

Winter Reading:

Get Your Mitts on a Good Book!

December 11, 2023 through February 2, 2024

Registration opens December 11 for all ages. Four ways to register:



Using Previous Registrations: If you previously registered for any 2022-2023 library reading programs, your login information is also valid for Winter Reading and all future reading programs.

Family Registration: You can register all family members under one account. Start your family registration at the Adult Services Desk.

Logging Minutes: Kids, teens, and adults all log minutes. Reading to your child or sibling? Those minutes count for you, too!

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!

The Winter Reading Program is open to Bloomingdale residents only.

Adult & Teen Program (7th grade to adult)

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

Grand Prizes:

\$25 Amazon gift card (2 winners) | BPL branded tote bag (1 winner)

Youth (Infants through 6th grade):

For every 120 minutes logged, readers receive a free book!

Grand Prizes: Wolves Reading Prize Packs





December 20 & 21 | 3:00 – 9:00 p.m. Open to all high school students, grades 9-12 (Drop-In)

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

Library Closings:Hours: Closed Saturday, December 23 through Monday, December 25

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.

in observance of Christmas Eve and Christmas Day

Closed Saturday, December 30 through Monday, January 1

in observance of New Year's Eve and New Year's 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.

DECEMBER PROGRAMS

➡ VIRTUAL: The Art of Norman Rockwell

Monday, December 11 | 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Zoom Webinar

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Art historian Jeff Mishur presents the development of Norman Rockwell's career from his earliest days at The Saturday Evening Post to the years after he left and began illustrating for Look and Life magazines.

The History of Carole King

Tuesday, December 12 | 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

In-Person Event

Carole King began writing pop hits in her teens but her career exploded in 1971 with the release of her solo album Tapestry. It's an amazing story of a young, earnest songwriter whose mix of gently rocking pop, folk, and soul music touched and warmed us all.

TIVITUAL: Christmas Markets in Prague and Germany

Monday, December 18 | 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Zoom Webinar

World traveler Gene Flynn takes us on an amazing tour of Christmas markets in Prague and Germany. With very few international tourists, December trips are a festive change from summer visits.



ONGOING ADULT PROGRAMS

Genealogy Club (Drop-In)

Wednesday, January 17 | 6:30 – 8:45 p.m. no meeting in December

Great Decisions

Wednesday, January 17 | 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. no meeting in December

IANUARY PROGRAMS

VIRTUAL: Life on the Alaska Highway

Monday, January 8 | 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Join us on an adventure along the Alaska Highway with outdoorsman John Lynn who biked 1500 miles through scenic British Columbia and the Yukon Territory to reach "The Last Frontier" of Alaska.



Drop-In Craft: Upcycled Greeting Cards

Tuesday, January 16 | 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

In-Person Event

Drop in and make greeting cards for any occasion by upcycling your old greeting cards. We'll provide everything you need to make new greeting cards (while supplies last), but feel free to bring in your old greeting cards, along with washi tape, stamps, and stickers to make those old cards new again.

TIRTUAL: Constellations: Where Do They Come

Monday, January 22 | 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Zoom Webinar

88 constellations define the entire night sky. Explore the history of constellations, including the astronomers involved and former constellations. Presented by Astroeducator Michelle Nichols.

URTUAL: Winslow Homer - The Great Themes

Monday, January 29 | 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

700m Webinar

Join art historian Jeff Mishur as he examines the great themes of Winslow Homer's long career, beginning with his treatment of Civil War subjects for *Harper's Weekly* and concluding with his powerful renderings of the sea and humanity's relationship to nature.

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Engraved Acrylic Keychain

Registration opens Monday, December 4 at 9:00 a.m. 5 per session. Register for one session:

> Thursday, January 11 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. Monday, January 22 | 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Engraving takes 30-60 minutes depending on design complexity, so patrons will pick up their keychains on a later date. Learn how to use the library's Makerspace equipment to make creative craft projects.

Registration Information:

Ages 12 to adult, BPL card & computer experience required. Please sign up for one session only

Paper Flower Shadow Box

Registration opens Tuesday, January 2 at 9:00 a.m. 8 per session. Register for one session:

Thursday, February 1 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. Monday, February 12 | 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.





