Youth Summer Reading Program

Read, Renew, Repeat! Revitalize and read this summer!

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

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

Sign up starting Monday, June 3. Prizes are awarded for every 5 hours of reading.* Children complete the program by reading 15 hours and will receive a book and an entry into the Grand Prize Drawing.

The Summer Reading Program is open to Bloomingdale residents only.

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

Registration Information

Registration for Summer Reading begins on Monday, June 3 and ends on Saturday, July 27. Last day to check in reading logs for prizes is Saturday, July 27.

online: mybpl.beanstack.org
by phone: (630) 924-2740
by email: bdys@mybpl.org

in person: Youth Services Desk
in app: Beanstack App for Apple and Android

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

Youth Prizes

- 300 minutes: Free Book
- 600 minutes: BPL Bamboo Spinner
- 900 minutes: Free Book

Grand Prizes

Winner’s Choice - Bloomingdale Business Gift Card
- $100 Gift Card
- $50 Gift Card
- $25 Gift Card
Bike Safety Tips for Kids
Grades 3-8
Friday, June 7 | 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
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All Ages
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Getting Excited about Science (Drop-In)
Families
Tuesday, July 2 | 2:00 – 2:45 p.m.
Join Steve Belliveau as we learn about science in this fun, interactive presentation where unexpected happenings may occur.

Frog Lady (Drop-In)
Families
Tuesday, July 16 | 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.
Come learn about reptiles and amphibians at this all-ages program.
School Age Programs

Crafternoon Fun (Drop-In)
Grades K-2
Tuesdays, June 4, July 2, & August 6
3:30 – 4:15 p.m.
Take an ordinary object and create something fun! We will be making sock worms in June, kaleidoscopes in July, and picture frames in August.

Recycled Collages
Grades K-2
Wednesday, June 5 | 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.
Use lots of recycled materials to make a one-of-a-kind collage.

Middle Grade Makers (Drop-In)
Grades 4-8
Thursdays, June 6 & August 8
4:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Explore the BPL 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!

Beginning Crochet
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This is a two session program. Session 1 - learn the basics: how to hold your yarn and hook and the single crochet stitch. Session 2 - learn how to start a project and read a pattern.

Makerspace Club: STEM Time
Grades 3-6
Thursdays, June 13 & July 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!

Wee Miniatures Workshop
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The Great Cicada Invasion!
Grades K-2
Monday, June 10 | 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.
Enjoy activities, snacks, and science that will demystify these fascinating creatures!

Dog Man Book Party
Grades K-2
Friday, June 21 | 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.
Celebrate all things Dog Man with crafts and activities centered around this popular series.

Paper Lanterns
Grades 3-6
Monday, June 24 | 5:30 – 6:15 p.m.
Make a cute lantern for summer nights.

Let’s Make Plarn
Grades 3-6
Monday, July 8 | 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.
Plarn is yarn made out of plastic shopping bags. Learn how to make this material and use it in simple patterns.

Crochet Along with Miss Carol (Virtual)
Grades 3-8
Monday, July 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. July project is a Plarn Tote Bag.

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Things that Fly
Grades 3-6
Tuesday, June 25 | 4:30 – 5:15 p.m.
Craft your very own paper airplanes, gliders, and helicopters and see how far they fly.

Altered Books
Grades 3-6
Friday, June 28 | 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.
Come make art in a book! We will have several themes or create your own!
School Age Programs

Rainbow Spinners
Grades K-2
Monday, July 15 | 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Decorate a top that makes rainbows two different ways when it spins!

Create a Terrarium
Grades 3-6
Tuesday, July 30 | 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.
Make your own mini-ecosystem and fill it with plants.

LEGO® Club (Drop-In)
Grades 1-6
Tuesday, July 16 | 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.
Design and build with the library’s LEGO® supply to complete the challenge.

Cook with the Sun
Grades K-2
Thursday, July 18 | 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.
Learn about renewable energy and make a solar oven.

A Town Under the Stars
Grades 3-6
Saturday, July 20 | 3:00 – 3:45 p.m.
Create your own little street filled with houses, buildings, and more under a starry sky.

Shark Teeth Chomp! Chomp!
Grades 1-3
Tuesday, July 23 | 3:45 – 4:15 p.m.
Create your own shark!

