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@ BLOOMINGDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY



Celebrate **National Library Week** with us - stop by **BPL** to pick up some free BPL giveaways and show off your library support!

April
23-29

Discover everything we have to offer:

- ☆ Makerspace, 3D printing, computer classes, and online courses ☆
- ☆ eBooks, audiobooks, digital magazines, and streaming movies and music ☆
- ☆ Museum passes for local attractions ☆ Programs for all ages ☆
- ☆ STEM and music kits, video games, and board games ☆

FREE COMIC BOOK DAY!

Celebrate Free Comic Book Day at the library!

Create super crafts and pick up some free comics (3 per person, while supplies last).
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for all ages

Free Comic Book Day (Drop-In)

Saturday, May 6 | 12:00-3:00 p.m.

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.

Library Closings:

Sunday, April 9 in observance of Easter
Sundays for summer beginning May 28
Monday, May 29 in observance of Memorial Day

For updates to hours/services offered:

Call (630) 529-3120 • Email bdref@mybpl.org • Visit our website at www.mybpl.org



If A.D.A. accommodations are needed for a program, please contact the Library at least 48 hours before the program.

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.

📅 The Art of John Singer Sargent

Monday, April 10 | 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Zoom Webinar

Art historian Jeff Mishur discusses highlights of John Singer Sargent's career as a portraitist, muralist, and plein air painter.



📅 The Sound of Music: The Story Behind the Story

Monday, April 17 | 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Zoom Webinar

Enjoy fascinating behind-the-scenes stories, historical insights, and wonderful moments that will make people fall in love with this movie all over again. Presented by film expert Steven Frenzel.

📅 The History of Simon & Garfunkel

Monday, April 24 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

In-Person

Often considered the “thinking person’s rock ‘n’ rollers,” Simon & Garfunkel were also one of the most successful musical acts of the 1960’s. Using audio and visual content, pop music expert Gary Wenstrup will trace the arc of Simon & Garfunkel’s career.



📅 Feelin' Groovy with Heather Braoudakis

Tuesday, April 25 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

In-Person

Chicago Symphony Chorus Singer Heather Braoudakis will be singing hits from your favorite artists of the 1960s including Burt Bacharach, the Mamas and the Papas, the 5th Dimension, Simon & Garfunkel, and many more!

bpl makerspace crafts

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

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

📅 Gift Tags

Registration opens April 1 at 9:00 a.m.

Register for one session:

Thursday, April 20 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 25 | 3:00 – 4:30 p.m.



📅 Handmade Paper Flower Card

Registration opens April 1 at 9:00 a.m.

Register for one session:

Monday, May 1 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

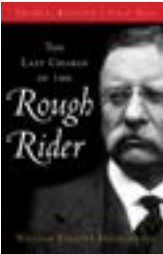
Monday, May 8 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

📅 The Last Charge of the Rough Rider: Theodore Roosevelt's Final Days

Tuesday, May 2 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Zoom Webinar AND In-Person

Join us for an evening with local author William Hazelgrove, here to discuss his latest narrative nonfiction book on Teddy Roosevelt's Rough Riders and their desire to charge the Germans in World War I. Books will be available for purchase and signed by the author.



📅 Wallis Simpson: Duchess with Style

Monday, May 8 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

In-Person

Historical reenactor Lynn Rymarz presents the story of how Edward VIII gave up the throne to marry this American divorcee. Discover the details of their courtship, marriage, royal family fallout, and how she made a happy home for the former King of England.



📅 William and Jane Morris: The Arts & Crafts Movement

Monday, May 15 | 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Zoom Webinar

Art historian Jeff Mishur discusses the Arts and Crafts movement with works from William and Jane Morris and their colleagues, including paintings, furniture, stained glass, textiles, and decorative arts.



📅 Frozen in Time

Monday, May 22 | 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Zoom Webinar

In 2018, the most intact 19th century schooner in the world was found hiding under 300 feet of icy Lake Michigan water. Award winning diver and photographer Cal Kothrade presents the true story of the *W.C. Kimball* shipwreck with video and photos, which help weave a tale of loss and mystery.



📅 Maximizing Your Social Security Benefits

Tuesday, May 30 | 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Zoom Webinar

Learn the crucial details of filing for Social Security and walk away with a clear understanding on how best to leverage it as financial tool in your own life. Presented by financial advisors from Raymond James.

