

# Find Your Voice!

BLOOMINGDALE  
PUBLIC LIBRARY

Summer  
Reading  
2023



## Hours:

Monday - Thursday: 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.  
Friday & Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
closed Sundays for summer beginning May 28

## Library Closings:

Monday, May 29 in observance of Memorial Day  
Tuesday, July 4 in observance of Independence 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.

# FIND YOUR VOICE!

## Youth Summer Reading Program

**Express yourself and read this summer!**

All participants can win prizes for reading! You can also enjoy the many programs and activities specially designed for the community this summer.

The Youth Summer Reading Program is open to infants through students entering sixth grade. Upon registration, each participant over age 2 receives a **Find Your Voice** t-shirt\* and a reading log. Babies will receive a different age-appropriate gift.

Sign up starting Thursday, June 1. Prizes are awarded for every 5 hours of reading.\* Children complete the program by reading 15 hours and will receive a book and an entry into the Grand Prize Drawing.

The Summer Reading Program is open to Bloomingdale residents only.

*\*Prizes and t-shirts are available while supplies last.*

*T-shirts are provided in partnership by the Friends of the Bloomingdale Library and the Bloomingdale Public Library. Prizes are subject to change due to availability.*

## Registration Information

Registration for Summer Reading begins on Thursday, June 1 and ends on Saturday, July 29.

Last day to check in reading logs for prizes is Saturday, July 29.

Please have your library card with you when you register.

Ways to register:

online:

**[mybpl.beanstack.org](http://mybpl.beanstack.org)**

by phone:

**(630) 924-2740**

by email:

**[bdys@mybpl.org](mailto:bdys@mybpl.org)**

in person:

**Youth Services Desk**

in app:

**Beanstack App  
for Apple and Android**

Track your progress in the Beanstack app or on paper. Paper logs are available at the Youth Services desk.



## Youth Prizes

300 minutes: Free Book

600 minutes: BPL Pop It Game

900 minutes: Free Book

### Grand Prizes

Winner's Choice -

One Year Museum or Zoo

Family Membership

Winners' Choice -

Bloomingdale Business Gift Card

\$50 Gift Card • \$25 Gift Card



# SPECIAL EVENTS

## Drop in for our fun special events!

These exciting programs *do not require registration* and are for children and adults of all ages. We hope to see you here!

### Smarty Pants Big Balloon Show

*Families*

Friday, June 16 | 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

This program will be out of this world! This outer space themed balloon show will include magic, comedy, and, of course, balloons!



### Firefly Family Theatre

*Families*

Tuesday, June 27 | 2:00 – 2:45 p.m.

Follow Spark the Firefly and all her friends in Firefly Grove! Includes original music, puppets, interactive movement, and more!

### Mr. Freeze Show

*Families*

Tuesday, July 18 | 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Join Fermilab's Mr. Freeze for an exciting cryogenic demonstration designed to get kids excited about science.



### Flying Fox Conservation Fund

*Families*

Tuesday, August 8 | 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Flying Fox Conservation Fund provides a hands-on approach to learning about animals that is both safe and fun. Stop by and see what animals visit the library!





# FOR CHILDREN

Register your  
child for the grade  
they will enter in  
fall of 2023.

## School Age Programs

### **Folk Tale Theater: "The Gingerbread Man"**

Grades K-2

Saturday, June 3 | 10:00 – 11:15 a.m.

Explore this classic folk tale through drama. Caregivers and siblings will be invited in at 11:00 a.m. for a performance.

### **Makerspace Club: STEM Time**

Grades 3-6

Thursdays, June 8 & July 13 | 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

Libraries are a great place to learn about science and technology while making cool stuff.

June – make notebooks and learn how scientists record their research

July – LED throwies to decorate anything magnetic

### **DIY Pool Noodle Horse or Unicorn**

Grades 1-6

Friday, June 9 | 1:30 – 2:15 p.m.

Join us in the Makerspace for an afternoon of crafting! Each participant will make their own pool noodle horse or unicorn.

### **Dragon Masters Book Party**

Grades K-2

Monday, June 12 | 3:15 – 4:00 p.m.

Do you have what it takes to be a true Dragon Master? If you are excited about this series, or a dragon lover at heart, come to this book party based on the popular series.



### **Magazine Strip Silhouette (Drop-In)**

Grades 4-6

Tuesday, June 13 | 4:00-4:45 pm

Come in and make art using magazine strips on various design shapes!



### **Bloomington Chess Club (Drop-In)**

Ages 8-18

Wednesdays, June 14 through July 26 | 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Play chess games against other kids, with time given for questions and instruction.

### **Coco Escape Room**

Grades 4-8

Thursday, June 15 | 3:00 – 3:30 p.m. or 4:00 – 4:30 p.m.

(choose one session)

Can you decode all the clues to escape from La Tierra de los Muertos? You and your small team must work together to be the first to figure out the secret message in time and unlock the door back to the land of the living!

### **This or That**

Grades 1-6

Thursday, June 22 | 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Raise your voice and let the library know what the kids of Bloomington like, "This or That" style. For some food questions, there will be tasting samples available.

### **Find Your Voice Writing Workshop**

Grades 3-6

Friday, June 30 | 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Start your own writing journal. First, decorate the front cover to make your journal uniquely yours. Then choose a writing prompt or follow your own muse. Each participant will receive a journal and pen. There will be time to share with the group, but sharing is not required.



