BLOOMINGDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY

October/November 2023

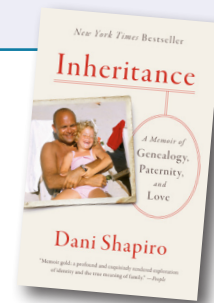## on the same PAGE
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On The Same Page is an annual month-long community reading event hosted by Bloomingdale Public Library, Roselle Public Library District, and Itasca Community Library.

This year's choice is *Inheritance* by Dani Shapiro. Complimentary copies of the title are available while quantities last.

New York Times Bestseller
Inheritance
A Memoir of Genealogy, Paternity, and Love
Dani Shapiro

Visit **www.mybpl.org/OTSP** for complete event information, or scan the code to be taken directly to the event page with links to register for all events there.

We hope you can join in on this great community read!

Please join us for the Bloomingdale Halloween Event!

Saturday, October 21
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
library events open at 11:00 a.m.

Enjoy trick-or-treating, games, crafts, refreshments, balloon artists, and more! All in the Village Complex & Library parking lots.

INTERNATIONAL GAMES MONTH

Scavenger Hunt (Drop-In) – November
Teens and adults can celebrate International Games Month by stopping by the Adult Reference Desk to enter for a chance to win a prize.

Holiday Open House

Tuesday, November 28
6:45 – 8:45 p.m.

Holiday fun for the whole family! Join us for the Community Tree Lighting, then come inside for refreshments and fun.

breakfast & brunch -WITH- SANTA

Saturday, December 9

Tickets on sale beginning November 1 in the Business Office

• Limited seating available •

Call 630-924-2721 or visit www.mybpl.org/annualevents#santa for details

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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:
Early Closing at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 22
Closed Thursday, November 23 in observance of Thanksgiving

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.
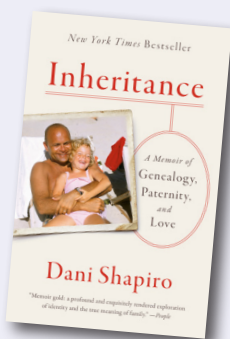
Adult Programs

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 🎥.

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📅 HYBRID: Writing Your Memoir
Tuesday, October 10 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.   *Zoom Webinar & In-Person*

Have you ever considered writing about your own life? Professional author William Hazelgrove presents his best advice on how to research and write your memoir and get published.

Drop-In Movie: *The Kids Are All Right* (rated R)
Wednesday, October 11 | 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.   *In-Person*

Two children conceived by artificial insemination bring their biological father into their non-traditional family life.

Drop-In Craft: Make a Family Scrapbook
Tuesday, October 17 | 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.   *In-Person*

Drop in to make a family scrapbook with us, while supplies last. We'll have all the supplies you need to start a family scrapbook project, but feel free to bring in your own photos, cards, paper, stickers, and family memorabilia.

📅 VIRTUAL: Dead People of Illinois
Monday, October 30 | 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.   *Zoom Webinar*

Outdoorsman John Lynn is searching for dead people in all the right places! This "underground" presentation explores hundreds of Illinois cemeteries, which are home to interesting graves and headstones, intriguing lives and deaths, and lots and plots of funny names.

OCTOBER PROGRAMS

📅 VIRTUAL: How to Succeed at NaNoWriMo
Monday, October 16 | 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.   *Zoom Webinar*

National Novel Writing Month (aka NaNoWriMo) is a writing challenge that takes place every November. A moderator from NaNoWriMo will be with us on Zoom to explain the ins and outs of this challenge and how to successfully write a first draft (over 50k words) within one month.

📅 VIRTUAL: 12 Things that Make Life on Earth Possible
Monday, October 23 | 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.   *Zoom Webinar*

Earth has sustained life in many different forms for more than 3 billion years. We'll highlight 12 of the most important things that make our planet special. Presented by Astroeducator Michelle Nichols.

Solar Eclipse Glasses for BPL Cardholders, While Supplies Last

Starting on Monday, October 2, show your BPL card at the Adult Reference Desk or the Youth Services Desk and pick up your solar eclipse glasses to view the annular solar eclipse on October 14. One pair of glasses per BPL card, while supplies last. For more information about the upcoming solar eclipse, visit eclipse.aas.org.

