# Outdoor Self-Service Lockers

The library's new lockers are ready for use!

*NEW!*

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.

## Using the lockers is easy!

1. Place a hold and select the lockers as your pickup location.
2. Wait for the library to contact you; you'll receive notifications by email, text, or phone call that your items are available.
3. Scan your Bloomingdale library card at the lockers to pick up your materials!
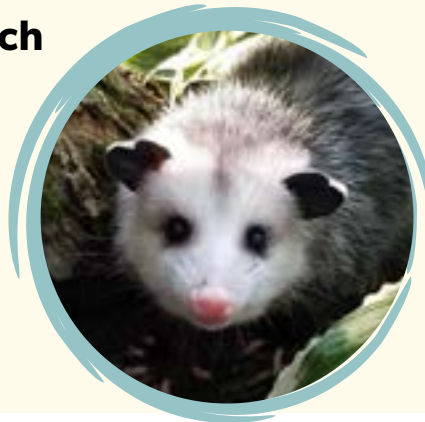
## SPECIAL EVENTS @ BPL

### Big Run Wolf Ranch (Drop-In)
*All ages*
Monday, February 20
2:00 – 3:30 p.m.
*see page 6 for details*

### Family Makerspace Night
*Families of all ages*
*registration required*
Thursday, March 30
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
*see page 8 for more information*

## TAX *time*

### Federal and State Tax Forms
The library has common federal income tax forms available to the public. Other forms may be printed at the library.

To order additional federal forms, call the IRS at 1-800-829-3676 or download forms online at **www.irs.gov/forms-instructions**.

To order state forms, call the Revenue Department at 1-800-356-6302 or download forms online at **https://tax.illinois.gov/**.

**Hours:**
Monday - Thursday: 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.       Friday & Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.       Sunday: 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.

**For updates to hours/services offered:**
Call (630) 529-3120 • Email **bdref@mybpl.org** • Visit our website at **www.mybpl.org**
If A.D.A. accommodations are needed for a program, please contact the Library at least 48 hours before the program.

# Adult Programs

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 📹.

## 🗓📹 Henry Ossawa Tanner

Monday, February 6 | 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.    *Zoom Webinar*

In this virtual presentation, art historian Jeff Mishur discusses Henry Ossawa Tanner, who became the first Black artist to achieve fame in late nineteenth century Europe. Drawing on training he received at The Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, Tanner's early work represented African Americans with dignity and respect.

## 🗓 History of Stevie Wonder

Monday, February 13 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

In the 1960s… "My Cherie Amour." In the 1970s…"You Are The Sunshine of My Life." In the 1980s… "I Just Called To Say I Love You." It's a stunning list of huge hits! Using performance and interview clips, we will trace the arc of Stevie's amazing career to gain a deeper understanding of one of America's national treasures. Presented by popular music expert and professor Gary Wenstrup.

## 🗓📹 A Jack Benny Extravaganza

Monday, February 20 | 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.    *Zoom Webinar*

This presentation features a collection of rib-tickling segments from Mr. Benny's radio programs, TV shows, and movies. We'll also look back to Benny's youth and hear stories about his rise to fame. Presented by retired teacher and film expert Steven Frenzel.

## ONGOING ADULT PROGRAMS

### Genealogy Club (Drop-In)

Wednesdays, February 15 & March 15 | 6:30 – 8:45 p.m.

### 🗓 Great Decisions

Wednesdays, February 15 & March 15 | 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.

## 🗓 TV Land with Heather Braoudakis

Tuesday, February 21 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

An exploration of your favorite TV theme songs - *Green Acres* to *Brady Bunch*, *Roy Rogers* to *The Love Boat*. Please join us for an evening of song with Chicago Symphony Chorus Singer Heather Braoudakis.

## 🗓📹 Georgia O'Keeffe – An American Master

Monday, March 6 | 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.    *Zoom Webinar*

In this program, art historian Jeff Mishur discusses a full range of Georgia O'Keeffe's art, from her daring and innovative abstractions of the 1910s and 1920s to her elegant investigations of architecture, landscapes, and flowers. Still misunderstood and misinterpreted even in the 21st century, her work was crucial to the history of modernism in America.