Felt Flair
Grades 3-6
Friday, July 26 | 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.
Learn simple stitches in this repurposed fiber art program to make swag to decorate your space!

Warriors Book Party
Grades 3-6
Monday, July 29 | 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Enjoy crafts, games, and activities all about the Warriors book series.

For Kids and Teens!

Read with a Buddy
Grades K-2
Late June and July
Develop language comprehension by reading with a teen buddy. Each student will be paired with a trained teen buddy or librarian to share books for 20 minutes. The focus will be on building vocabulary, background knowledge, and enjoyment rather than decoding skills.
Please email Carol Leeson at cleeson@mybpl.org to learn more about this program and schedule your child.

Teen Reading Mentors
Grades 10-12
Late June and July
Do you like to work directly with younger children? Do you need service hours for school, church, or an organization? Join the Teen Mentors this summer to help support kindergarten through 2nd grade students who are developing reading skills. There will be a mandatory training session in June and several sessions throughout June and July to work with students.
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Preschool Programs

**Come Together (Drop-In)**
0-24 months
Wednesdays | 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.
Meet and chat with other parents and 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.*

**Preschool Process Art (Drop-In)**
Ages 3-5
Saturday, June 1 | 10:00 – 10:45 a.m.
Little hands, but big creativity! Pop in to the Makerspace to try this month’s artsy activity.

**Playing with STEM**
Ages 2-5
Tuesdays, June 4, July 9, & August 13
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. We will have different stations for kids to explore each month.

**Messy Fingers**
Ages 2-4
Saturday, June 8 | 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!

**Can You Dance Like a Peacock?**
Ages 3-5
Tuesday, June 18 | 1:30 – 2:15 p.m.
Can you strut your moves in this fun program?

**Happy Books, Happy Cooks**
Ages 3-5
Thursdays, June 20 & July 11
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 any allergies at the time of registration.

**Explore with Your Senses (Drop-In)**
Under 3 years old with caregivers
Saturday, June 29
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.

**Summer Drop-in Storytimes**

*Children of all ages, join us for a storytime! The Youth Services department provides age-appropriate interactive fun with stories, sign language, music, and more. Summer Storytimes run June 17 through July 26. Family Storytimes may be outside, weather permitting.*

**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 & Tunes**
Ages 0-24 months with caregiver
Wednesdays, 10:00 – 10:20 a.m. or 10:30 – 10:50 a.m. (choose one session)
Baby Tales & Tunes will introduce your baby to the world of music, movement, rhymes, and books that will aid in the development of early literacy skills.

**Circle Park Storytime**
All Ages
Thursdays, June 13, July 11, & August 8 | 10:30 – 11:00 a.m.
Join us for outdoor summer storytimes in Circle Park. Meet us at the picnic shelter! Weather permitting.
Register your child for the grade they will enter in fall of 2024.

/storybook trail

Located around Circle Park, a story awaits your family as you walk the trail. A new story, Hello, Puddle! by Anita Sanchez, is now available. This lovely activity combines walking, reading, and family fun! The Storybook Trail is provided in partnership with the Bloomingdale Park District. Come out and enjoy!

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

/scopes in the city (drop-in)

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ReUse, RePurpose, Create

Thursday, July 25 | 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

What can you make out of repurposed materials? The possibilities are limited only by your imagination.

Craft Time

Monday, June 3 | 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Come make a rainbow craft. While supplies last.

Pet Appreciation Storytime

Friday, June 7 | 10:30 – 11:15 a.m.

Come celebrate Pet Appreciation Week with a special storytime and craft all about our furry family members.

Disney Headbands

Tuesday, June 11 | 2:45 – 3:30 p.m.

Families can drop in and create a headband for various Disney characters.

Dads and Donuts Storytime

Wednesday, June 12 | 6:00 – 6:45 p.m.

A special storytime all about dads (and includes donuts)!

Drop-In Family Fun!
Adult & Teen Summer Reading Program
Monday, June 3 – Saturday, July 27
Bloomingdale adults and teens, join our 2024 Summer Reading Program!
Sign up and read for a chance to win great prizes. Ways to register:

- online: mybpl.beanstack.org
- in app: Beanstack App for Apple and Android
- by phone: (630) 924-2730
- by email: bdref@mybpl.org
- in person: Adult Services Desk

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

Highlights:

Using Previous Registrations: If you registered for any of BPL’s recent reading programs, your login information is valid for 2024 Summer Reading and all future reading programs. If you do not remember your login info, a librarian can look it up.