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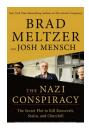


book discussion groups

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.

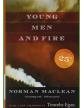
HISTORICAL **BOOK DISCUSION**

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



The Nazi Conspiracy: The Secret Plot to Kill Roosevelt, Stalin, and Churchill

by Brad Meltzer and Josh Mensch Tuesday, December 5 | 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.



Young Men & Fire

by Norman Maclean Tuesday, January 2 | 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

MONDAY NIGHT **PAGE TURNERS**

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



Our Favorite Picks Party

Monday, December 11 | 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Register for our end of year party! There's no book discussion this month. Instead, we'll be sharing our favorite picks of the year. A list of all shared titles will be available after the party, so you're sure to find some great book, movie, and TV show recommendations.



One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest

by Ken Kesey Monday, January 15 | 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.



JROP-IN MOVIFS

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.



While You Were Sleeping

Wednesday, December 13 | 1:00 - 3:30 p.m.

A hopelessly romantic Chicago Transit Authority token collector is mistaken for the fiancée of a coma patient. Rated PG



Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret.

Wednesday, December 27 | 1:00 - 3:30 p.m.

When her family moves from the city to the suburbs, 11-year-old Margaret navigates new friends, feelings, and the beginning of adolescence. Rated PG-13



When Harry Met Sally

Wednesday, January 10 | 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Harry and Sally are very good friends, but are afraid to fall in love and ruin the friendship. Rated R

Fast X

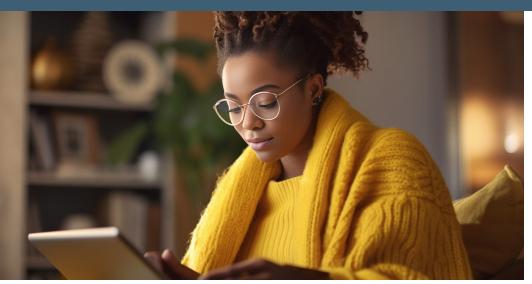
Wednesday, January 24 | 1:00 - 3:30 p.m.

Dom Toretto and his family are targeted by the vengeful son of drug kingpin Hernan Reyes. Rated PG-13

Computer Classes



Registration is encouraged for computer classes to receive program updates. Virtual Classes are noted with \square and will be posted to our YouTube channel. Register online, by phone at (630) 924-2730, or by email at bdref@mybpl.org.



iPhone Basics

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

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.

Cutting the Cord

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

Explore entertainment options beyond paying for cable. 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.

Ruby: Classes and Objects

Thursday, January 18 | 7:00 p.m. Instructor: Charlie

Explore the concepts of classes and objects in object-oriented programming while learning to create and implement them with Ruby.

Smartphone Accessibility Guide

Monday, January 22 | 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. Instructor: Christian

Smartphone features like screen readers, magnifying glass, adjustable zoom, and touch sensitivity are designed for users adjusting to physical challenges. Learn how to find and implement these tools to make other aspects of phone use easier.

OneDrive

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

Learn all about the cloud storage system OneDrive, from beginners storing files for remote access and collaborative work to more advanced users syncing their entire computer as a disaster recovery method.

Audiobooks, eBooks, & More at the Library

Thursday, January 25 | 7:00 – 8:00p.m. Instructor: Salvador

Looking for entertainment while driving, walking outside, or working around the house? Consider some of the free digital resources provided by the library. Students will learn how to download audiobooks, ebooks, and stream content to their phones, tablets, computers, or smart TVs.

□ Getting Familiar with MacOS

Thursday, January 25 | 7:00 p.m. Instructor: Salvador

Discover the basics to get started with MacOS, from finding your way around the operating system to installing programs.

Excel 1

Monday, January 29 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. Instructor: Sean

Format, design, and sort spreadsheets, plus learn the first steps towards creating formulas and using functions.