## 🗓📹 Defining Time

Monday, March 13 | 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.    *Zoom Webinar*

What time is it? That's a surprisingly hard question to answer! We'll venture through several thousand years of history in the human quest to measure and define time. Presented by Astroeducator Michelle Nichols.

## 🗓📹 Funniest Women in the Movies

Monday, March 20 | 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.    *Zoom Webinar*

In this hilarious presentation of some of the funniest women in Hollywood history, we will hear stories of how they had to buck the system in order to stay true to themselves. Presented by retired teacher and film expert Steven Frenzel.

## 🗓 Songs You've Requested with Heather Braoudakis

Tuesday, March 21 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Throughout the years, you've asked Heather to sing certain songs … songs like "Sunrise, Sunset", "Embraceable You," "Somewhere My Love," " Stardust," and more! Please join us for an evening of songs with Chicago Symphony Chorus Singer Heather Braoudakis.

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

**www.goodreads.com/mybpl**

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# bpl makerspace crafts

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*

## 🗓 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.

## 🗓 Custom Wooden Sign

*Registration opens March 1 at 9:00 a.m.*
*Register for one session:*
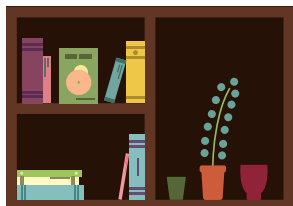
Monday, March 13 | 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 21 | 2:30 – 4:30 p.m.

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# book discussion groups

Selections are available at the Circulation Desk one month in advance of the discussion. If you have any questions, please call the Reference Desk at (630) 924-2730.

## HISTORICAL BOOK DISCUSSION

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

**Yale Needs Women: How the First Group of Girls Rewrote the Rules of an Ivy League Giant**
by Anne Gardiner Perkins

Tuesday, February 7 | 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**The Divine Plan: John Paul II, Ronald Reagan, and the Dramatic End of the Cold War**
by Paul Kengor & Robert Orlando

Tuesday, March 7 | 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

## MONDAY NIGHT PAGE TURNERS

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

**Nowhere Girl: A Memoir of a Fugitive Childhood**
by Cheryl Diamond

Monday, February 20 | 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.

**The Downstairs Girl**
by Stacey Lee

Monday, March 20 | 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.

# DROP-IN MOVIES

Come enjoy a movie with us at BPL's Drop-In Movie and enter for a chance to win a copy of that day's movie on DVD.

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

**Where the Crawdads Sing**
Wednesday, February 8 | 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

A woman who raised herself in the marshes of the deep South becomes a suspect in the murder trial of a man with whom she was once involved. *Rated PG-13*

**Elvis**
Wednesday, February 22 | 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

*Elvis* is Baz Luhrmann's biopic of Elvis Presley, from his childhood to becoming a rock and movie star in the 1950s while maintaining a complex relationship with his manager Colonel Tom Parker. *Rated PG-13*

**Bullet Train**
Wednesday, March 8 | 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Five assassins aboard a fast moving bullet train find out their missions have something in common. *Rated R*

**Mrs. Harris Goes to Paris**
Wednesday, March 22 | 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

A widowed cleaning lady in 1950s London falls madly in love with a couture Dior dress and decides that she must have one of her own. *Rated PG*

# Computer Classes

## Android Phones Basics
Monday, February 13 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Sean

Learn how to install and manage your apps, customize your phone by changing settings and installing widgets, take advantage of expandable storage, use Google tools, and much more!

## Smartphone Photography & Editing
Thursday, February 16 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Salvador

Learn the basics of taking and editing pictures and movies with Android and iPhones. Students will use free editing products to prepare their photos and movies for sharing. Note that different phones offer a wide range of camera features, so we will focus on more generally available tools.

