Carol. Check our YouTube page for video tutorials for each project. A supply list and written instructions can be found on the library website. January project – Mug Cozies

#### Create Your Own Winter Gnome

Grades 3-6

Monday, January 16 | 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

What is the deal with gnomes? What makes them so popular? Join us to find out and to create your own winter gnome decoration.

#### Make a Paper Table Challenge

Grades 3-6

Monday, January 23 | 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Work together with a team of your peers to face an engineering challenge. This program focuses on collaboration, teamwork, and problem solving skills, rather than competition.

#### DIY Toys and Games

Grades 2-4

Tuesday, January 24 | 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

Using STEM concepts and provided materials, design and create fun games and toys you take home!

#### What's Poppin'?

Grades 3-6

Thursday, January 26 | 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

Concoct an individual popcorn seasoning to JUST your taste and get cool facts, tips, and ideas for popping up a party this winter!

#### Happy Chocolate Cake Day

Grades K-2

Wednesday, February 1 | 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Chocolate, chocolate – almost everyone loves chocolate! Come find out the science behind chocolate and enjoy some yummy treats.



#### Drop-In Scavenger Hunt: Sights & Sounds of the Holiday Season

All Ages December 1 - 30

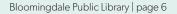
The holiday season is upon us! Stop into Youth Services to search for sights and sounds that represent holidays from around the world.



### Drop-In Scavenger Hunt: Penguins

All Ages January 20 - 27

It's Penguin Awareness Day! Come find some penguin facts in Youth Services and win a sticker.





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Please have your library card when you register.

## Preschool Programs

#### Pasta Prints (Drop-In)

Ages 3-5

Saturday, December 3 | 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Make creative designs with pasta shapes on air-dry clay, then hang them as fun decorations.

#### **Welcome to Whoville**

Ages 3-5

Tuesday, December 6 | 1:30 - 2:15 p.m.

Everyone in Whoville is gathering for a wonderful celebration with stories, crafts, and more!

#### **Come Together (Drop-In)**

Ages 0-24 months

Wednesdays, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Every Wednesday, meet and chat with other parents & caregivers while your child socializes and explores with hands-on toys. Will be offered simultaneously with Baby Tales and Tunes when in session. There will be no Come Together December 21 or 28.

#### **Celebrate Winter Animals**

Ages 3-5 years

Tuesday, December 13 | 10:30 – 11:15 a.m.

Some animals sleep through the winter, others move to a warmer place, and some find ways to stay warm and find food during the cold winter months. There will be stories, activities, and crafts to explore how animals cope with cold weather.

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**Families** 

Sunday, December 18 | 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Warm up and wind down for the day with some cocoa, cookies, and heartwarming stories.



#### **Playing with STEM**

Ages 2-5

Tuesday, December 20 | 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) are important learning areas for kids of all ages. Start your child early with our fun play to learn program! This month we will learn about colors and light.



**Families** 

Wednesdays, January 4, 11, 18, & 25 | 6:00 – 6:45 p.m.

Stay warm inside at BPL while it is so cold outside! Join us on Wednesday evenings in January for winter themed storytimes and crafts.

#### **Happy Books, Happy Cooks**

Ages 3-5

Thursday, January 19 | 6:00 – 6:30 pm

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



#### Craft Time (Drop-In)

All Ages

Saturday and Sunday, January 21 – 22

Stop by the Youth Services department anytime to create a Chinese New Year lantern. While supplies last.



Join us for Winter Reading!

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See page 1 for details on programs for all ages.

#### Valentines for Veterans

Wednesday, January 4 – Monday, February 6

The BPL Youth Services department will again sponsor their annual Valentines for Veterans program! We invite children and adults to make Valentine cards for veterans. All Valentine cards will be delivered to veterans who have served our country and are currently hospitalized at **Hines Veterans Hospital** in Hines, IL and **Jessie Brown Hospital** in Chicago.

Art and card supplies will be available at the Youth Services desk to create cards while visiting the library. Everyone is also welcome to bring in cards made at home from personal craft materials (please do not glue anything onto the card that may break off easily, and glitter is discouraged). **Please turn in all cards to the Youth Services desk.** Envelopes for cards are not required.



# Winter Stoytimes age-appropriate interactive fun with stories, sign language, music, and more. Storytimes are limited to the first 20 children to arrive.

Late Fall Storytime is three weeks:
November 28 through December 16

#### **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.



#### New Year Storytime session runs six weeks: lanuary 9 through February 17



#### **Baby Tales & Tunes**

Ages 0-24 months with caregiver
Wednesdays
10:00 – 10:20 a.m. OR
10:50 – 11:10 a.m.

Introduce your baby to the world of music, movement, rhymes, and books that will aid in the development of early literacy skills.

\*Check out Come Together, our playtime program done in conjunction with this program Wednesdays, 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. See pg. 7 for details.

## SPECIAL EVENT WITH ROSELLE PUBLIC LIBRARY



Angela Dominguez Author Visit Saturday, January 21 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. in the Lake Park West Auditorium 500 W. Bryn Mawr Avenue, Roselle

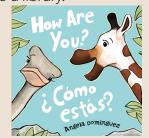
The **Roselle Public Library** will be hosting award-winning author/illustrator

**Angela Dominguez** on Saturday, January 21 from 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. at the Lake Park High School West Auditorium.

There will be a "how to draw" portion of the presentation, and Angela will be available to sign books afterward. Books will be available for sale thanks to assistance from Barnes & Noble.

The Roselle Public Library was the recipient of the Maureen Hayes Author/Illustrator Award, established by the Association of Library Services to Children (a division of the American Library Association) with Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing to bring together children and nationally recognized authors/illustrators by funding up to \$4,000 for an author/illustrator visit to a library.

Additional support for this event was given by Lake Park High School, the Bloomingdale Public Library, the Itasca Community Library, the Bloomingdale-Roselle Kiwanis, and the Roselle Fine Arts Academy.





#### **Limited Hours in December**

Be sure to visit the Makerspace by Saturday, December 17 to get in your last minute holiday crafts and gifts!

The Makerspace will be closed for the holiday starting Thursday, December 22 and will reopen for Bloomingdale cardholders on Thursday, January 5.