## Music Kits

Children can check out a large variety of musical instruments and activities to foster their education and appreciation of music.

This is a free way to give children exposure to instruments, culture and sound that can satisfy their musical inquisitiveness and spark creativity.

And it's a lot of fun to bang on drums, jingle bells and strum strings!

The collection includes, but is not limited to:

- drums (snare, bongos, steel, hand) • ukuleles • keyboards • bells (hand, desk) •
- Boomwhackers • cultural/traditional instruments •
- Meditation kit •
- Karaoke machine when you just need to sing •

Check out a music kit today.

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# School Age Programs

## 📅 DIY Summer Tote

Grades 3-6

Wednesday, July 5 | 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

DIY your own summer tote with stencil designs, then fill it with some fun summer reads! Hear about some new titles for your new grade while you craft.

## 📅 Broadway Bops Dance Party (Drop-In)

Grades K-2

Friday, July 7 | 1:30 – 2:15 p.m.

Sing and dance along with *The Lion King*, *Aladdin*, *Cinderella*, *High School Musical*, *Annie*, and more!

## 📅 Wings of Fire Book Party

Grades: 3-6

Monday, July 10 | 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Do you love the “Wings of Fire” book series? Join us for trivia, crafts, and more about this series, including some read alike suggestions.

## LEGO® Club (Drop-In)

Grades 1-6

Tuesday, July 11 | 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Design and build with the library’s LEGO® supply to complete the challenge.

## Candy Necklaces (Drop-In)

Grades 3-6

Friday, July 14 | 3:00 – 3:45 p.m.

Create a fun sweet treat to wear and eat!

## Crochet Along with Miss Carol

Grades 3-8

YouTube Video Post July 15

Learn to crochet along with Miss Carol. Check the BPL 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 quarterly. **July Project: Simple Sleeveless Top**



## Open Mic Afternoon (Drop-In)

Grades 3-6

Monday, July 24 | 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Crack a joke! Share your favorite poem! Tell a story! Sing a song! Tell us something important to you! Whatever way you want to express your voice...now's your chance. Bring friends, share snacks, and speak out.



## 📅 Drum Circle

Grades 2-6

Tuesday, July 25 | 5:00 – 5:45 p.m.

Feel the energy of percussion in a fun and rhythm-filled drum circle where everyone participates.



## 📅 Gear Up for Kindergarten

Incoming Kindergarteners

Wednesdays, July 26, August 2 & 9 | 3:00 – 3:45 p.m.

Practice “circle time,” letters, numbers, and colors to get ready for kindergarten this fall.

## 📅 Super Science Kit Spectacular

Grades 1-6

Thursday, July 27 | 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Robots, VR, and STEM are just a few subjects found in our Science Kit collection. These kits are not only educational but lots of fun, especially on rainy days or to keep kids learning throughout the summer.

## Homemade Italian Sodas (Drop-In)

Grades 3-6

Tuesday, August 1 | 3:00 – 3:45 p.m.

Come create a delicious but healthier alternative soda drink!

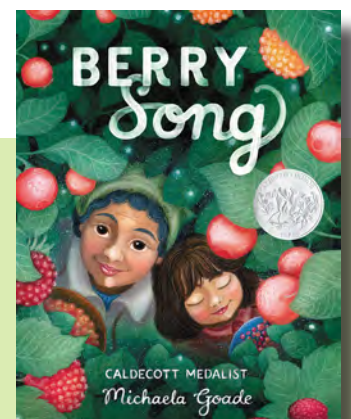
Wish you could walk and read at the same time? You can!  
Take a stroll on the

## storybook trail

Located around Circle Park, a story awaits your family as you walk the trail.

A new story, **Berry Song** by Michaela Goade, is now available.

This lovely activity combines walking, reading, and family fun! The Storybook Trail is provided in partnership with the Bloomingdale Park District. Come out and enjoy!



# FOR CHILDREN

## Preschool Programs

### Playing with STEM (Drop-In)

Ages 2-5

Tuesdays, June 13 & August 15 | 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. Each week, we will have different stations for kids to explore.  
June – birds and how they fly  
August – structures and building

### Soup Opera

Ages 2-5

Tuesday, June 20 | 1:30 – 2:00 p.m.

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

### Happy Books, Happy Cooks Storytime

Ages 3-5

Thursdays, June 29 & July 13 | 6:00 – 6:30 p.m.

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



### Oceans of Fun

Ages 3-5

Tuesday, July 11 | 1:30 – 2:15 p.m.

When you can't go to the ocean, we bring the ocean to you! Have fun learning about ocean animals through stories, crafts, and games!

### Baby, Let's Make Music (Drop-In)

0-24 months

Wednesdays, August 9 & 23  
10:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Join us for a parade of fun!  
We will explore the world of music and movement using an array of instruments, flannel stories, rhymes, and songs.



## Family Fun!

### Craft Time (Drop-In)

Families

Fridays, June 2 & July 7 | 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Come make a rainbow craft. While supplies last.

### Sing and Snack Around the World (Drop-In)

Families

Tuesday, June 6 | 1:30 – 2:15 p.m.

Come together and enjoy snacks and songs from many cultures in many languages.

### Family Game Night

Families

Thursday, June 8 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Bring the whole family to the library for a night of fun and giant board games! Play life-size versions of Checkers, Connect 4, Twister, and more!



