NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK
Ready Set Library!
April 7-13

In our always-online world, libraries give us a green light to something truly special: a place to connect with others, learn new skills, and focus on what matters most. No matter where you find yourself on the roadmap through life's journey—preparing for a new career, launching a business, or raising a family—your library provides an inclusive and supportive community where everyone belongs.

Get ready to explore, become inspired, and connect with your library this National Library Week. Libraries are here for you, all the way to the finish line.

Stop by BPL during **National Library Week** to pick up some free giveaways and show off your library support.

Discover everything we have to offer!

BPL Makerspace	streaming movies and music
3D printing	
computer classes	museum passes for local attractions
online courses	
books, DVDs, CDs, kits, and more	programs for all ages
	STEM and music kits
eBooks, audiobooks, and digital magazines	video games and board games

In 1999, Bloomingdale Public Library partnered with Stratford Square Mall for the 'Stratford Squares for Lifelong Learning' fundraiser, supporting the creation of a new library computer lab. The Village of Bloomingdale's recent acquisition of the mall for redevelopment prompted a collaboration between the Village and the Library to preserve the tiles installed as part of the project.

Details regarding tile availability, pickup, and more can be found on page 1 of the Village Almanac, our website (mybpl.org), the BPL Bulletin eNews, and our social media.

FREE COMIC BOOK DAY!
see page 5 for details

Thank you to Keith's Komix (Schaumburg) for the support!

Drop-In for All Ages
Saturday, May 4 | 12:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Friends 50 years of the BLOOMINGDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY

We're excited that this is our 50th year of supporting the Bloomingdale Library!

Save the Date:
Friends of the Bloomingdale Public Library
50th Anniversary Celebration at Bloomingdale Golf Club
September 29, 2024

Our next meeting is April 24th at 7:00 p.m.
Join us to learn more and enjoy a book folding craft and instruction.

As always, our Perpetual Book Sale wall at the library is on the first floor. All proceeds go to the Friends of the Library, which then supports a variety of library programs. Book donations are accepted at BPL.

Thank you for your support!

Adult Programs

📅 VIRTUAL: Frank Lloyd Wright - Organic Architect

Monday, April 8 | 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.   *Zoom Webinar*

Learn about Wright's organic architecture here in the Midwest and elsewhere in this slide lecture presented by art historian Jeff Mishur.

📅 The Race to Save the RMS Titanic

Tuesday, April 16 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.   *In-Person Event*

160 minutes was all the time rescuers would have before the largest ship in the world slipped beneath the icy Atlantic. Local author William Hazelgrove explores several myths about the sinking of the Titanic and how everyone aboard might have been saved. Books will be available for purchase and signed by the author.

📅 VIRTUAL: Baseball in the Movies

Monday, April 22 | 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.   *Zoom Webinar*

Celebrate our national pastime with these great baseball movies! We'll see scenes from *The Natural*, *Field of Dreams*, *Pride of the Yankees*, and more—we'll even learn the answer to that immortal question, "Who's on first?" Presented by film expert Steven Frenzel.

bpl makerspace crafts

Registration Information:
4 per session, ages 12 to adult, BPL card required. Computer experience is required. *Registration opens April 1 at 9:00 a.m.*

📅 Custom Wooden Sign

Use our equipment to cut vinyl and create a custom sign. *Please sign up for one session only.*

Monday, May 6 | 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 21 | 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

📅 VIRTUAL: Community Eco-Gardening: Landscaping with Native Plants

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

Learn how one residential association transformed their lawn with colorful prairie, woodland, and wetland wildflowers, forbs, sedges, grasses, and rain gardens. Hosted by author and expert gardener Dennis Swiftdeer Paige.

📅 VIRTUAL: His Way: Sinatra On Film

Monday, May 13 | 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.   *Zoom Webinar*

Let's celebrate the "Chairman of the Board" with this swoon-worthy program. We'll see young Frank make hearts melt in the musicals, experience a more mature Sinatra in the movies that capitalized on his legendary cool, and hear many hilarious Sinatra stories. Presented by film expert Steven Frenzel.

📅 The Story of Bonnie and Clyde

Tuesday, May 14 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.   *In-Person Event*

Historical entertainer Michelle Gibbons will discuss the dark romanticism of the Depression Era's infamous criminals, Bonnie Parker and Clyde Barrow. She will explain the passionate love of this doomed couple and how they became legendary criminals.