Classes

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

Word Processing & Windows

Tuesday, January 16 | 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. Instructor: Sean

Learn the basics of computer use and dealing with Windows.

Internet Use & Safety

Tuesday, January 23 | 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. Instructor: Sean

Discuss and learn about internet topics, such as browsing the web, email questions and concerns, how the cloud works, and how to avoid viruses.

Tablets & Smartphones

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

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





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Home Alone (PG)

Wednesday, December 13 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.





Clueless (PG-13)

Wednesday, January 24 6:00 – 7:30 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 mybpl.org/teenbookbags

Teen Crafts @ BPL In-Person Crafts

Candy Sleds

Wednesday, December 6 | 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. registration opens Monday, November 6 at 9:00 a.m.

Craft a sled made entirely from candy. Keep it for yourself or give it to a friend as a gift. Limit 12.

Custom Mug

Wednesday, January 10 | 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. registration opens Monday, December 11 at 9:00 a.m.

Use the library's Cricut and Mug Press to create a custom mug. Limit 4 teens.

Perler Bead Club (Drop-In)

Wednesday, January 17 | 6:00 – 7:30 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.



Take & Make Crafts

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

Pusheen Christmas Cross-Stitch

Registration begins November 13 Kit Pickup begins Monday, December 4

Stitch your very own Christmas-inspired Pusheen patterns with this kit. Keep it for yourself or give it as a holiday gift. Limit 12 teens.

E Lucky Star Jar

Registration begins December 11 Kit Pickup begins Monday, January 8

Learn some origami skills and create a colorful lucky star jar for yourself! Limit 12 teens.

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Youth Programs



Registration required for some youth programs (noted with 🖨). Registration for **December** programs begins Monday, November 27 at 9:00 a.m.

Registration for **January** programs begins Tuesday, December 26 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

Explore Bags

Grades 3-6 Starting Friday, December 1

Register for a book experience bag curated just for you. Each bag will contain 1-3 books personally selected with teasers, a handwritten note, an activity idea, and some goodies. Books will be checked out to your card, so just return them when you are done and keep the treats.

Middle Grade Makers (Drop-In)

Grades 4-8

Thursdays, December 7 and January 4 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Explore our 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!

Grades 3-6

Thursdays, December 14 and January 11 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

Libraries are a great place to learn about science and technology while making cool stuff. Come join the fun!

December – 3D pen ornaments
| anuary – magic wands

≐ Jan Brett Book Party

Grades K-2

Sunday, December 17 | 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Come explore a wintry wonderland with stories, crafts, and snacks.

🖰 Hug in a Mug

Grades 3-6

Thursday, December 21 | 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Make a custom mug and fill it with goodies to make a gift for someone special.

DIY Dot Painting Tote Bag

Grades K-2

Thursday, December 28 | 3:15 - 4:00 p.m.

Come in from the cold to DIY your own canvas book bag with a dot painting technique and pick up cozy winter books to put inside of it!

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Snowman Playdough

Grades 2-6

Tuesday, January 2 | 3:30 – 4:15 p.m.

Create your own snowman and seal him up in a decorative mason jar.

Bingo Blast (Drop-In)

Grades 1-6

Friday, January 5 | 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Start your year with some bingo fun! Join us for a twist to an old favorite as we play bingo with holiday flair. Drop in anytime and stay as long as you like. Collect tokens for each game you win. Once you have three tokens, you can trade them in for a prize!

Winter Writer's Workshop

Grades 3-6

Monday, January 8 | 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Bring your own journal or get ready to start a new one. Enjoy a warm cozy cup of cocoa or apple cider while you spend time with your muse.

□ Crochet Along with Miss Carol

Grades 3-8

Video posted on our YouTube channel on Monday, January 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 picked up at the library. New projects will be posted quarterly. January project: Wave pattern

☐ Learn to Use a Sewing Machine

Grades 4-6 with caregiver Monday, January 15 | 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Get an introduction to the sewing machines in the BPL Makerspace. 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.

LEGO® Club (Drop-In)

Grades 1-6

Tuesday, January 16 | 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

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

Snowflakes, Snowballs, and Stories—Oh My!