NOVEMBER PROGRAMS

📅 VIRTUAL: The Cherry Mine Disaster of 1909
Monday, November 13 | 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.   *Zoom Webinar*

The Cherry Mine Disaster is ranked among the top three mining disasters in our nation's history. Historian Jim Gibbons will present on the lives of the people affected by this terrible event and how it influenced the Illinois legislature, which in 1910 established stronger fire and safety regulations governing the mines.

📅 HYBRID: Getting Published in the Digital Age
Tuesday, November 14 | 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.   *Zoom Webinar & In-Person*

William Hazelgrove is back at BPL to teach us how to successfully publish a book in this digital age.

📅 VIRTUAL: Life on the Ohio River
Monday, November 20 | 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.   *Zoom Webinar*

Join us on a watery adventure along the Ohio River with outdoorsman John Lynn as he travelled it all by canoe, one stroke at a time, from Pittsburg to the Mississippi.

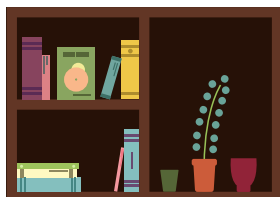### 📅 Passage to Chicago on the I&M Canal
Tuesday, November 21 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.   *In-Person*

Journey with retired librarian Nancy McCully on the Illinois and Michigan Canal, the waterway that made Chicago what it is today.

Adult Programs

book discussion groups

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

HISTORICAL BOOK DISCUSION

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

The Last Castle: The Epic Story of Love, Loss, and American Royalty in the Nation's Largest Home
by Denise Kiernan

Tuesday, October 3 | 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

American Midnight: The Guest War, a Violent Peace, and Democracy's Forgotten Crisis
by Adam Hochschild

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

MONDAY NIGHT PAGE TURNERS

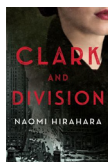To register, email Jessica Frazier at jfrazier@mybpl.org.

Remarkably Bright Creatures
by Shelby Van Pelt

Monday, October 16 | 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Clark and Division
by Naomi Hirahara

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

DROP-IN MOVIES

Come enjoy a movie with us and enter for a chance to win a copy of that day's movie on DVD. You must be present to win.

The Kids Are All Right
Wednesday, October 11 | 1:00-3:30 p.m.

Two children conceived by artificial insemination bring their biological father into their non-traditional family life. *Rated R*

80 for Brady
Wednesday, November 15 | 1:00-3:30 p.m.

A group of friends made it their lifelong mission to go to the Super Bowl and meet NFL superstar Tom Brady. *Rated PG-13*

Book Club: The Next Chapter
Wednesday, November 29 | 1:00-3:30 p.m.

Follow the new journey of four best friends as they take their book club to Italy for the fun girls' trip they never had. *Rated PG-13*

ONGOING ADULT PROGRAMS

📅 **Great Decisions**
Wednesdays, October 11 & November 15 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Genealogy Club (Drop-In)
Wednesdays, October 18 & November 15 | 6:30 – 8:45 p.m.

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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

📅 **Custom Mugs**
Registration opens October 16 at 9:00 a.m.
Register for one session:

Monday, November 6 | 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Monday, November 27 | 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Monday, December 4 | 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 12 | 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Computer Classes

Introduction to Access
Monday, October 16 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Sean

Get a basic understanding of using Access, Microsoft's database program. Learn about creating tables, queries, forms, and reports.

📷 Blender Shader Nodes
(part of the Blender YouTube Class Series)
Thursday, October 19 | 7:00 p.m.
Instructor: Charlie

Blender is a free, open-source application for creating digital 3D content. In this class, we look at using Blender's Shader Node Editor to create interesting surfaces on our 3D models.

Designing Web Pages with HTML
Monday, October 23 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Christian

Create basic web pages using HTML code. Learn how to insert text, links, pictures, and background colors. More advanced design topics will be covered as time allows. Internet experience is recommended. The library does not provide a place to post web pages, but students will learn options for web hosting.

iPad Functions
Thursday, October 26 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Salvador

Explore a wide range of apps and how they can maximize the benefits of your iPad to help with everyday life.