### Sing Along Interactive Movies (Drop-In)

Families

Friday, June 23 – *The Little Mermaid*

Friday, July 21 – *Encanto*

1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Come sing and play with props, prompts, and sign language as we celebrate characters finding their own special voices.



### Design Squad Challenge: Water Craft (Drop-in)

Families

Monday, July 31 | 6:00 – 7:15 p.m.

Outdoor program (weather permitting)

How many pennies can you add to your family's boat before it sinks? This program focuses on collaboration, teamwork, and problem-solving skills.





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# Summer Drop-In Storytimes

Children of all ages, join us for a storytime! The Youth Services department provides age-appropriate interactive fun with stories, sign language, music, and more. Summer Storytimes run **June 19 through July 28**.

Family Storytimes will be outside, weather permitting.

## Limited Storytimes

Open to the first 20 children to arrive at 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.

## Baby Tales & Tunes

Ages 0-24 months with caregiver

Wednesdays, 10:00- 10:20 a.m. or 10:50 – 11:10 a.m.

(choose one session)

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

## Summer Evening Storytime

Families

Wednesdays, June 14, 21, & 28,  
July 12 & 19 | 6:00 – 6:45 p.m.

Start your long summer evenings winding down with summer themed stories and crafts.

## Circle Park Storytime

All Ages

Thursdays, June 15, July 13, & August 10  
10:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Join us for outdoor summer storytimes in Circle Park. Meet us at the picnic shelter! Weather permitting.

# BPL Calming Space

## The BPL Calming Space

was developed to be a comforting place for children and adults in need of a quiet space in the library. It can be used for the following activities:

- A private space away from noise for children and families
- A private area for breastfeeding or pumping
- A calming environment for a child in need

BPL strives to create diverse, accessible, and inclusive spaces with unique learning opportunities for all children and families.

To use the Calming Space, stop by the Youth Services Desk. The space is available on a first come, first served basis, no advanced reservations.

*The furniture and activity panels in this space were generously donated by the estate of Mr. Dominic Froio.*



# VISIT YOUR LIBRARY AND *Check Out a Museum!*



**Explore More Illinois** is a cultural pass program that provides discounts at museums, visual and performing arts centers, park districts, and more around the state. (*noted with **EMIL** below*)

History and culture that educates and entertains – that's what awaits you at BPL!  
Use your library card to receive a **Museum Adventure Pass** and get free admission or a special discount at select area museums. (*noted with **MAP** below*)



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| Air Classic Museum of Aviation (Sugar Grove) <b>MAP</b>                       | German American Heritage Center & Museum (Davenport, IA) <b>EMIL</b>                                 |
| American Writers Museum (Chicago) <b>EMIL MAP</b>                             | Governor John Wood Mansion from the Historical Society of Quincy & Adams County (Quincy) <b>EMIL</b> |
| Anderson Japanese Gardens (Rockford) <b>EMIL</b>                              | Hegeler Carus Mansion (LaSalle) <b>EMIL</b>  |
| Annoyance Theater (Chicago) <b>EMIL</b>                                       | Illinois Holocaust Museum (Skokie) <b>EMIL MAP</b>   |
| Aurora Regional Fire Museum (Aurora) <b>MAP</b>                               | Illinois Railway Museum (Union) <b>MAP</b>   |
| Bess Bower Dunn Museum of Lake County (Libertyville) <b>MAP</b>               | Kankakee County Museum (Kankakee) <b>EMIL</b>  |
| Bix Beiderbeck Museum & Archive (Davenport, IA) <b>EMIL</b>                   | Kenosha Public Museum (Kenosha, WI) <b>EMIL</b>  |
| Bronzeville Children's Museum (Chicago) <b>MAP</b>                            | KidsWork Children's Museum (Frankfort) <b>MAP</b>  |
| Brookfield Zoo (Brookfield) <b>MAP</b>  | Lansing Historical Society (Lansing) <b>EMIL</b>   |
| Buffalo Grove Park District Community Arts Center (Buffalo Grove) <b>EMIL</b> | Lincoln Heritage Museum (Lincoln) <b>EMIL</b>  |
| Butterworth Center & Deere-Wiman House (Moline) <b>EMIL</b>                   | Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art (Oak Brook) <b>EMIL MAP</b>  |
| Cantigny Park (Wheaton) <b>MAP</b>  | Love's Sweet Arrow (Tinley Park) <b>EMIL</b>   |
| Cernan Earth and Space Center at Triton College (River Grove) <b>MAP</b>      | Mary and Leigh Block Museum of Art (Evanston) <b>EMIL</b>  |
| Chicago Academy of Sciences   | McCormick Bridgehouse & Chicago River Museum (Chicago) <b>EMIL</b>                                   |
| Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum (Chicago) <b>EMIL</b>                           | Metropolis Performing Arts Center (Arlington Heights) <b>EMIL</b>                                    |
| Chicago Botanic Garden (Glencoe) <b>MAP</b>                                   | Mitchell Museum of the American Indian (Evanston) <b>MAP</b>   |
| Chicago Children's Museum (Chicago) <b>EMIL</b>                               | Museum of Science and Industry (Chicago) <b>EMIL</b>   |
| Chicago History Museum (Chicago) <b>EMIL</b>                                  | Museum of the Grand Prairie (Mahomet) <b>EMIL</b>  |
| Chicago Maritime Museum (Chicago) <b>EMIL</b>                                 | Naper Settlement (Naperville) <b>MAP</b>   |
| Children's Museum in Oak Lawn (Oak Lawn) <b>MAP</b>                           | Oriental Institute Museum (Chicago) <b>MAP</b>   |
| Civil War Museum (Kenosha, WI) <b>EMIL</b>                                    | Paupp Museum (Buffalo Grove) <b>EMIL</b>   |
| Dillon Home Museum (Sterling) <b>EMIL</b>                                     | Peoria Riverfront Museum (Peoria) <b>EMIL</b>  |
| Dinosaur Discovery Museum (Kenosha, WI) <b>EMIL</b>                           | Pleasant Home Foundation (Oak Park) <b>MAP</b>   |
| Discovery Center Museum (Rockford) <b>EMIL</b>                                | Pritzker Military Museum & Library (Chicago) <b>EMIL</b>   |
| DuPage Children's Museum (Naperville) <b>EMIL</b>                             | Rockford Art Museum (Rockford) <b>EMIL</b>   |
| DuPage Symphony Orchestra (Naperville) <b>EMIL</b>                            | Rockford Symphony Youth Orchestra (Rockford) <b>EMIL</b>   |
| Elgin History Museum (Elgin) <b>MAP</b>                                       | Soul Healing Arts (Peoria) <b>EMIL</b>   |
| Elgin Public Museum (Elgin) <b>MAP</b>  | St. Charles Heritage Museum (St. Charles) <b>MAP</b>   |
| Elgin Symphony Orchestra (Naperville) <b>EMIL</b>                             | Tinker Swiss Cottage Museum & Gardens (Rockford) <b>EMIL</b>   |
| Ellwood House Museum (DeKalb) <b>MAP</b>                                      | Vermillion County Museum (Danville) <b>EMIL</b>  |
| Ernest Hemingway Foundation of Oak Park (Oak Park) <b>EMIL</b>                | Volo Auto Museum (Volo) <b>MAP</b>   |
| Exploration Station...a children's museum (Bourbonnais) <b>EMIL</b>           | Wheels O' Time (Dunlap) <b>EMIL</b>  |
| Geneva Lake Museum (Lake Geneva, WI) <b>MAP</b>                               |  |