## Making YouTube Videos
Monday, February 20 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Sean

This class will teach students how to use various free products to prepare their movies for YouTube. Time will be given to mobile apps, computer options, and the tools YouTube provides.

## ◻ Live Streaming Basics
Thursday, February 23 | 7:00 p.m.
Instructor: Charlie

Interested in starting a streaming channel? Learn how to create accounts, use online resources, and find the equipment needed to produce and potentially monetize online content.

## Cutting the Cord
Monday, February 27 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Sean

Explore entertainment options beyond paying for cable. Discover 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.

## Excel 1
Monday, March 6 | 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.

## ◻ Beginners C++ Programming
Monday, March 13 | 7:00 p.m.
Instructor: Sean

Learn the basics of C++ programming with lessons on statements, variables, and loops, along with overviews on objects and functions. Use your new programming skills with our list of free building and compiling tools.

## Digitize Audio Cassettes
Thursday, March 16 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Salvador

Join us in person to learn how to digitize cassette tapes. Learn how to use our equipment or what you would need to acquire to do this at home. Demonstrations will take place in class.

## Excel 2
Monday, March 20 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Sean

This class covers more advanced topics in Excel such as formulas, graphs, and linking between multiple worksheets.

## ◻ Computer Shopping
Thursday, March 30 | 7:00 p.m.
Instructor: Charlie

Shopping for a new computer or hardware? Find the right computer parts based on your usage and budget. Learn how to understand the numbers and ratings from manufacturers and review sites.

## Welcome to Windows 11
Thursday, March 23 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Charlie

Whether you're buying a new computer or your old one took advantage of the free upgrade, there are a lot of changes in the new Windows worth learning. We'll provide lots of time for hands on learning in this beginners' guide to the new Windows 11 operating system.

# COMPUTER SERVICES @BPL

## Wi-Fi
We offer free Wi-Fi service throughout the library during open hours and in our parking lot from 6:00 a.m. until 11:45 p.m. every day. The outdoor Wi-Fi will remain on even on days the library is closed. Connect to the Wi-Fi spots "Library Guest" or "Library Outdoors"

## Rent-A-Tech
Have a computer question or need help with an online account? Make an appointment with our Computer Services staff for one-on-one help with your specific computer problem. Contact Computer Services at 630-924-2766 or **bdcs@mybpl.org** to schedule your appointment.

## Simple Scan Station
Digitize documents quickly and send them via email, fax (fees apply), or save them to the cloud, to a USB drive, or directly to your phone. See instructions by Simple Scan Stations for details.

## Wi-Fi Printing
You can upload and print items at the library using a mobile device, laptop, or remotely from a home computer. Once uploaded, just visit BPL and use the kiosk next to the copiers to release your print job. Find details at **https://mybpl.org/patron**

## Computer Classes on our YouTube Channel
To find computer classes filmed specifically for YouTube, see our Computer Classes playlist on our channel: **https://bit.ly/3CpY0tQ**

# Teen Programs

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

## Teen Crafts @ BPL

### In Person

#### 🗓 No Sew Heart Pillow
Wednesday, February 1 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Create a heart shaped pillow that requires absolutely no sewing! Keep it for yourself or give it as a Valentine's Day gift. Limit 12 teens.

#### 🗓 Perler Bead Craft
Wednesday, February 15 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Choose from tons of different patterns to create a fun and colorful work of art using Perler beads. Limit 12 teens.

#### 🗓 Macaron Keychain Craft
Wednesday, March 1 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Make a keychain that looks like a sweet treat! Use bottle caps and glitter to make a macaron keychain. Limit 15 teens.

### Take & Make Crafts

#### 🗓 Sloth Squishy
Registration begins Monday, January 23 - Limit 10 teens
Kit Pickup begins Monday, February 6

Pick up a kit to paint an adorable sloth-shaped squishy.

#### 🗓 Lunar Dreamcatcher
Registration begins Monday, February 20 - Limit 10 teens
Kit Pickup begins Monday, March 6

Pick up a kit to design a dreamcatcher shaped like the moon.