Beginner Cascading Style Sheets
Monday, October 30 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Christian

Learn the basics of working with Cascading Style Sheets (CSS) to create more modern and consistent looking websites. An important next step in web design beyond HTML, these tools save time while improving the quality of your pages.

Holiday Cards + Mail Merge
Monday, November 6 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Sean

Use Publisher to quickly create fun and distinctive greeting cards. Different card sizes, inserting pictures, creative font tricks, and much more will go into designing your own unique holiday card. We'll then discuss using Mail Merge to print mailing labels to send them.

Using Web Browsers
Thursday, November 9 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Salvador

Learn the differences between Chrome, Firefox, and Edge, while exploring the options available. Add bookmarks, use browser extensions, utilize reader mode, translate documents, and add text to PDF files.

Choosing the Right Device
Monday, November 13 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Sean

Phone, tablet, Chromebook, laptop, or PC? There are a lot of choices now and no right answer for everyone. We'll consider the strengths and weaknesses of different options, so potential shoppers can make a more informed decision.

📷 Google Keep & Other Organization Tools
Monday, November 13 | 7:00 p.m.
Instructor: Christian

Learn to use popular tools to create, share, and organize information on your phone or tablet.

📷 Ruby Loops and Arrays
Thursday, November 16 | 7:00 p.m.
Instructor: Charlie

Ruby is a popular and versatile programming language commonly used for web development, automation, data processing, and more. Continue where we left off in our Programming with Ruby video, focusing on using array data and loop code blocks.

girls who code

📅 Girls Who Code
Grades 3-5
Mondays, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.
October 16 through December 11

NEW! registration required

The BPL Girls Who Code Club is a free program for girls and non-binary students that provide a sisterhood of supportive peers and role models using computer science to change the world. Our club follows GWC's three pillars of educational philosophy that make the GWC Club experience unique:

1. **SISTERHOOD:** Join a safe and supportive environment of peers and role models where students learn to see themselves as computer scientists.
2. **CODE:** Learn the concepts of loops, variables, conditionals, and functions that form the basis of all programming languages.
3. **IMPACT:** Work in teams to complete projects that solve real-world problems in your community.

We hope you can join us for this fun new club!

Teen Programs

GAME NIGHT

NEW TIME!

Game Night (Drop-In)
Thursday, October 26 | 6:00 – 7:30 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 Crafts @ BPL

In-Person

NEW TIME!

Perler® Bead Club (Drop-In)
Wednesdays, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
October 18 & November 15

Join us on the third Wednesday of each month in the Makerspace to create a fun and colorful work of art using Perler® beads.

📅 Cactus Ornament
Wednesday, November 8 | 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Registration begins October 9 – limit 12 teens

Create a cute cactus ornament just in time for the holidays.

Take & Make Crafts
You will be contacted by email when your craft kit is ready to be picked up.

📅 Manga Art Class
Registration begins September 11 – limit 12 teens
Kit Pickup begins Monday, October 2

Pick up a kit to learn how to unleash your inner manga artist.

📅 Pokémon Stained Glass
Registration begins October 9 – limit 10 teens
Kit Pickup begins Monday, November 6

Pick up a kit to use special vellum paper to create Pokémon stained glass art.

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. These movies are drop-in, no registration necessary.

Teen Movie Night: *Mean Girls*
Wednesday, October 4 | 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Dress up in pink and celebrate *Mean Girls* **Day** like a true Plastic! Join us as we watch *Mean Girls* and eat some snacks.

Teen Movie Night: *Corpse Bride*
Wednesday, October 25 | 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Teen Movie Night: *Transformers: Rise of the Beasts*
Wednesday, November 29 | 6:00 – 7:30 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.

The Hunger Games: The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes
Friday, November 24 | Meeting Time TBA
Registration begins Monday, October 30

SAT Practice Test

Stressing about taking the SAT? Take a full-length online 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. Bring your own device to take the test or use one of the library's laptops.
THIS EVENT IS IN-PERSON AT BPL.

📅 SAT Practice Test
Saturday, October 14 | 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Saturday, November 18 | 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

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

School Age Programs

Middle Grade MAKERS (Drop-In)

Grades 4-8
Thursdays, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.
October 5 & November 16

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!

