NEW!
The SWAN Libraries + app

lets you store your library card, manage your account, and find books, movies, and more from your phone or tablet. It is free and available to anyone with a library card.

If you had the previous version of the SWAN Libraries app, please delete, and download the new SWAN Libraries + app. The old app is no longer operational.

Features listing:

- Find new titles and curated lists from librarians based on your personal tastes.

- Save your library card in your app, so you're never without it. You can also save your family's library cards through linked accounts.

- Manage your holds, checkouts, lists, and more right in the app.

- Search for titles across the whole SWAN consortium, place holds, and see which libraries have what you're looking for.

- Find and download eBooks, eAudio, streaming movies, and more all in one place.

Find the SWAN Libraries + App in your app store for Apple or Android.

TAX*time*

Federal and State Tax Forms

The library has common federal income tax forms available to the public. Other forms may be printed at the library.

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

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

Solar Eclipse Glasses
While Supplies Last

Starting on Monday, March 4th, stop by the library to pick up your solar eclipse glasses to view the total solar eclipse on April 8th!

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

WEISS FINANCIAL RATINGS

NEW!

BPL cardholders now have access to **Weiss Financial Ratings**, giving you independent, unbiased financial strength ratings of banks, credit unions, insurance companies, Medicare, and investment options.

Access this new service through our website at https://mybpl.org/databases#bus and click on Weiss Financial Ratings.

Hours:

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

For updates to hours/services offered:
Call (630) 529-3120 • Email **bdref@mybpl.org** • Visit our website at **www.mybpl.org**

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

Adult Programs

Registration required for some adult programs (noted with 📅). Register online, by phone at (630) 924-2730, or by email at **bdref@mybpl.org**. For programs with special registration requirements, please follow those instructions.

📅 VIRTUAL: Life on the Oregon Trail

Monday, February 5 | 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.   *Zoom Webinar*

Join us for an adventure along the Oregon Trail with outdoorsman John Lynn, who bicycled all 2,000 miles of today's Oregon National Historic Trail.

📅 VIRTUAL: Faith Ringgold - The Story Quilts and Paintings

Monday, February 12 | 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.   *Zoom Webinar*

In this presentation about artist and award-winning author Faith Ringgold, art historian Jeff Mishur discusses a selection of her paintings and story quilts pertaining to important themes including the challenges faced by women artists, the relationship between "fine art" and "craft," and African American history.

📅 VIRTUAL: Abraham Lincoln on Film

Monday, February 19 | 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.   *Zoom Webinar*

Explore the life and times of our sixteenth president with a collection of fascinating clips from films such as *Young Mr. Lincoln*, which re-creates his assassination, to Bob Newhart's razor sharp sketch, *Inventing Abraham Lincoln*. This presentation paints a compelling portrait of the man, the politician, and the brilliant mind behind them both. Presented by film expert Steven Frenzel.

bpl makerspace crafts

📅 Engraved Metal Bracelet

Use our Cricut Maker to engrave a metal bracelet. Depending on the design complexity, patrons may need pick up their bracelets on a later date. Computer experience is required.

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

Monday, March 11 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Monday, March 25 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Tuesday, March 26 | 3:00 – 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday, April 16 | 3:00 – 4:30 p.m.
Monday, April 29 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Drop-In Craft: Tea Cup Fairy Gardens

Tuesday, March 5 | 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.   *In-Person Event*

Drop in and make a miniature fairy garden inside of a teacup, **while supplies last**. We'll provide everything you need, but feel free to bring in your own miniature trinkets, foliage, pebbles, and tea cups.

📅 VIRTUAL: Audrey Hepburn: Graceful Legend

Monday, March 11 | 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.   *Zoom Webinar*

As kind and talented as she was beautiful, Audrey Hepburn was one of the most beloved figures of the 20th century. Film expert Steven Frenzel will share many personal stories about Ms. Hepburn and display scenes from her greatest films, such as *Roman Holiday*, *Funny Face*, and *Breakfast at Tiffany's*.

📅 VIRTUAL: Barbie - The History of America's Most Famous Doll

Monday, March 18 | 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.   *Zoom Webinar*

No other doll has been played with, analyzed, collected, criticized, and loved as much as Barbie. In this illustrated lecture, historian Leslie Goddard delves into the history of Barbie and her inventor, the passionately creative and intensely competitive Ruth Handler. Learn what inspired Handler to develop Barbie in 1959, how Barbie helped make Mattel one of the world's most successful toy companies, and what Barbie's impact has been on American culture.