## 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.

### Black Adam (PG-13)
Wednesday, February 22 | 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

### How to Deal (PG-13)
Wednesday, March 22 | 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

### Meet Me @ THE MOVIES

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

#### 🗓 *Dungeons and Dragons: Honor Among Thieves (PG-13)*
Friday, March 31 | Meeting Time TBA
Registration begins Monday, February 27

### Game Night (Drop-In)
Thursdays, 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.
February 9 & 23, March 9 & 23

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, March 15
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!

## 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, February 4 | link will be emailed on testing day

### 🗓 SAT Practice Test
Saturday, March 4 | link will be emailed on testing day

## Teen Book Reviews & Book'd Bags
Love to read and looking to earn some service hours? Be sure to submit a book review and sign up for a Book'd Bag!
Check out the details here: **www.mybpl.org/teenbookreviews** AND **www.mybpl.org/teenbookbags**

# Youth Programs

# School Age Programs

### Middle Grade Makers (Drop-In)
*Grades 4-8*
Thursdays, February 2 & March 2 | 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!

### 📅 Warm Winter Glow Tea Light Holder
*Grades K-2*
Monday, February 6 | 5:00 – 5:45 p.m.

Create tea light holders that can be used as a Valentine's Day gift or just a pretty light to warm up a cold winter day.

### 📅 Makerspace Club: STEM Time
*Grade 3-6*
Thursdays, February 9 & March 9 | 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

Come get some hands-on time with tech at Makerspace Club!
February – diamond painting keychain snowflakes & heroes
March – cell phone speaker decorated with duct tape

### 📅 Valentine's Day STEM Challenge
*Grades 3-6*
Monday, February 13 | 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

Work in teams to create Valentine STEM projects. Winners will receive a prize!

### 📅 Carnival Day
*Grades K-2*
Wednesday, February 15 | 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

Come clown around with crafts and games from the carnival. Enjoy carnival snacks and prizes too!

### 📅 *Magic Tree House* Book Party
*Grades K-2*
Monday, February 27 | 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

Love the *Magic Tree House* series? Come for a book party based on the first four books and enjoy challenges, crafts, and more from these adventure stories for early readers.

### 📅 Learn to Make a DIY Drum!
*Grades K-2*
Monday, March 6 | 5:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Bum! Bum! Bum! Now you can march to the beat of your own drum! Come have fun making your own DIY drum set.

### 📅 Mosaic Art
*Grades 3-6*
Monday, March 13 | 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Mosaic is the art of creating pictures by assembling small pieces. Try your hand at creating a masterpiece in this ancient art form.

### 📅 Coding a LEGO® Maze
*Grades K-2*
Tuesday, March 14 | 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

We will build mazes out of LEGO® then practice simple coding to find our way out! No coding experience or knowledge necessary.
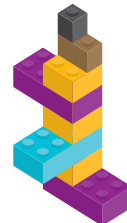
### LEGO® Club (Drop-In)
*Grades K-6*
Sunday, February 19 | 2:00 – 2:45 p.m.
Wednesday, March 29 | 4:00 – 4:45 p.m.

Design and build with the library's LEGO® supply to complete the challenges!

## Big Run Wolf Ranch (Drop-In)
*All ages*
Monday, February 20 | 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Get ready for a visit from the Big Run Wolf Ranch! Stop by the library to learn about animal conservation, the critters that live in own our backyards, and even meet a lynx, a porcupine, a skunk, and an opossum. Bring the whole family for this exciting all ages program!

# Youth Programs

## Preschool Programs

### 📅 The Crayons Have Escaped!
*Ages 3-5*
Tuesday, February 7 | 1:30 – 2:15 p.m.

Help! The crayons have escaped from their box and we need to find them! Join us in the YS Department to hunt for the lost crayons, enjoy some stories, and create colorful activities!

### 📅 Happy Books, Happy Cooks
*Ages 3-5*
Thursdays, February 16 & March 16 | 6:00 – 6:30 p.m.

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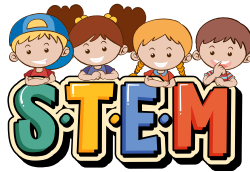Read a food-filled story and create a tasty treat.