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

Free Schaumburg Boomer Baseball Tickets: Sign up for Summer Reading to earn free tickets for Bloomingdale Public Library Day at Wintrust Field! Tickets are for the Tuesday, August 13 night game against the Evansville Otters.

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

Adults
Reading Prizes
300 minutes: BPL Bento Box

Grand Prizes
Winners’ Choice - Bloomingdale Business Gift Card
$100 Gift Card • $75 Gift Card
$50 Gift Card • $25 Gift Card

Teens (Entering Grades 7-12)
Reading Prizes
300 minutes: Candy Bar
600 minutes: BPL Bento Box
900 minutes: Free Book

Grand Prizes
Winners’ Choice - Bloomingdale Business Gift Card
$75 Gift Card • $50 Gift Card • $25 Gift Card

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

Registration required for some teen 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.

Programs are in-person unless stated otherwise in class description.

Teen programs are open to those entering grades 7-12 unless otherwise noted.

Teen Crafts @ BPL

Take & Make

For Take & Make crafts, you will be contacted via email when your craft kit is ready to be picked up at the Adult Reference Desk.

☒ Pusheen by the Numbers (Take & Make)
  Kit Pickup begins Monday, June 10
  registration begins Tuesday, May 28 - limit 12 teens
  Paint and display your favorite lazy, lovable feline.

☒ Harry Potter Clay Charms
  Kit Pickup begins Monday, July 1
  registration begins Monday, June 17 - limit 10 teens
  Craft clay into your favorite characters of Harry Potter to complete a wearable silver charm bracelet.

In-Person

Perler Bead Club (Drop-In)
  Wednesdays, June 12 & July 10 | 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
  Join us in the BPL Makerspace to create a fun and colorful work of art using Perler beads.

☒ Teen Craft Night
  Thursday, June 20 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
  registration begins Saturday, June 1 - limit 12 teens
  Thursday, July 18 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
  registration begins Monday, July 1 - limit 12 teens
  Check calendar at mybpl.org for craft of the month.

Game Night (Drop-In)
  Thursday, June 27 | 6:00 – 8:00 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., or discover your new favorite tabletop or board game!

From Youth Services

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ADULT PROGRAMS

D-Day: The Invasion of Normandy
Monday, June 3 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
In-Person Event
On June 6, 1944, Western Allies turned the tide of WWII. Historical entertainer Jim Gibbons will discuss what led up to this invasion and how Allied timing had to be precise on everything, including the month, moon, tides of the ocean, and weather.

VIRTUAL: Normandy, D-Day Beaches, & Brittany
Monday, June 10 | 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Zoom Webinar
Normandy was the epicenter in three wars: William the Conqueror’s invasion of England, Joan of Arc and the 100 Years War, and D-Day in WWII. Travel enthusiast Gene Flynn takes us on a journey to Rouen, Bayeux, D-Day beaches, and the tidal island known as Mont St. Michel, followed by a short visit to Celtic Brittany.

The History of The Beatles (White Album)
Monday, July 8 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
In-Person Event
This album from 1968 marked the beginning of the end for the world’s greatest band. Pop music expert Gary Wenstrup will analyze key tracks on this iconic album including “Dear Prudence,” “Ob-La-Di, Ob-La-Da,” and “Helter Skelter.”

Heart Healthy Cuisine
Tuesday, July 9 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
In-Person Program
In this cooking demonstration, Chef Susan Maddox offers up some heart healthy recipes for you to try at home. Limit 40 people. Registration opens Monday, June 3 at 9:00 am.

Chicago’s World’s Fairs: 1893 & 1933
Tuesday, July 16 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
In-Person Program
Local author William Hazelgrove presents the exciting and sprawling history behind the 1893 and 1933 World’s Fairs. This lecture features a cast of audacious characters including famous gangsters, fan dancers, unlucky financiers, and corrupt Chicago mayors. Books will be available for purchase and signed by the author.