📅 World Smile and Do Something Nice Day

Grades K-2
Saturday, October 7
10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Smile and learn to share your smiles with others in this happy program.

📅 Learn to Use a Sewing Machine

Grades 4-6
Monday, October 9 | 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Join us in the Makerspace for an introduction to our sewing machines. We will learn the parts of the machine, how to thread it, wind a bobbin, and sew a simple pillow. An adult is welcome to accompany their child.

📅 Makerspace Club: STEM Time

Grades 3-6
Thursdays, 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.
October 12 & November 9

Libraries are a great place to learn about science and technology while making cool stuff. Come join the fun!
October – cardboard houses
November – mazes in Tinkercad

📅 National "I Love Yarn" Day Celebration

Ages 8 and up
Saturday, October 14 | 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Calling all fiber artists! Bring your crochet hooks, knitting needles, or looms. We will start on projects to donate to winter warm clothing drives. All skill levels are welcome.

📹 Crochet Along with Miss Carol

Grades 3-8
YouTube Video Post on 15th of each month

Learn to crochet along with Miss Carol. Check the library's YouTube page for video tutorials for each project.
New project: bobble stitch beanie cap

📅 BOO-ti-ful Stories and Crafts

Grades K-2
Monday, October 16 | 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

Enjoy some slightly spooky stories and jokes while decorating your own jack-o'-lantern crafts.

📅 Mummy Jar Lanterns

Grades 3-6
Sunday, October 22 | 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Join us in our Makerspace to make a ghoulish mummy jar lantern decoration for Halloween.

📅 DIY Halloween Decor

Grades 3-6
Wednesday, October 25 | 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

Paint a Halloween block head and a mini haunted house to take home. You can also take a spooky book to enjoy ***if you dare!***

Pipe Cleaner Creatures (Drop-In)

Grades K-2
Monday, October 30 | 5:00 – 5:45 p.m.

Come to BPL and make your own little buddy out of pipe cleaners.

📅 Pokémon Poké Ball Bookmark

Grades 3-6
Monday, November 13 | 5:00 – 5:45 p.m.

Do you like Pokémon and reading? Learn how to make your own Poké Ball bookmark!

LEGO® Club (Drop-In)

Grades 1-6
Tuesday, November 21
4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

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

📅 DIY Holiday Gift Bags

Grades 1-6
Thursday, November 30 | 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Come in and decorate some gift bags to use for this gift-giving season.

girls who code

📅 Girls Who Code

Grades 3-5
Mondays, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.
October 16 through December 11

Interested in coding? Then join us for our new Girls Who Code Club! Open to girls and non-binary students in grades 3-5. See page 4 for more details.

Solar Eclipse Glasses for BPL Cardholders, While Supplies Last

Starting on Monday, October 2, show your BPL card at the Adult Reference Desk or the Youth Services Desk and pick up your solar eclipse glasses to view the annular solar eclipse on October 14.

One pair of glasses per BPL card, while supplies last.
For more information about the upcoming solar eclipse, visit eclipse.aas.org.

Youth Programs

Preschool Programs

Come Together (Drop-In)

0-24 months
Every Wednesday | 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.
No session November 22

Meet and chat with other parents & caregivers while your child socializes and explores with hands-on toys. Weekly drop-in event for ages 0-24 months. *Will be offered simultaneously with Baby Tales and Tunes when in session.

📅 Monster Boogie

Ages 3-5
Tuesday, October 10
1:30 – 2:15 p.m.

Join us as we stomp, roar, and boogie our way through some fun monster stories, crafts, and games!

📅 Happy Books, Happy Cooks

Ages 3-5
Thursdays, 6:00 – 6:30 p.m.
October 19 & November 9

A storytime for all of our budding chefs! Read a food-filled story and create a tasty treat. *Please let us know about any allergies when registering.*

📅 Playing with STEM

Ages 2-5
Tuesdays, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.
October 24, November 7, & November 21

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. In these programs, we will learn about weather, leaves, and dinosaurs.

Preschool Process Art (Drop-In)

Ages 3-5
Saturday, October 28 | 10:00 – 10:45 a.m.