📅 VIRTUAL: Edward Hopper and the American Scene

Monday, March 25 | 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.   *Zoom Webinar*

Edward Hopper painted emblematic works such as *Nighthawks* that depicted urban life in structured compositions with bold contrasts of light and shadow. This lecture, presented by art historian Jeff Mishur, will show how Hopper's work focused on the psychological isolation of modern life.

ONGOING ADULT PROGRAMS

Genealogy Club (Drop-In)

Wednesdays, February 21 & March 20 | 6:30 – 8:45 p.m.

Join us in person to learn about internet and archival genealogy and research support. Members share strategies and explore library resources with guidance from genealogy librarian Leslie Drewitz.

📅 Great Decisions

Wednesdays, February 21 & March 20 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

The Great Decisions discussion program is a civic education program administered and produced by the Foreign Policy Association.

Adult Programs

book discussion groups

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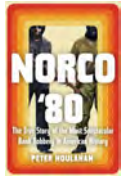If you have any questions, please call the Reference Desk at (630) 924-2730.

HISTORICAL BOOK DISCUSSION

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

The Education of Corporal John Musgrave: Vietnam and Its Aftermath
by John Musgrave
Tuesday, February 6 | 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Norco '80: The True Story of the Most Spectacular Bank Robbery in American History
by Peter Houlahan
Tuesday, March 5 | 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

MONDAY NIGHT PAGE TURNERS

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

True Biz
by Sara Nović
Monday, February 19 | 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Small Things Like These
by Claire Keegan
Monday, March 18 | 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.

goodreads

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.

FEBRUARY

Love Again (rated PG-13)
Wednesday, February 7 | 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

A young woman tries to ease the pain of her fiancé's death by sending romantic texts to his old cell phone number, and forms a connection with the man who now has the number.

Big George Foreman (rated PG-13)
Wednesday, February 21 | 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Fueled by an impoverished childhood, George Foreman channeled his anger into becoming an Olympic Gold medalist and World Heavyweight Champion, followed by a near-death experience that took him from the boxing ring to the pulpit.

MARCH

Sabrina (rated PG)
Wednesday, March 13 | 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

A playboy becomes interested in the daughter of his family's chauffeur, but it's his more serious brother who would be the better man for her.

Barbie (rated PG-13)
Wednesday, March 27 | 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Barbie suffers a crisis that leads her to question her world and her existence.

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*

Introductory classes for all ages

Social Media Safety
Thursday, February 29 | 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.

Organizing and Backing Up Your Computer Files
Monday, March 4 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Christian

Discover ways to organize your files for easy accessibility, including file naming conventions, structures, image tagging, and common backup methods.

Excel 2
Monday, February 12 | 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, February 19 | 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.

Getting Familiar with Apple Watch
Thursday, February 22 | 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.

girls who code

📅 Girls Who Code
Grades 3-5
Mondays, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.
February 5 through April 8
no session March 25

Interested in coding? Then join us for our new Girls Who Code Club!

The BPL Girls Who Code Club is a free program for girls and non-binary students that provides a sisterhood of supportive peers and role models using computer science to change the world.

We hope you can join us!

Google Docs & Cloud Backup
Monday, February 26 | 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.

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

Learn how to digitize your audio cassette tapes using our Digital Archiving Station in the computer lab. Create audio files for use on computers and other media storage. We will also review basic functions and audio editing with Audacity and Adobe Audition.

🎥 Ruby - Class Inheritance
Thursday, March 14 | 7:00 p.m.
Instructor: Charlie

Inheritance makes code more organized, efficient, and reusable. Explore the object-oriented concept of inheritance and learn how to implement it in Ruby code.

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, February 20 | 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.
Instructor: Sean

Learn the basics of computer use and dealing with Windows.

Internet Use & Safety
Tuesday, February 27 | 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, March 5 | 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.

🎥 Introduction to Cura
Thursday, March 21 | 7:00 p.m.
Instructor: Charlie

Cura is a free, open-source application used to communicate with a 3D printer and prepare digital 3D objects for printing. Learn the basics of using the software.

BPL Makerspace: Intro to Cricut Design Space
Monday, March 25 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Christian

Get started using Cricut Design Space, the free design software used with the Cricut Maker cutting machines in our Makerspace.