VIRTUAL: Life on the California Trail
Monday, July 22 | 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
Zoom Webinar
Follow outdoor enthusiast John Lynn as he discusses his 1,000-mile trek following the route of the Donner-Reed party – a journey from the Oregon Trail at Fort Bridger, Wyoming to Sutter’s Fort in Sacramento.

The History of Bob Marley
Tuesday, June 18 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
In-Person Event
Bob Marley is the world’s most popular reggae artist, beloved for his universal hymns of freedom. Using performance and interview clips, pop music expert Gary Wenstrup will trace the arc of Marley’s career from “One Love” to “Redemption Song.”

Drop-In Craft: Book Repair & Decoration
Monday, June 24 | 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.
In-Person Event
Learn some tips to repair and refresh your old books with Mod Podge, hot glue, and acid-free tape. We’ll provide the supplies, but feel free to bring in your own treasured books that need mending.

DROP-IN MOVIES

Wonka (rated PG)
Wednesday, June 12 | 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.
With dreams of opening a shop in a city renowned for its chocolate, a young and poor Willy Wonka discovers that the industry is run by a cartel of greedy chocolatiers.

Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny (rated PG-13)
Wednesday, July 10 | 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.
Archaeologist Indiana Jones races against time to retrieve a legendary artifact that can change the course of history.

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.
The Monday Night Page Turners Group meets on the third Monday of each month, 7:30 – 8:30 p.m. To register, email Jessica Frazier at jfrazier@mybpl.org.

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Monday, July 15

Last Summer on State Street by Toya Wolf
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Be Free or Die: The Amazing Story of Robert Small’s Escape from Slavery to Union Hero by Andrew Lawler
Tuesday, July 2

The First Conspiracy: The Secret Plot to Kill George Washington by Brad Meltzer and Josh Mensch
Tuesday, June 4

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bplmakerspace crafts

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Custom Etched Glass Mug
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Waterfall Greeting Card
Make a personalized flip card that cascades through different images or phrases.
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Tuesday, July 9 | 2:30 – 4:30 p.m. limit 6
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Sew a Sleep Mask
Use the library’s sewing machines to sew a simple sleep mask.
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Join BPL on Goodreads!
Get reading suggestions and book reviews shared by library staff and Board.
www.goodreads.com/mybpl
TECH PROGRAMS

Registration is encouraged for computer classes to receive program updates. Register online, by phone at (630) 924-2730, or by email at bdref@mybpl.org.

Classes are in-person unless stated otherwise in class description.

iPhone Basics
Thursday, June 13 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Salvador
Learn to download and run apps, organize your icons, configure your settings, find and use your pictures, play your music, synchronize your phone with other devices, and much more.

VIRTUAL: Speeding up Windows
Thursday, June 20 | 7:00 p.m.
Instructor: Charlie
Is your computer running slow? Discover tips and tricks to speed up your Windows computer.

Smartphone Accessibility Guide
Tuesday, June 25 | 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.
Instructor: Christian
Smartphones have many features to help users adjusting to physical challenges. Learn how to find and implement these tools to make phone use easier. Students will be guided through the different options their phones offer during this hands-on class with extensive time for questions.

Digitize Everything
Thursday, June 27 | 7:00 p.m.
Instructor: Salvador
Learn how to convert photos, home movies, and audio formats to digital files for free at BPL! Instruction will include demos and time for questions.

Shopping Online
Monday, July 1 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Christian
Students will learn about eBay, Facebook Marketplace, and other popular websites/apps to buy and sell items. Creating accounts, shopping, and listing items will be discussed along with payment methods and possible fraud concerns.

Google Docs & Cloud Backup
Monday, July 8 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Sean
Cloud tools offer more opportunities for computer users. Learn about cloud storage options to work collaboratively, access saved items anywhere in the world, and provide a backup in case of computer failure. Google’s free applications will be used in class, but alternatives will also be discussed.

VIRTUAL: Customizing Windows
Thursday, July 11 | 7:00 p.m.
Instructor: Charlie
You spend a lot of time on your PC, so you should personalize its look and function. In this class, we cover some basic customization settings available in Windows.

Cutting the Cord
Monday, July 15 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Sean
Explore entertainment options beyond paying for cable. We will discuss how to connect your TV or other devices to streaming services, what options are out there to replace or improve on current service, and how to determine what’s right for you.