📅 VIRTUAL: Artemis - Returning to the Moon

Monday, May 20 | 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.   *Zoom Webinar*

In the next few years NASA will land the first woman and first person of color on the moon, exploring more of the lunar surface than ever before and establishing the first long-term human presence on the moon. We'll discuss the future plans and technologies that will get us back to the moon for the first time since 1972. Presented by Astroeducator Michelle Nichols.

ONGOING ADULT PROGRAMS

Genealogy Club (Drop-In)

Wednesdays, April 17 & May 15 | 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
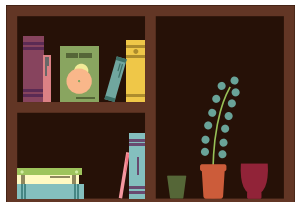
Wednesdays, April 17 & May 15 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

The Great Decisions discussion program is a civic education program administered and produced by the Foreign Policy Association. Contact Julie Deeke at jdeeke@mybpl.org for more information.

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

The Historical Book Discussion Group meets on the first Tuesday of each month, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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

Beaverland
by Leila Philip

Tuesday, April 2

The Secret Token
by Andrew Lawler

Tuesday, May 7

MONDAY NIGHT PAGE TURNERS

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**.

Recursion
by Blake Crouch

Monday, April 15

Go as a River
by Shelley Read

Monday, May 20

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.

No Hard Feelings (rated R)
Wednesday, April 10 | 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Maddie has one summer to bring an introverted 19-year-old boy out of his shell before college, to make him a man or die trying.

A League of Their Own (rated PG)
Wednesday, April 24 | 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Two sisters join the first female professional baseball league and struggle to help it succeed amid their own growing rivalry.

Gran Turismo (rated PG-13)
Wednesday, May 8 | 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Based on the unbelievable, inspiring true story of a team of underdogs - a struggling, working-class gamer, a failed former racecar driver, and an idealistic motorsport exec - who risk it all to take on the most elite sport in the world.
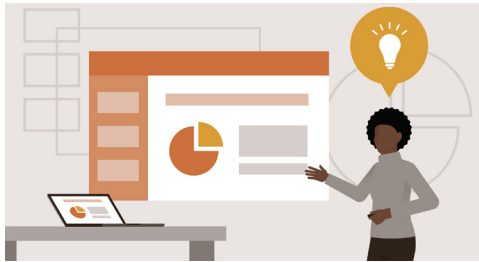
Computer Classes

MASTER MICROSOFT OFFICE

PowerPoint Start to Finish
Monday, April 8 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Christian

Learn the basics of PowerPoint - how to create slideshow presentations, including adding slides and entering content - along with more advanced techniques like transitions, animations, and automating timing. Google Slides users are welcome.

Excel Formulas
Monday, April 15 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Sean

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

Word Processing Crash Course
Thursday, April 25 | 7:00 – 8:30p.m.
Instructor: Christian

Whether you prefer MS Word or Google Docs, this class will have you ready to create, save, and print well-designed documents. Learn the basics of formatting text, changing page layouts, spell/grammar check, and more!

Microsoft Word: Infographics and Templates
Thursday, May 9 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Charlie
Learn to present information more effectively in your documents with charts, graphs, and other infographics. We will also look at templates, which are a handy formatting shortcut for adding a more polished look.

Excel PivotTables
Monday, May 13 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Sean
Excel PivotTables can be very helpful in organizing data. Work with several examples to develop a comfort level with the tools Excel provides.

SMARTPHONE SERIES

Basics for Android Users
Thursday, April 18 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Salvador

Get familiar with your Android phone or tablet as we demonstrate how to navigate, customize, and find apps on your device. Students are encouraged to bring in their own phone or tablet.

Photography & Editing
Thursday, May 16 | 7:00 – 8:30p.m.
Instructor: Salvador

Take better photos and movies and edit them with Android and iPhones. Learn to use free editing products to prepare photos and movies for sharing. As phones offer a wide range of camera features, we will focus on more generally available tools rather than some of the higher end options.

Video Editing & Sharing
Monday, May 20 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Sean

Want to crop, connect, change the audio, and otherwise sharpen up your videos before posting them on social media or sharing them with friends and family? Use phone apps and social media tools for easy video editing and distribution.

beginner's Internet Courses

These friendly introductory programs are topics aimed at new or nervous computer users. We'll provide lots of guided hands on practice and time for questions.

Browsing the Web
Tuesday, May 14 | 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.
Instructor: Sean

Learn to use of the Internet and the risks involved. Skills like searching, using URLs, downloading files, completing forms, and managing PDFs will be covered.

Email Use & Safety
Tuesday, May 21 | 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.
Instructor: Sean

Create and manage an email address, while discovering how to recognize and avoid email scams.