Teen Programs

Teen Crafts @ BPL

Take & Make Crafts

You will be contacted via email when your craft kit is ready to be picked up at the Adult Reference Desk.

🗓 Candy Chemistry

Kit Pickup begins Monday, February 5
registration begins Monday, January 15
limit 10 teens

Explore chemistry as you cook up candies and chocolates in the kitchen!

🗓 Harry Potter Felt

Kit Pickup begins Monday, March 4
registration begins Monday, February 12
limit 12 teens

Stitch your own collection of Wizarding World-inspired projects!

In-Person Crafts

🗓 Cupcake Decorating

Wednesday, February 14
6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
registration opens Monday, January 15
limit 12 teens

Show off your creative side by decorating a tasty treat!

Perler Bead Club (Drop-In)

Wednesdays, February 21 & March 20 | 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

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

🗓 Temporary Tattoos

Wednesday, March 6 | 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
registration opens Monday, February 12 - limit 8 teens

Use the library's printer and Cricut cutting machine to make unique temporary tattoos.

Game Night (Drop-In)

Thursdays, February 22 & March 28 | 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., or discover your new favorite tabletop or board game!

Meet Me @ THE MOVIES

🗓 Registration Required

Friday, March 29

Meet to watch the winner of our movie faceoff:
Ghostbusters: Frozen Empire
VS
Kung Fu Panda 4
Vote for your choice at
https://bit.ly/mybpl-movies-202403

Meet at The Picture Show, 324 Army Trail Rd, Bloomingdale. Meeting time is TBD. Limit 10.

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.

Five Nights at Freddy's (PG-13)
Wednesday, February 28
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Turning Red (PG)
Wednesday, March 27
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

SAT Practice Test

Stressing about taking the SAT? Take a full-length practice test to ward off test day jitters and see how you may score on the big test. Experience first-hand what test day will be like!

A representative from C2 Education will provide a practice test and contact you with scores and analyzed results.

🗓 SAT Practice Test

Saturday, March 2 | 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: **www.mybpl.org/teenbookreviews**
AND www.mybpl.org/teenbookbags

Youth Programs

School Age Programs

📅 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!

Hedgehog Buddy (Drop-In)
Grades K-2
Tuesday, February 6 | 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

Decorate a cute little hedgehog!

📅 Makerspace Club: STEM Time
Grades 3-6
Thursdays, February 8 & March 14
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!

📅 Super Bowl of Fun
Grades 1-6
Thursday, February 8 | 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Are you going to watch the big game? Join us to make some fun crafts that will get you ready for game day.

📅 Mardi Gras Customs and Crafts
Grades K-2
Tuesday, February 13 | 4:30 – 5:15 p.m.

Learn about the customs and celebrate the enthusiasm of Mardi Gras by creating colorful and musical crafts. A parade might be involved!

Middle Grade Makers (Drop-In)
Grades 4-8
Thursdays, February 15 & March 7
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!

📅 Willy Wonka's Candy Olympics
Grades 3-6
Monday, February 19 | 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

Use some "pure imagination" of your own to compete in these candy themed games that would make Willy Wonka himself proud!

📅 Pokémon Day
Grades 1-6
Wednesday, February 28 | 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

Come to the library and catch some Pokémon! We will have stories, games, and fun. Catch all the Pokémon and win a prize.

📅 Beginning Crochet
Grades 3-6
Mondays, March 4 & March 18
6:00 – 7:15 p.m.

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

📅 Special Saver Scrapbooks
Grades K-2
Tuesday, March 5 | 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

Make a uniquely decorated book of pockets to keep stickers, cards, bookmarks, and other sentimental treasures.

📅 Library Mystery Party
Grades K-2
Monday, March 11 | 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

Learn what it takes to be a detective and help solve a mystery at the library. You will also learn about some great mysteries that you can take home!

📅 Let's Go to Space!
Grades 3-6
Saturday, March 16 | 3:00 – 3:45 p.m.

Come create your own rocket ship and alien to blast into space!

📅 Spring Fairy Fun Day
Grades K-2
Thursday, March 21 | 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

Spring is here and it is time to celebrate with stories and myths of these nature beings. Crafts and games will be part of the fun.

LEGO® Club (Drop-In)
Grades 1-6
Tuesday, March 26 | 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

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

📅 Choose Your Own Adventure… with Friends
Grades 3-6
Thursday, March 28 | 3:15 – 4:00 p.m.