ONGOING ADULT PROGRAMS

Genealogy Club (Drop-In)

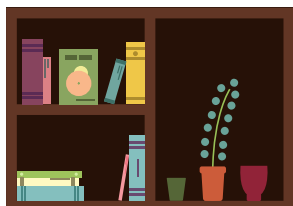
Wednesdays, April 19 & May 17 | 6:30 – 8:45 p.m.

📅 Great Decisions

Wednesdays, April 19 & May 17 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

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book discussion groups

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

HISTORICAL BOOK DISCUSSION

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

The Unexpected Spy: From the CIA to the FBI, My Secret Life Taking Down Some of the World's Most Notorious Terrorists
by Tracy Walder

Tuesday, April 4 | 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

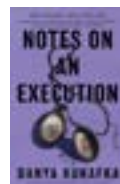


The Taking of Jemima Boone: The True Story of the Kidnap and Rescue that Shaped America
by Matthew Pearl

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

MONDAY NIGHT PAGE TURNERS

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



Notes on an Execution
by Danya Kukafka

Monday, April 17 | 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Other Birds

by Sarah Addison Allen

Monday, May 15 | 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



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.



Ticket to Paradise

Wednesday, April 12 | 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

A divorced couple teams up and travels to Bali to stop their daughter from making the same mistake they think they made 25 years ago. *Rated PG-13*



The Good House

Wednesday, May 10 | 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Life for New England realtor Hildy Good begins to unravel when she hooks up with an old flame of hers from New York. Based on the book by Ann Leary. *Rated R*



The Apartment

Wednesday, April 26 | 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

A Manhattan insurance clerk tries to rise in his company by letting its executives use his apartment for trysts, but complications and a romance of his own ensue. Winner of five 1960 Academy Awards! *Rated PG*




Angry Neighbors

Wednesday, May 24 | 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

A grumpy novelist vows revenge when his wealthy neighbor builds a hideous mega-mansion next door. *Rated R*

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](#).

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

Wednesday, April 12 | 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.
Instructor: Sean

Get an introduction to computer topics intended for absolute beginners.

Getting Started: Internet Use & Safety

Wednesday, April 19 | 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: Smartphones

Wednesday, April 26 | 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.

Getting Started: PDFs

Thursday, May 4 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Charlie

Computer users encounter PDF files when browsing the web, filling out forms, preparing documents, and downloading a wide variety of items. Learn to create, convert, and merge PDFs as well as the basics of editing.

Getting Started: Windows

Wednesday, May 10 | 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.
Instructor: Charlie

Get a basic understanding of how to use Windows, including using the desktop, settings, manipulating windows, understanding files, and installing new programs.

Getting Started: Your Files

Wednesday, May 17 | 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.
Instructor: Sean

Every time a picture is taken, a letter is written, or a song is purchased on your computer a file goes somewhere. Learn all about where these files are and how to find them, as well as how to copy, delete, and restore them.

DIGITAL DESIGN

Designing Web Pages With HTML

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

Create basic web pages using HTML code. We will cover basic topics like inserting text, links, pictures, and background colors, as well as more advanced design topics, as time allows. While the library does not provide an internet location for students to post their web page, they will learn the skills required to develop one. Internet experience is recommended.

Intro to Cricut Design Space

Thursday, April 20 | 7:00 p.m.
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.

Creating a Website

Monday, April 24 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Sean

Learn how to acquire web space online, transfer files to the Internet, combine web pages into a more efficient and understandable website, and review other advanced HTML techniques.

Create Music With Garageband

Thursday, May 18 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Salvador

Learn to digitize, edit, and share your music using Garageband software.

Smartphone Video Recording, Editing, & Sharing

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

Want to crop, connect, edit audio, and sharpen up your videos before posting them on social media or sharing them with friends and family? Students will learn how to use Android and iPhone apps for easy video editing.



Master MICROSOFT EXCEL

Useful Excel Shortcuts

Monday, May 1 | 7:00 p.m.
Instructor: Sean

Simplify everyday Excel tasks by learning shortcut keys, ribbon tools, and other tricks.

Excel Formulas

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

Create and edit dynamic formulas using tools like logical (IF) functions, arrays, conditional formatting, data validation, and more.