Smartphones & Tablets
Tuesday, May 28 | 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.
Instructor: Salvador

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

VIRTUAL: GRAPHIC ARTS

🎥 GIMP: Image Editing Basics
Monday, April 22 | 7:00 p.m.
Instructor: Charlie

GIMP is a free, open-source alternative to Adobe Photoshop for editing digital images. Watch the basics of using the application while learning to perform some common image edits and touch-ups.

🎥 Blender: Physics Basics
Thursday, May 23 | 7:00 p.m.
Instructor: Charlie

Building on previous courses, we will use some of Blender's physics tools to implement realistic physics effects in 3D animations. Cloth, fluids, collisions, and more are covered.

Teen Programs

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, April 6 | 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

exam cram

Exam Cram (Drop-In)
Open to all high school students (Grades 9-12)
Wednesday & Thursday, May 22 & 23 | 4:00 – 8:00 p.m.

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.

Want to volunteer at BPL?
Check out our

volunteens

program on page 6!

Teen Crafts @ BPL

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.

📅 Rainbow Soap (Take & Make)
Kit Pickup begins Monday, April 8
registration begins Monday, March 11 - limit 12 teens

Make four flower power scented melt-and-pour soaps using moon and rainbow molds.

📅 Earth Day Planter (Take & Make)
Kit Pickup begins Monday, April 22
registration begins Monday, March 25 - limit 12 teens

Celebrate Earth Day by decorating a planter and filling it with an air plant.

📅 Hello Origami (Take & Make)
Kit Pickup begins Monday, May 6
registration begins Monday, April 15 - limit 10 teens

This fun and easy origami collection will show you how to fold 20 adorable designs that double as your own stationery!

📅 Custom Buttons
Wednesday, May 8 | 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
registration opens Monday, April 15 - limit 10 teens

Use the library's button machine to make unique accessories!

Perler Bead Club (Drop-In)
Wednesday, May 15 | 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.

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Drop-In for All Ages
Saturday, May 4 | 12:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Youth Programs

School Age Programs

📅 Egg-citing Spring
Grades K-2
Monday, April 1 | 4:15 – 5:15 p.m.

Eggs are a symbol of springtime and new life. Explore the magic of eggs through stories, science, and crafts.

Middle Grade Makers (Drop-In)
Grades 4-8
Thursdays, April 4 & May 9 | 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!

📅 Don't Eat That!
Grades K-2
Wednesday, April 10 | 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

Well, maybe do… we'll make edible paper, silly pranks, and more in this craft session.

📅 Makerspace Club: STEM Time
Grades 3-6
Thursday, April 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!

Crochet Along with Miss Carol (Virtual)
Grades 3-8
posted on YouTube on Monday, April 15

Learn to crochet along with Miss Carol. Check the Library's YouTube page for video tutorials for each project. A supply list and written instructions can be picked up at the library. *April project: waffle pillow*

📅 I Love Jelly Beans
Grades K-2
Thursday, April 18 | 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

Jelly beans are a fun snack in the spring! Come to the library to learn how they are made and do some jelly crafts.

CELEBRATE MOM!

📅 Mother's Day Gift Craft
Grades 3-6
Sunday, April 21 | 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Grades K-2
Tuesday, April 30 | 4:15 – 5:15 p.m.

Celebrate Mom or someone special with a fun craft and card making session!

📅 Crochet Skills: Magic Circle
Grades 3-8
Monday, April 22 | 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

The Magic Circle is the starting point of round projects such as stuffed toys, beanies and coasters. We will use the Magic Circle to make a simple teddy bear. Participants should have beginning crochet skills.

📅 April Shower Flowers
Grades K-2
Tuesday, April 23 | 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

Come make a paper flower craft!

📅 Edible Springtime Crafts!
Grades 3-6
Wednesday, April 24 | 4:15 – 5:15 p.m.

Enjoy crafting and candy? Come in to make some edible spring themed crafts!

📅 Escape Room
Grades 3-6
Sunday, May 5 – two sessions available
2:00 – 2:30 p.m. OR 3:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Can you and your team discover the code to unlock the emergency escape panel in time? Please sign up for one session only.

📅 Stress Relief Jars
Grades 3-6
Monday, May 6 | 5:00 – 5:45 p.m.

Take your mind off of your end of the year testing and make a jar of fun!