Visit [www.mybpl.org/museumpass](http://www.mybpl.org/museumpass) to browse attractions and plan your visit from any computer, tablet, or smartphone.  
List of participating attractions and their offers is subject to change.



# FIND YOUR VOICE!

## Adult & Teen Summer Reading Program

Thursday, June 1 – Saturday, July 29

Bloomington adults and teens, join our 2023 Summer Reading Program!

Sign up and read for a chance to win great prizes. Ways to register:

online:

[mybpl.beanstack.org](https://mybpl.beanstack.org)

by email:

[bdref@mybpl.org](mailto:bdref@mybpl.org)

in app:

**Beanstack App**  
for Apple and Android

by phone:

**(630) 924-2730**

in person:

**Adult Services Desk**

When you register, you'll receive our custom t-shirt, compliments of BPL and the Friends of the Bloomington Public Library (while supplies last). They go fast, so sign up early!

### Highlights:

**Using Previous Registrations:** If you registered for any of BPL's 2022 reading programs, your login information is valid for 2023 Summer Reading and all future reading programs. If you do not remember your login info, a librarian can look it up.

**Family Registration:** You can register all family members under one account. Start your family registration at either the Adult or Youth Services desks. *Reading to your child or sibling? Those minutes count for you, too!*

**Free Schaumburg Boomer Baseball Tickets:** Sign up for Summer Reading to earn free tickets for Bloomington Public Library Day at Wintrust Field! Tickets are for the Wednesday, August 9 night game against the Joliet Slammers.

**Beanstack App:** Download the optional app for Apple or Android to easily track minutes and stats like reading streaks. The app makes participating fun and easy! Paper logs remain available for those who prefer in-person tracking.



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For every 300 minutes read, receive an entry into the grand prize drawing for a gift card of your choice. Earn extra entries by completing challenges. The more you read and participate, the better your chances to win! Final drawing winners will be announced at the Ice Cream Social in August.

### Adults

#### Reading Prizes

300 minutes: BPL Trunk Tote

#### Grand Prizes

*Winners' Choice - Bloomington Business Gift Card*

\$100 Gift Card • \$75 Gift Card

\$50 Gift Card • \$25 Gift Card

### Teens (Entering Grades 7-12)

#### Reading Prizes

300 minutes: Candy Bar

600 minutes: BPL Trunk Tote

900 minutes: Free Book

#### Grand Prizes

*Winners' Choice - Bloomington Business Gift Card*

\$75 Gift Card • \$50 Gift Card • \$25 Gift Card

*Thank you to the many area businesses and organizations that help make our program a success!*

# FOR TEENS

Teen programs  
are open to  
teens entering  
7-12th grade in  
fall of 2023.

## Catch a Movie with Us!



### Meet Me @ THE MOVIES

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



Join us to watch a movie together and eat some snacks - you can even enter for a chance to win the movie!

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

Drop-in, no registration necessary

#### **Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse**

Friday, June 23

registration begins  
Tuesday, May 30



#### **Barbie**

Friday, July 21

registration begins  
Monday, June 26



#### **Dear Evan Hansen**

Wednesday, June 28  
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.