Grades K-2

Wednesday, January 17 | 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

Winter is here! We will read some great winter stories, make crafts, and have an indoor snowball fight.

Percy Jackson Book Party

Grades 3-6

Monday, January 29 | 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

Excited about the new Percy Jackson series? Come in to enjoy crafts and activities based on the popular series.

⇔ C.N.P.D. Celebrate National Puzzle Day

Grades K-2

Tuesday, January 30 | 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

If you enjoy fun puzzles, this is the place to be! We will have many different kinds for you to puzzle over.

Gnometastic Craft Time

Grades 3-6

Thursday, February 1 | 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

Are you obsessed with these cute little creatures? We will have various materials available to make your very own gnome!



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Preschool Programs

Come Together (Drop-In)

0-24 months

Every Wednesday | 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

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. *

There will be no Come Together on December 27 or January 3.

Polar Express

Ages 3-5

Tuesday, December 5 | 1:30 - 2:15 p.m.

All aboard! Join us for a reading of this holiday classic. There will be crafts and activities - pajamas are optional.

Playing with STEM

Ages 2-5

Tuesday, December 12 and January 30 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Start your child in STEM early with our fun play to learn program. Each session, we will have different stations for kids to explore. December – ice and snow lanuary – winter animals

Let's Make a Snowman

Ages 3-5

Tuesday, December 19 | 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

It may be too cold to venture outside for long! Make a snowman out of craft materials here at the library.

Messy Fingers

Ages 2-4

Friday, December 22 | 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Your little ones will have the opportunity to develop their fine motor skills through this hands-on messy art class. Join us for all the mess and lots of fun!

☐ Take It, Make It: New Year's Party in a Bag

Ages 3-5

Kit Pickup: December 26 – December 29

This kit will have everything you need for the perfect New Year's celebration!

Ages 3-5

Tuesday, January 9 | 1:30 – 2:15 p.m.

"Owl" you need for this program is a love of owls and you'll have a hooting good time.

Happy Books, Happy Cooks

Ages 3-5

Thursday, January 25 | 6:00 – 6:30 p.m.

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

For Families

Homeschool Hangout Series

Families

Thursdays, December 7 and January 4 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

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

Science and Fun with *Frozen* (Drop-In)

Families

Wednesday, December 20 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

We will celebrate the movie with science activities, games, and crafts for all!

Craft Time (Drop-In)

Families

Friday, December 29 | 9:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Come craft with us! While supplies last.

Have Fun with Hula (Drop-In)

Families

Monday, January 15 | 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Let's learn a new skill on this school day off. Shasta Hud will teach the meaning, culture, and dance steps of Hula.

Penguin Awareness Day (Drop-In)

Families

Saturday, January 20 | 10:00 – 10:45 a.m.

Enjoy a storytime and special craft all about penguins!

Watercolor Snowflakes (Drop-In)

Families

Tuesday, January 23 | 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

It's snowing! Come create pretty snowflake art to hang on your windows.

Bluey Bonanza

Families

Sunday, January 28 | 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Visit the land of *Bluey* with games of Keepy Uppy, dance mode competitions, and lots more wackadoo fun!



Winter Storytimes

Winter Mini Session: November 27 through December 15
Winter Full Session: January 8 through February 16

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

Storytimes are limited to the first 20 children to arrive.

Preschool Storytime

Ages 3-5 Mondays, 1:30 – 2:00 p.m.

Evening Storytime

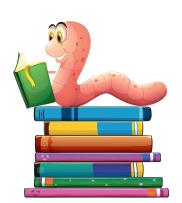
All ages with caregiver Wednesdays, 6:00 – 6:30 p.m.

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
10:30 – 10:50 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,

ncourage 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.

Valentines for Veterans

for all ages

Monday, January 8 – Monday, February 5

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

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



Limited Hours in December

Be sure to visit the Makerspace by Saturday, December 16 to get in your last minute holiday crafts and gifts!

The Makerspace will be closed for the holiday starting Thursday, December 21 and will reopen for Bloomingdale cardholders on Thursday, January 4.