We are going on an adventure… lots of them! Meet new friends as you make big choices. Every choice you make leads to different activities, new groupings, and more choices!

Youth Programs

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 March 27.*

📅 Playing with STEM
Ages 2-5
Tuesday, February 20 | 10:00 – 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. Each week, we will have different stations for kids to explore.

📅 Happy Books, Happy Cooks
Ages 3-5
Thursdays, February 22 & March 28
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 about any allergies when registering.*

📅 Potty Party
Ages 1-5
Friday, February 23 | 10:30 – 11:15 a.m.

No more diapers, it's time to use the potty! Toddlers of all stages of potty training are invited to a party with stories and songs to encourage and motivate potty training.

📅 Fairy Tale Ball
Ages 3-10 with caregiver
Sunday, March 3 | 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

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

Come dressed like your favorite fairy tale character or creature and join us for an afternoon of fun, crafts, games, and treats.

📅 If You Give A Mouse a Cookie
Ages 3-5
Tuesday, March 12 | 1:30 – 2:15 p.m.

Do you know what happens if you give a mouse a cookie? Come to this program and find out!

Messy Fingers (Drop-In)
Ages 2-4
Tuesday, March 26 | 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

Drop in during this timeframe to develop their fine motor skills through this hands-on messy art class. Join us for all the mess and lots of fun!

Explore with Your Senses (Drop-In)
Under 3 years old with caregivers and families
Friday, March 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.

Preschool Process Art (Drop-In)
Ages 3-5
Saturday, April 6 | 10:00 – 10:45 a.m.

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

Family Programs

📅 Homeschool Hangout Series
Families
Thursdays, February 1 & March 7
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.

Craft Time (Drop-In)
Families
Monday, February 19 | 9:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Come make a craft. While supplies last.

Artful Storytime (Drop-In)
Families
Friday, March 1 | 10:30 – 11:15 a.m.

Enjoy a lively storytime all about art and create a masterpiece to take home.

📅 Peeps Family Challenge
Families
Wednesday, March 27 | 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Come as a family to create a scene from a favorite children's book with Peeps. Families will take home their Peep creation afterwards.

It's Storytime!

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

New Year Session: January 9 through February 16
Spring Session: March 4 through April 21 *(no storytimes the week of March 25-29)*

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.

Introduce your baby to the world of music, movement, rhymes, and books that will aid in the development of early literacy skills.

Come Together (Drop-In)
Ages 0-24 months
Wednesdays, 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Every Wednesday, meet and chat with other parents & caregivers while your child socializes and explores with hands-on toys. Will be offered simultaneously with Baby Tales and Tunes when in session. *There will be no Come Together on March 27.*

SPRING BREAK

programs for all ages   March 25 - 29

Monday

📅 **VIRTUAL: Edward Hopper and the American Scene**
Monday, March 25
6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Zoom Webinar

see pg 2 (adults)

BPL Makerspace: Intro to Cricut Design Space
Monday, March 25
7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Christian

see pg 4 (adults)

Tuesday

Messy Fingers (Drop-In)
Ages 2-4
Tuesday, March 26
1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

see pg 7 (preschool)

LEGO® Club (Drop-In)
Grades 1-6
Tuesday, March 26
4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

see pg 6 (school age)

Wednesday

Drop-In Movie: *Barbie*
Wednesday, March 27
1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

see pg 3 (adults)

📅 **Peeps Family Challenge**
Families
Wednesday, March 27
6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

see pg 7 (families)

Teen Movie Night: *Turning Red (PG)* (Drop-In)
Wednesday, March 27
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

see pg 5 (teens)

Thursday

📅 **Choose Your Own Adventure… with Friends**
Grades 3-6
Thursday, March 28
3:15 – 4:00 p.m.

see pg 6 (school age)

📅 **Happy Books, Happy Cooks**
Families
Thurssday, March 28
6:00 – 6:30 p.m.

see pg 7 (preschool)

Game Night (Drop-In)
Thursday, March 28
6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

see pg 5 (teens)

Friday

Explore with Your Senses (Drop-In)
Under 3 year old with caregivers and families
Friday, March 29
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

see pg 7 (preschool)

📅 **Meet Me at the Movies: *Ghostbusters OR Kung Fu Panda 4* (Drop-In)**
Friday, March 29
time to be announced

see pg 5 (teens)