#### **Super Mario Bros. Movie**

Wednesday, July 26  
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

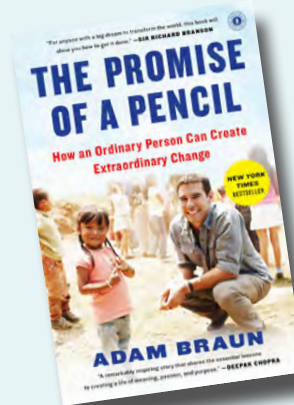


## Do you have a summer reading assignment for school?

We can help!

Visit [www.mybpl.org/teenreads](http://www.mybpl.org/teenreads)

to find your school's list,  
then click on your  
school to find books  
to check out.



We have a variety of formats available -  
books, ebooks, and audiobooks - so you can  
get the version that is best for you.

Contact [bdref@mybpl.org](mailto:bdref@mybpl.org) with any  
questions or issues.



(Drop-In)

Thursdays,  
June 22 & July 27  
6:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Join other teens for gaming on our big  
screens or a tabletop! Check out the  
Nintendo Switch, race in Mario Kart 8,  
brawl in Super Smash Bros., battle in  
Overwatch, or discover your new favorite  
tabletop or board game!



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## Teen Crafts @ BPL

### Take & Make Crafts

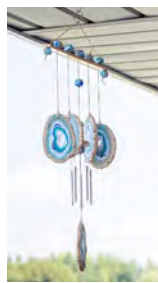
#### 📅 Origami Flowers

Registration begins Monday, May 8

Limit 12 teens

Kit pickup begins Monday, June 5

This kit has everything you need to create beautiful, multi-color origami flower bouquets.



#### 📅 Geode Wind Chime

Registration begins Monday, June 12

Limit 12 teens

Kit pickup begins Monday, July 3

Create a wind chime by blending clay to create geodes and beads.

### In-Person

#### Perler Bead Club (Drop-In)

Wednesdays, June 21 & July 19 | 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Join us on the third Wednesday of each month in the Makerspace for Perler Bead Club. Choose from tons of different patterns to create a fun and colorful work of art using Perler beads.



#### 📅 Bamboo Wall Planter

Wednesday, June 14 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Craft a cute wall planter for some lucky bamboo. Limit 10 teens.



#### 📅 Desert Terrarium

Wednesday, July 5 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Create a desert terrarium for tiny cacti. Limit 10 teens.

## Build Your Skills this Summer!

Improve your skills this summer with BPL's online resources and never be bored while learning something new to put on your resume or college application!

Check out our databases at [www.mybpl.org/onlinelearning](http://www.mybpl.org/onlinelearning) and see what you can learn this summer!

**pronunciator:** PERSONALIZED LANGUAGE LEARNING

Learn over 80 languages using **Pronunciator**, which includes courses, live conversation groups, and more. English language learners can learn using 50 non-English languages. Also includes downloadable phrasebooks for travel. Download the app for mobile use.

Love books? Answer a few questions about what you like to read and a librarian will select a book for you each month. Your books DO NOT have to be returned to the library, they are yours to keep! Receive a YA novel, snack, and a BPL gift each month.

Your book bag subscription will begin the month following form submission.

Visit [www.mybpl.org/teenbookbags](http://www.mybpl.org/teenbookbags) to get started.

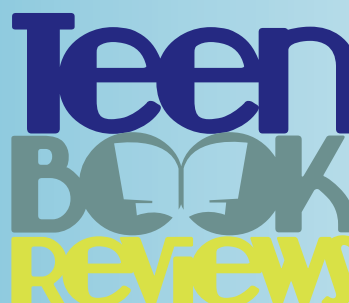


Love to read and looking to earn some service hours? Be sure to submit a book review! Your review will be featured on the library's social media accounts.

Each review submitted will earn you one service hour.

You can earn up to three service hours each month!

Visit [www.mybpl.org/teenbookreviews](http://www.mybpl.org/teenbookreviews) to get started!



# FOR ADULTS

## **Curator of Warhol 2023 – College of DuPage Special Exhibit**

Monday, June 12 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

*In-Person Event*

Join us for an evening with curator Justin Witte as he discusses the special art exhibit on display at the College of DuPage, "Andy Warhol Portfolios: A Life in Pop," which runs June 3 – September 10, 2023.



## **HYBRID: Writing Narrative Nonfiction for the Modern Market**

Tuesday, June 13 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

*In-Person Event + Zoom Webinar*

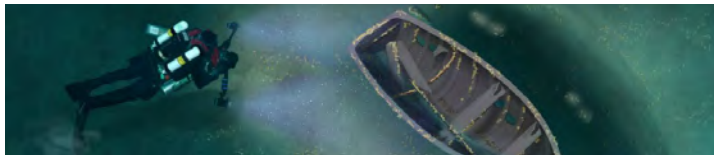
Ever since *The Devil in the White City* exploded onto the scene, narrative nonfiction has been a hot market for writers. Having published 13 nonfiction titles, local author William Hazelgrove shows us how to research and develop a storyline and then how to pitch to publishers with only a proposal. Books will be available for purchase and signed by the author.

## **VIRTUAL: Shooting Shipwrecks: The Stories Behind the Photos**

Monday, June 26 | 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

*Zoom Webinar*

Award winning shipwreck photographer Cal Kothrade uses dozens of his beautiful images to tell stories of high seas adventure, danger, and drama experienced over more than a decade of searching out and photographing some of the world's most haunting shipwrecks. He discusses how he got into diving, the type of equipment needed to dive, and his shooting camera gear.