Excel Data Entry Forms

Thursday, May 25 | 7:00 p.m.
Instructor: Sean

Learn to create data entry forms in Excel. Downloadable examples will be provided on www.mybpl.org/computerclass for students who wish to work along with the video.

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

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Game Night (Drop-In)

Thursdays, April 27 & May 25
6:00 – 8:30 p.m.

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



Teen Movie Night DROP-IN

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.

Fighting with My Family (PG-13)

Wednesday, April 26 | 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.



17 Again (PG-13)

Wednesday, May 24 | 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

17
AGAIN



Teen Crafts @ BPL



Perler Bead Club (Drop-In)

Wednesdays, April 19 & May 17
6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Join us each month in the Makerspace and choose from tons of different patterns to create a fun and colorful work of art using Perler beads.

In-Person

📅 Pressed Flower Lantern

Wednesday, April 5 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Celebrate spring by making a beautiful lantern using dried flowers and Mod Podge.
Limit 10



📅 Emoji Keychain

Wednesday, April 12 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Come to the library to craft a cute emoji keychain. No sewing necessary! Limit 10

📅 Candy Kabobs

Wednesday, May 10 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Choose from a variety of different candies to make a colorful and sweet kebab creation!



📅 Steampunk Monogram

Wednesday, May 31 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Make an edgy steampunk monogram to decorate your space. Limit 10

Take & Make Crafts

You will be contacted by email when your craft kit is ready to be picked up

📅 Bath Bombs

Registration begins Monday, March 20
Limit 12 teens

Kit pickup begins Monday, April 3
Pick up a kit to create sweet-smelling and relaxing bath bombs.



📅 Clay Charms

Registration begins Monday, April 10
Limit 12 teens

Kit pickup begins Monday, May 1
Pick up your kit to create a customized clay charm bracelet.

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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: mybpl.org/teenbookreviews AND mybpl.org/teenbookbags

Youth Programs

Registration required for some youth programs (noted with 📅). Registration for April programs begins Monday, March 20 at 9:00 a.m. Registration for May programs begins Monday, April 24 at 9:00 a.m. Register online, by phone at (630) 924-2740, or by email at bdys@mybpl.org. Please have your library card when you register.

School Age Programs

📅 Makerspace Club: STEM Time

Grades 3-6

Thursdays, April 13 & May 11 | 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

Come get some hands-on time at Makerspace Club! In April, we will be making spring squishy dough circuits. In May, we will make a clay flower pot.



Crochet Along with Miss Carol (Virtual)

Grades 3-8

YouTube video post on April 15

Learn to crochet along with Miss Carol. Check the Library's YouTube page for video tutorials for each project. A supply list and written instructions can be found on the library website. New projects will be posted quarterly. April – Slippers

📅 Art Ambush

Grades 3-6

Monday, April 17 | 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

Craft small and sneaky crafts to hide in plain sight. See how fast your friends and family spot your creative surprises!

📅 Three Little Pigs STEM

Grades K-2

Tuesday, April 18 | 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Can you build a house made of straw, sticks, or bricks that won't blow down? Learn which materials are strongest when faced with some serious huffing and puffing.

Middle Grade Makers (Drop-In)

Grades 4-8

Thursdays, April 20 & May 18 | 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, or jewelry. Crafts will take anywhere from 15 minutes to an hour—drop by and see what's new each month!

📅 Earth Balancers

Grades 4-6

Tuesday, April 25

4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

A STEM activity to get the brain active while we celebrate and learn about Earth Day!



📅 Jedi Academy

Grades K-2

Thursday, May 4 | 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

Celebrate May the 4th with a Star Wars-themed storytime and crafts that highlight a galaxy far, far away.



📅 Mother's Day Gift

Grades K-2

Tuesday, May 9 | 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

Create a pretty bead flower bouquet and card for Mom!

📅 Mother's Day DIY Spa Craft

Grades 3-6

Wednesday, May 10 | 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

Join us in the Makerspace to create a DIY spa gift to give to a special lady in your life for Mother's Day.



I LOVE YOU
MOM

Friendship Bracelets (Drop-In)

Grades 3-6

Monday, May 15 | 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Each participant will get enough material to make 2 bracelets, one for you and one for your BFF.

LEGO® Club (Drop-In)

Grades 1-6

Tuesday, May 16 | 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

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

📅 DIY Stress Relief Jars

Grades 3-6

Monday, May 22 | 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Big tests are coming up, so unwind with stress relief jars!