Little hands, but big creativity! Pop in to the Makerspace to try this month's artsy activity.

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

0-24 months
Wednesdays, 10:00 – 10:30 a.m.
November 8 & November 15

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.

Explore with Your Senses (Drop-In)

Under 3 years old with caregivers and families
Friday, November 10
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Come participate in different activities designed to develop sensory processing skills. Explore texture, sound, smell, colors, and patterns.

📅 Messy Fingers

Ages 2-4
Tuesday, November 14 | 1:30 – 2:15 p.m.

Your little ones will have the opportunity to develop their fine motor skills through this messy art class.

📅 Community Tree Ornament Making Party

Families
Saturday, November 18
10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

The Bloomingdale Public Library Youth Services department will be sponsoring a tree in our very own Snowman Crossing!

You are invited to come create crafts that will become a part of the library's tree. Everyone is invited to help decorate the tree outside the library at the allotted time, which will be announced at the program.

Family Programs

📅 Homeschool Hangout Series

Families
Thursdays, 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.
October 5 & November 2

Join us to explore a new topic each month with books, crafts, and activities specially designed for each grade level.

Eclipse Kits (Drop-In)

Families
Kit Pickup begins October 8

Pick up a kit with eclipse projects and materials – while supplies last! One kit per family.

Craft Time (Drop-In)

Families
Monday, October 9 & Friday, November 24
9:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Stop in to make a craft. While supplies last.

📅 Bow-Wow Bandanas

Families
Wednesday, November 1 | 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

Join us in the Makerspace to design and craft some special swag for a furry friend.

It's Great to Be Me! (Drop-In)

Families
Friday, November 3 | 10:30 – 11:15 a.m.

A storytime with books, songs, and rhymes that support positive self-esteem and confidence for kids.

DIY DINOvember Kits (Drop-In)

Families
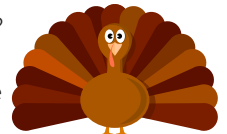Kit Pickup begins November 13

Pick up a kit with dinos and props—while supplies last! One kit per family.

Turkey Tales (Drop-In)

Families
Monday, November 20 | 1:30 – 2:15 p.m.

What are you thankful for? Come move to music and hear stories that celebrate turkeys, Pilgrims, and being thankful. Stay after the stories for a Thanksgiving craft.

FALL & WINTER
Storytimes

The Youth Services department provides age-appropriate interactive fun with stories, sign language, music, and more.

Fall Session: September 11 through October 20

Winter Mini Session: November 27 through December 15

DROP-IN STORYTIMES
limited to the first 20 children to arrive for storytime

Preschool Storytime
Ages 3-5
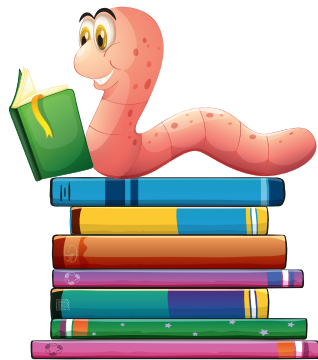Mondays, 1:30 – 2:00 p.m.

Evening Storytime
All ages with caregiver
Wednesdays, 6:00 – 6:30 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
Ages 0-24 months with caregiver
Wednesdays
10:00 – 10:20 a.m. OR
10:50 – 11:10 a.m.

Introduce your baby to books, songs, rhymes, and movement that will aid in the development of early literacy skills. ***Out of consideration for baby safety and to encourage child/caregiver bonding, older siblings cannot be accommodated in this program.***

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

the Donna Beth Froio Cultural Collection

The Youth Services Department houses a special collection called the **Donna Beth Froio Foreign Language and Cultural Collection**.

The collection began in 1982 with a generous donation by Mr. Dominic and Mrs. Barbara Froio in memory of their loving daughter Donna Beth, who died at the age of 16. The interest from these invested funds is used each year to purchase new items. Titles selected may be in one language, bilingual, or multilingual, or reflective of cultural experience and practices from around the world.

Because of this fund, this year we were able to add 65 new items in many languages and cultures reflecting the Bloomingdale community, geopolitical events, and award winners/nominees. Come in to the Library and enjoy these new additions to our collection!

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.