## **Radio in the 1950s: From Golden Age to TV Age**

Tuesday, June 27 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

*In-Person Event*

The ascension of television led many of radio's biggest stars and shows to leave the old medium for the new one. Examine how radio evolved as its Golden Age ended and a new age began, with news, talk, music, and a new generation of comedy with Steve Darnall, host of *Those Were the Days* radio show.

## **VIRTUAL: Planning an Active Retirement**

Monday, July 10 | 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

*Zoom Webinar*

How might you live your best life in the early years of retirement and semi-retirement? Join retired salesperson and community college professor Gene Flynn as we explore many options for encore careers, gig and volunteer work, and lifelong learning. Retirement is a major life change, and some early planning can go a long way.

## **HYBRID: Finding the Novel Inside of You**

Tuesday, July 11 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

*In-Person Event + Zoom Webinar*

We all have a novel inside of us, a story burning to be told. Local author William Hazelgrove shares his secrets and methods to getting started and keeping at it through the first draft and subsequent revisions. Books will be available for purchase and signed by the author.



## **Parks of Montana and the Dakotas**

Tuesday, July 18 | 7:00-8:00 p.m.

*In-Person Event*

The Dakotas and Montana are filled with wide-open spaces where the buffalo still roam. Travel the Badlands of North and South Dakota, see the four presidents carved into Mount Rushmore, tour the majestic mountains of Glacier National Park, and learn about legendary figures of the western frontier like Lewis and Clark, Theodore Roosevelt, Crazy Horse, and Sitting Bull with retired librarian Nancy McCully.

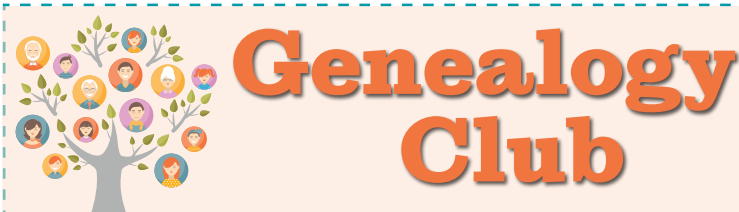


## **VIRTUAL: The Sweetest Job Ever – My Time in the Candy Industry**

Monday, July 24 | 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

*Zoom Webinar*

Historical presenter Jim Gibbons will discuss his years as a sales representative for the E.J. Brach & Sons Candy Company. From the enticing chocolate smell of the plant to the eye-twinkling displays in the stores, learn about the competitive advertising, aisle appeal, and psychological warfare used by famous candy companies.



Wednesdays, June 21 & July 19  
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.



Registration required for some adult programs (noted with 📄).

Programs are in-person unless specified in program description.

Register online, by phone at (630) 924-2730, or by email at [bdref@mybpl.org](mailto:bdref@mybpl.org).

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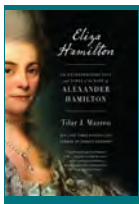


# book discussion groups

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).



***Eliza Hamilton: The Extraordinary Life and Times of the Wife of Alexander Hamilton***

by Tilar J. Mazzeo

Tuesday, June 6

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.



***When America First Met China: An Exotic History of Tea, Drugs, and Money in the Age of Sail***

by Eric Jay Dolin

Tuesday, July 11

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).

***I Must Betray You***

by Ruta Sepetys

Monday, June 19

7:30 – 8:30 p.m.

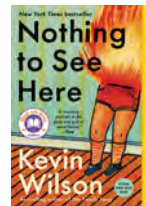


***Nothing to See Here***

by Kevin Wilson

Monday, July 17

7:30 – 8:30 p.m.



Join BPL on **Goodreads!** Get reading suggestions and book reviews shared by library staff and Board. [www.goodreads.com/mybpl](http://www.goodreads.com/mybpl)



# 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.



***Tár***

Wednesday, June 7 | 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Set in the international world of Western classical music, the film centers on Lydia Tár, widely considered one of the greatest living composer-conductors and the very first female director of a major German orchestra. *Rated R*



***Devotion***

Wednesday, July 5 | 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

A pair of U.S. Navy fighter pilots risk their lives during the Korean War and become some of the Navy's most celebrated wingmen.

*Rated PG-13*



***A Man Called Otto***

Wednesday, June 21 | 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Otto is a grump who has given up on life following the loss of his wife and wants to end it all - until a young family moves in nearby, leading to a friendship that will turn his world around. *Rated PG-13*



***The Color of Money***

Wednesday, July 19 | 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Fast Eddie Felson teaches a cocky but immensely talented protégé the ropes of pool hustling, which in turn inspires him to make an unlikely comeback. *Rated R*

# FOR ADULTS

## bplmakerspacecrafts



Learn how to use the BPL Makerspace equipment to make creative crafts.  
Computer experience is required.

### Registration Details:

*4 per session, ages 12 to adult, BPL card required.*

### **Custom Etched Glass Mug**

Registration opens June 1 at 9:00 a.m for all sessions.

Register for one session:

Wednesday, June 14 | 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Monday, July 10 | 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Monday, June 26 | 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, July 12 | 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

## online resources



### EMBRACE YOUR CREATIVITY AND FIND YOUR VOICE WITH creativebug®

Find thousands of online art and craft classes to spark your creativity and help with your DIY projects.

From knitting to cookie decorating, you're sure to find something new!