Getting Started:
Social Media Safety
Monday, July 22 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Christian
Explore privacy settings for popular social media sites like Facebook and Instagram, while learning how to avoid common social media scams.

Getting Familiar with the Apple Watch
Thursday, July 25 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Salvador
Smart watches like the Apple Watch give us computers on our wrists! Learn how they can help you meet your fitness goals and even replace your phone for common tasks.

Video Calls: Zoom, Teams & More
Thursday, July 18 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Christian
Whether you are connecting with friends and family, learning from video conferences, or participating in a remote medical appointment, video calls have become an important tool over the past several years. We will work with examples in popular applications Zoom & Teams to build our skills in class and discuss situations students might encounter.

Master Excel

Excel 1
Monday, June 10 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Sean
Format, design, and sort spreadsheets, plus learn the first steps towards creating formulas and using functions.

Excel 2
Monday, June 17 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Sean
Take the next step in learning Excel! This class covers more advanced topics such as formulas, graphs, and linking between multiple worksheets.

Excel 3
Monday, June 24 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Sean
Get a deeper understanding of Excel formulas, graphs, and formatting techniques, as well as examining other more complex formulas.
Ask your librarian for more information.

Renew your mind with creativity.

Start crafting with FREE art & craft classes at creativebug for libraries

Visit mybpl.org/onlinelearning with your BPL card and click CreativeBug to start creating today!

Explore More Illinois is a cultural pass program that provides discounts at museums, visual and performing arts centers, park districts, and more around the state.

Attractions include (at time of printing):
- Chicago Botanic Garden
- Cantigny Park
- Naper Settlement
- Illinois Railway Museum
- Brookfield Zoo
- Volo Museum

and more!

History and culture that educates and entertains – that’s what awaits you at BPL! Use your library card to receive a Museum Adventure Pass and get free admission or a special discount at select area museums.

OUTDOOR WIFI

Available throughout our parking lot & gazebo

6:00 a.m. to 11:45 p.m. daily

Classes for Seniors

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

Word Processing & Windows
Tuesday, July 9 | 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.
Instructor: Sean
Learn the basics of computer use and dealing with Windows.

Internet Use & Safety
Tuesday, July 16 | 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, July 23 | 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.
Are you interested in getting involved in your community and supporting your library? Then consider joining the Friends of the Bloomingdale Public Library!

Do you:
- Visit mybpl.org/friends for more general information:
- participate in Summer and Winter Reading?
The Friends help fund our summer t-shirt giveaway and many of our prizes for both programs.
- participate in ongoing library programs?
The Friends donate books for the community On The Same Page reading program, prizes for our 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program, and materials for both our collection and specific programs.
- attend our special events?
The Friends sell ice cream at our Summer Concerts, donate holiday trees for the community Snowman Crossing, and volunteer at the annual BOO-mingdale Halloween Party.
- use the BPL Makerspace? The Friends donated some Makerspace equipment and supplies.

We hope you can join us at our next meeting Wednesday, July 24 at 7:00 p.m.!
Summer Concerts @ BPL

Fridays, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.
June 14 – Strung Out
July 12 – The Beatelles
August 9 – Zydeco Voodoo
in the Dominic Froio Memorial Garden

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

ice cream social

Thursday, August 1 | 5:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Library Parking Lot
Celebrate the end of Summer Reading with rides, games, music, face painting, & more!
Residential Customer

May 20   Registration Opens for June Youth Services Programs
May 27   Library Closed for Memorial Day
June 3    Registration Opens for the Summer Reading Program (for all ages)
June 14   Summer Concert: Strung Out
June 17   Registration Opens for July Youth Services Programs
July 4    Library Closed for Independence Day
July 12   Summer Concert: The Beatelles
July 27   Last Day to Check in Reading Logs for Prizes
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ADA Accommodations
Persons with disabilities requiring reasonable accommodation to participate in a program should contact Bloomingdale Public Library at least 7 days prior to the program. Call (630) 924-2730 or email requests to ADA@mybpl.org.

Social Media
Follow us on social media for the latest information, virtual classes, and random fun!

Library 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. through May 21
Closed Sundays May 26 through September 1

Library Closings:
Monday May 27 for Memorial Day
Thursday, July 4 for Independence Day