We're getting ready for

SUMMER READING!

Details coming soon.



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Preschool Programs

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.

📅 The Very Busy Spider

Ages 3-5

Tuesday, April 11 | 1:30 – 2:15 p.m.

Spiders are very busy and so are preschoolers! Join us for this action-packed program, based off the book *The Very Busy Spider* by Eric Carle.

📅 Playing with STEM

Ages 2-5

Tuesdays, April 25 & May 23

10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) are important learning areas for kids of all ages. Each program will have different stations for kids to explore.

April - magnets **May** - air and wind

📅 Happy Books, Happy Cooks

Ages 3-5

Thursdays, April 27 & May 25 | 6:00 – 6:30 p.m.

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

📅 Let's Build Together!

Ages 18 mos-3 years with caregiver

Sunday, April 30 | 1:30 – 2:15 p.m.

Enjoy a building-themed storytime and then build a tower with blocks made from repurposed household items.

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

Ages 0-24 months

Wednesdays, May 3 & May 17 | 10:00 – 10:30 a.m.

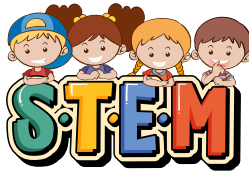
Join us for a parade of fun! We will explore the world of music and movement using an array of instruments, flannel stories, rhymes, and songs.

Preschool Process Art (Drop-In)

Ages 2-5

Saturday, May 20 | 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Come create an art project especially made for preschoolers.



Programs for All Ages

April Scavenger Hunt (Drop-In)

All ages

April 1 – 30

Come down to the Youth Services department to hunt for colorful eggs. Find them all and receive a prize!



📅 Family Game Night

Families

Thursday, April 6 | 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!

Craft Time (Drop-In)

Families

Fridays, April 7 & May 12

Come make a seasonal craft. While supplies last.



📅 Peeps® Family Challenge

Families

Saturday, April 8 | 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Come as a family to create a scene from a favorite children's book with Peeps®. Peeps and some craft materials provided. Families are welcome to bring some of their own supplies too. Finished scenes will be displayed at BPL.

📅 Fly Away Butterflies

Families

Wednesday, May 31 | 4:15 – 5:00 pm

Have you ever seen a caterpillar change into a butterfly? Starting on May 12, we will have caterpillars at the library for everyone to watch. After they change to butterflies, we will celebrate at the library as we watch the butterflies fly away!



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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.

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.

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Spring Into Reading! (Drop-in)

Families

Wednesdays, April 12 & 26 | 6:00 – 6:45 p.m.

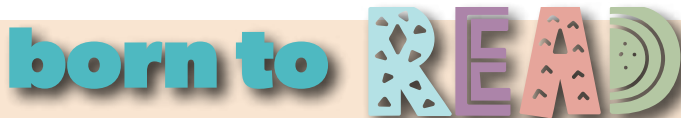
The days are getting longer! Let's wind down together with stories and crafts in a variety of springtime themes.



**1000
BOOKS
BEFORE KINDERGARTEN**

Experts recommend children hear at least 1000 stories before they learn to read themselves. Families who read aloud to their children strengthen their language skills and build their vocabulary. Let BPL help you celebrate your child's progress toward this goal with the **1000 Books Before Kindergarten** program.

Contact the Youth Services desk for more information by calling (630) 924-2740 or emailing bdys@mybpl.org.



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.

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Are you a student going into grades 7-12 in Fall 2023? Are you looking for a fun way to get job experience, earn service hours, or make a difference in the community? If so, the **Bloomington Public Library VolunTEENS** program is looking for you! During your summer vacation, we'll develop a schedule to fit your availability and our programming needs. You'll work 10-15 hours over the 8-week program with BPL's Youth Services staff preparing crafts, keeping the library tidy, and helping with special projects. Summer is an exciting time at the library—be a part of it!

If you are interested in joining our group of amazing VolunTEENS, applications can be picked up in the library at the Youth Services desk or found on our website at mybpl.org/volunteer.

Please contact Carol Leeson, VolunTEEN Coordinator, at 630-924-2744 or email cleeson@mybpl.org if you have any questions regarding the program.

Applications accepted from April 1 – May 14.