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with your  
library card!  
Visit [www.mybpl.org/onlinelearning](http://www.mybpl.org/onlinelearning)  
for details.

### GALE COURSES

Online courses for business professionals, teachers, health care workers, and lifelong learners. The six week courses are taught by college instructors and experts in the field.

### LinkedIn Learning

Video tutorials on tech and business skills, including graphic and web design, business and career skills, photography, software, and much more.

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# Quilt Drawing

## To celebrate the **Loose Threads Quilt Group's 20th anniversary,**

the group is making a commemorative quilt prize for library patrons! Stop by the library in July to enter the prize drawing.



*photo representation - actual quilt may be different*

## online resources



Online help with job coaching, interviewing, and resumes. Upload your resume to receive expert feedback. Assistants are available online 3:00-10:00 p.m.

**pronunciator:**

Learn over 80 languages using Pronunciator, which includes courses, live conversation groups, and more. English language learners can learn using 50 non-English languages. Also includes downloadable phrasebooks for travel. Download the app for mobile use.

**EBSCO**  
LearningExpress®

If you're looking to keep up, stay competitive, or get ahead, you'll need to know how to use today's most popular computer programs, including Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Office, and more. These easy-to-use courses will teach you everything you need to know and help make your goals a reality—all designed to fit your current skill level and schedule.

Online test preparation materials and interactive practice exams based upon official tests such as the **ACT**, **SAT**, and **GMAT**. Also includes online computer tutorials, tests for various professions, U.S. citizenship preparation, and much more.

**MORNINGSTAR®**

Investment information on mutual funds, stocks, and exchange traded funds.

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Product ratings and reviews, recommendations, and buying advice.



# TECH CLASSES

## GETTING STARTED series

*In these friendly introductory classes for all ages, we'll give you lots of guided hands-on practice and time to ask questions. These classes are all in-person at BPL.*

### Getting Started: Computer Basics

Tuesday, June 13 | 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.  
Instructor: Sean

Get an introduction to computer topics intended for absolute beginners. Learn the basics of computer use and working with Windows.

### Getting Started: Internet Use & Safety

Tuesday, June 20 | 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.  
Instructor: Sean

Join our discussion about browsing the web, how the cloud works, how to avoid viruses, and using email.

### Getting Started: Tablets & Smartphones

Tuesday, June 27  
2:00 - 3:30 p.m.  
Instructor: Salvador

Learn how to install and use apps, edit settings, and take advantage of the basic features of Apple or Android phones and tablets.

## Master MICROSOFT EXCEL

### Excel 1

Monday, June 19 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.  
Instructor: Sean

Discover the basic concepts of creating and using spreadsheets. We'll discuss formatting, designing, and sorting spreadsheets along with the first steps towards creating formulas and using functions.

### Excel 2

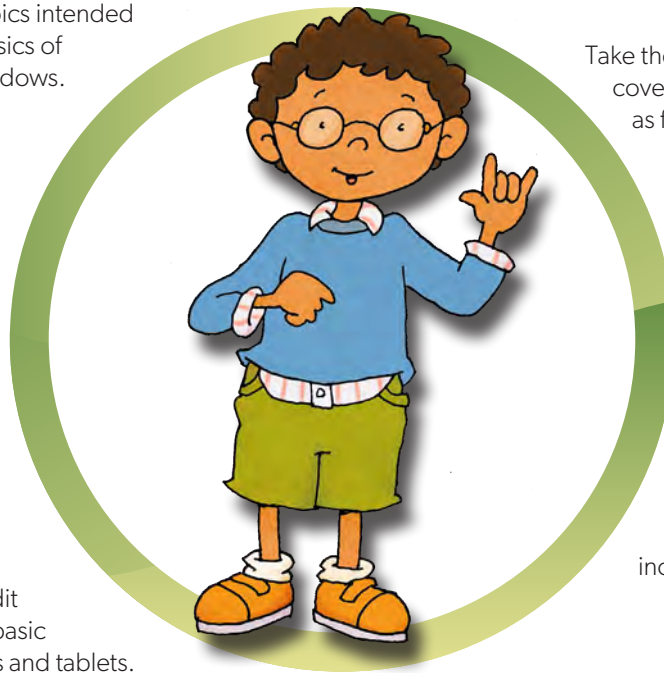
Monday, July 3 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.  
Instructor: Sean

Take the next step in learning Excel! This class covers more advanced topics in Excel such as formulas, graphs, and linking between multiple worksheets.

### Excel 3

Monday, July 17 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.  
Instructor: Sean

Explore content covered in Excel 1 and 2 in more depth, including advanced formatting techniques to make your spreadsheets look particularly sharp, formula and function tricks to work with complex data, and chart options to better present your information. Class will include several exercises allowing you to practice your skills and ask questions.



## BPL DIGITAL ARCHIVE STATION

Do you have items you'd like to convert to digital to create a lasting archive, take up less space at home, or make them more convenient to access on the go? Stop in to BPL to use our Digital Archive Station! Use the Archive Station to convert the following formats to digital:

- Home movies on VHS, DVD, or other film formats •
- Personal audio cassettes (interviews with family, personal recordings, etc) •
- Printed photos, negatives, or slides •
- Personal papers (certificates, paper mementos, and more) •

*We have helpful staff on hand in the computer lab to get you started, or make a **Rent-A-Tech** appointment for more one-on-one help. Also consider the Digitize Everything program listed with our Tech Classes.*



Registration is encouraged for computer classes to receive program updates.  
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Classes are in-person unless stated otherwise in class description.