### 📅 Playing with STEM
*Ages 2-5*
Tuesdays, February 21 & March 28
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!

**February** - planets and stars    **March** - sound and music

### 📅 Springtime Fun
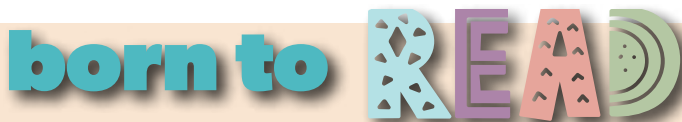*Ages 2-5*
Tuesday, March 21 | 1:30 – 2:15 p.m.

Birds are singing and flowers are popping up! Join us for stories, songs, crafts, and more as we celebrate the start of a new season.

### Preschool Process Art (Drop-In)
*Ages 2-5*
Saturday, March 25 | 10:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Come create an art project especially made for preschoolers.

## born to READ

Did you know that reading to your child is one of the most powerful ways to boost their brain power?

Join our **Born to Read** program and receive tips and support to begin your child's journey into the world of reading.

Sign up at the Youth Services desk to receive a gift for your new baby and discover all of the resources BPL has to offer you and your little one.

## Programs for All Ages

### Scavenger Hunt – The Day the Crayons Escaped
*All ages*
February 7-28

The crayons have escaped their box and are hiding out downstairs in Youth Services. Stop in and see if you can find them!

### 📅 Book Club To-Go Kits
Kit Pickup: February 13-17

Each kit includes a variety of activities, including puzzles, games, crafts, book swag, and more! Kits will be available for the following age groups:

Ages 3-5:    ***Punk Farm*** by Jarrett J. Krosoczka

Grades K-2:    ***Pug Diaries*** by Kyla May

Grades 3-6:    ***Consider the Octopus*** by Gae Polisner & Nora Raleigh Baskin

### Craft Time (Drop-In)
*All ages*
Fridays, February 24 and March 31

Stop by the Youth Services department anytime to create a seasonal craft. While supplies last.

### How Does Our Froio Garden Grow? (Drop-In)
*All ages*
Saturday, February 25

Stop by the Youth Services department to help plant milkweed for our garden. You can plant one to take home, too! While supplies last.
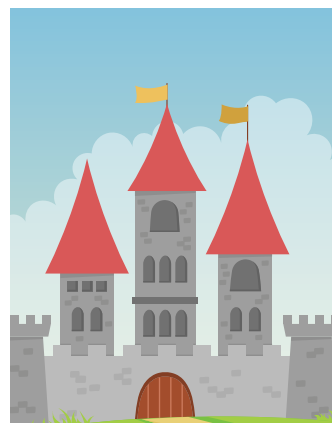
### 📅 Fairy Tale Ball
*Families*
Sunday, March 5 | 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Every Prince, Princess, Knight, and Jester is invited to the Fairy Tale Ball!

Join us for an afternoon of fun, crafts, games, and fantasy!

# It's *Storytime!*

The Youth Services department provides age-appropriate interactive fun with stories, sign language, music, and more. Storytimes are drop-in (no registration necessary) and limited to the first 20 children to arrive.

**New Year Session: January 9 through February 17**
**Spring Session: March 6 through April 21** *(no storytimes the week of March 27-31)*

### 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.

Introduce your baby to the world of music, movement, rhymes, and books 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, 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 on March 29.*

### Glow-in-the-Dark Storytime  (Drop-in)
*Families*
Wednesdays, February 22 and March 1| 6:00 – 6:45 p.m.
Need to add a little light to your evenings? Join us for an evening storytime that will glow!

# family makerspace night

Thursday, March 30
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

for families of all ages!
registration required

Make a fun and colorful picnic set as a family! Turn blank canvas into beautiful warm weather accessories. Crafts will be divided by age.

Please specify number of people in the family
(immediate caregivers and children)
when registering, *even if not all are able to attend.*