## LEARN SOMETHING NEW!

### Video Calls: Zoom, Teams, & More

Monday, June 12 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

Whether you are connecting with friends and family, learning from video conferences, or participating in a remote medical appointment, video calls have become a valuable tool over the past several years. We will work with examples in popular applications Zoom and Teams to build our skills and discuss situations students might encounter on their own.

### iPhone Basics

Thursday, June 29 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Instructor: Salvador

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

### Google Docs & Cloud Backup

Monday, July 10 | 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.

### Digitize Everything

Thursday, July 13 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Instructor: Salvador

Do you have old pictures either printed or in 35mm? What about home movies on VHS, DVD, or other formats? Old audio on cassette? Learn how to convert all of these formats to digital files at the library for free! Instruction will include demos and time for questions, as well as recommendations on how to use the files created.

### Cutting the Cord

Monday, July 24 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

Explore entertainment options beyond paying for cable. We will discuss how to connect your TV or other devices to streaming services, what options are out there to replace or improve on current service, and how to determine what's right for you.

## 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.



## DIGITAL DESIGN

### Virtual: Basic 3D Animation with Blender

Thursday, June 8 | 7:00 p.m.

Instructor: Charlie

Learn to animate in 3D! We will build off our previous Blender courses (Graphics Design, Armature Basics, and Textures – all available on our YouTube channel) to put 3D models into motion.

### Makerspace: Introduction to Cricut Design Space

Wednesday, July 12 | 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Instructor: Charlie

Get started using Cricut Design Space, the free design software used with the Cricut Maker cutting machine in our Makerspace! The Cricut Maker can cut designs in paper, vinyl, fabric, and more.

### Inkscape for Beginners

Thursday, July 20 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Instructor: Charlie

Vector graphics have a clean look, small file size, and scale perfectly, which makes them ideal for website graphics, branding logos, and printed images of any size. Get an introduction to working with vector graphics using Inkscape, the free alternative to Adobe Illustrator.

### Fix Your Pictures for Free

Thursday, July 27 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Instructor: Salvador

Learn to use free programs IrfanView and Paint.NET to perform basic photo editing, including how to crop, rotate, and adjust images. We will also discuss printing options, batch conversion capabilities, and multipage image file extractions.



# Friends of the Bloomingtondale Public Library

Are you interested in getting involved in your community and supporting your library?  
Then consider joining the Friends of the Bloomingtondale Public Library!

The Friends is a group that raises funds and volunteers at special events at the library.

## **participate in Summer and Winter Reading?**

The Friends help fund our summer t-shirt giveaway and many of our prizes for both programs.

## **participate in ongoing library programs?**

The Friends donate books for the community **On The Same Page** reading program, prizes for our **1000 Books Before Kindergarten** program, and materials for both our collection and specific programs.

## **attend our special events?**

The Friends sell ice cream at our **Summer Concerts**, donate holiday trees for the community **Snowman Crossing**, and volunteer at the annual **BOO-mingdale Halloween Party**.

**use the BPL Makerspace?** The Friends donated some Makerspace equipment and supplies.

Visit [mybpl.org/friends](http://mybpl.org/friends) for more information.

## BPL Holds Lockers

Access library materials even when the library is closed by picking up your holds at the new lockers, located to the right of our main entrance. Picking up holds at the lockers is both convenient and contactless.

Visit [mybpl.org/lockers](http://mybpl.org/lockers) for more information.

## Planning a Vacation?

Don't forget to freeze your holds before you go! Holds that are frozen won't arrive at the library while you're gone, and you'll keep your place in line so you don't have to start over.

Contact BPL at 630-924-2730  
or [bdref@mybpl.org](mailto:bdref@mybpl.org) if you need assistance putting a freeze on your hold items.

# Summer Concerts 2023

Fridays, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

June 9 The Throwbacks

July 14 Shock the System

August 11 Yankee Cowboy

in the Dominic Froio Memorial Garden

Summer Concerts and Ice Cream Social  
Co-sponsored by the Village of Bloomingdale



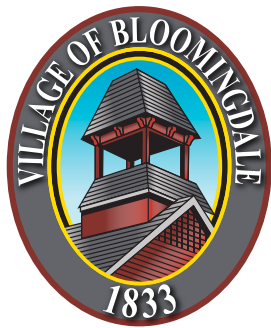
## ice cream social



Thursday, August 3 | 5:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Library Parking Lot

Celebrate the end of Summer Reading with  
rides, games, music, face painting, & more!



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### Important Dates:

May 22	Registration Opens for June Youth Services Programs
May 28–Sept 3	Library Closed Sundays for Summer
May 29	Library Closed for Memorial Day
June 1	Registration Opens for the Summer Reading Program (Kids, Teens, & Adults)
June 9	Summer Concert: The Throwbacks
June 19	Registration Opens for July Youth Services Programs
July 4	Library Closed for Independence Day
July 14	Summer Concert: Shock the System
July 29	Last Day to Check in Reading Logs for Prizes
August 3	Ice Cream Social
August 11	Summer Concert: Yankee Cowboy
September 4	Library Closed for Labor Day

Visit our website for any updates/changes to our schedule: [www.mybpl.org/annualevents](http://www.mybpl.org/annualevents)