LEGO® Club (Drop-In)
Grades 1-6
Tuesday, May 21 | 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

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

📅 Every Birdie Welcome
Grades K-2
Wednesday, May 22 | 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

Create your own birdhouse and a simple bird feeder while enjoying stories about our feathered friends.

volunTEENS

Entering Grades 7-12 in fall 2024

Are you a student entering grades 7-12 in fall 2024? Are you looking for a fun way to get job experience, earn service hours, or make a difference in the community? If so, the **Bloomingdale Public Library VolunTEENs** program is looking for you!

During your summer vacation, we'll develop a schedule to fit your availability and our programming needs. You'll work 10-15 hours over the 9-week program with the library's Youth Services staff preparing crafts, keeping the library tidy, and helping with special projects.

Summer volunteer openings are limited. Applications will be available from April 1 – May 11. Please turn in the completed application at the Youth Services desk. Only applications received before Monday, May 13 will be considered.

Youth Programs

Registration required for some youth programs (noted with 📅).
Registration for April programs begins Monday, March 18. Registration for May programs begins Monday, April 22.
Register **online**, by phone at **(630) 924-2740**, or by email at **bdys@mybpl.org**. Please have your library card when you register.
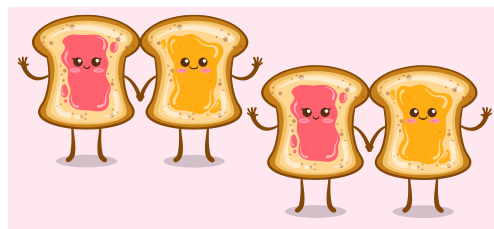
Preschool Programs

📅 Celebrate Peanut Butter and Jelly Day
Ages 3-5
Tuesday, April 2 | 1:30 – 2:15 p.m.

April 2nd is National PB & J Day! Join us for stories, songs, crafts, and some PB and J. *Please let us know any allergies at time of registration as peanut butter will be served.*

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. **No session March 27 or May 15** (join us for It's a Zoo - see description this section).
*Will be offered simultaneously with Baby Tales and Tunes when in session. *

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

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

Baby, Let's Make Music (Drop-In)
Ages 0-24 months
Wednesdays, April 24, May 1, & May 8
10:00 – 10:30 a.m.

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

📅 Happy Books, Happy Cooks
Ages 3-5
Thursday, April 25 | 6:00 – 6:30 p.m.

A storytime for your budding chef! Read a food-filled story and create a tasty treat. *Please let us know any allergies at time of registration.*

Explore with Your Senses (Drop-In)
Under 3 years old with caregiver
Saturday, April 27 | 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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

📅 Playing with STEM
Ages 2-5
Tuesdays, April 30, May 14, & May 28
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. Each week, we will have different stations for kids to explore.

📅 Mother's Day Tea Party
Ages 3-5
Wednesday, May 8 | 1:30 – 2:15 p.m.

Bring your special adult to tea at the library! Enjoy some yummy snacks, play games, and decorate a beautiful card. *Please let us know any allergies at time of registration.*

📅 Messy Fingers
Ages 2-4
Saturday, May 11 | 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!
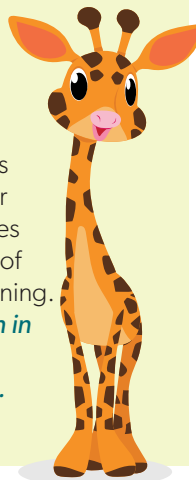
It's a ZOO!
(Drop-In)
Age 0-5
Wednesday, May 15
10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Join the DuPage Children's Museum staff and use your muscles to create structures while exploring concepts of reasoning and motor planning. *This program will happen in lieu of our weekly Come Together program.*

📅 Grow Time
Ages 3-5
Tuesday, May 21 | 1:30 – 2:15 p.m.

Explore what makes plants grow and take a plant home to raise.

📅 How to Party Like a Snail
Ages 3-5
Friday, May 31 | 10:30 – 11:15 a.m.

Who doesn't love a party? Join us for a reading of *How to Party Like a Snail* by Naseem Hrab. Afterward we'll celebrate with crafts and games.

Family Programs

📅 Homeschool Hangout Series
Families
Thursdays, April 4 & May 30
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.

Jedi Academy Storytime (Drop-In)
Families
Saturday, May 4 | 10:00 – 10:45 a.m.

Celebrate May the 4th with a Star Wars themed storytime and craft that highlights a galaxy far, far away.

Craft Time (Drop-In)
Families
Friday, May 17 | 9:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Come make a flower craft *while supplies last*.

It's Storytime!

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

Spring Session: March 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.

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Drop-In for All Ages
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THANK YOU to everyone who participated in *BPL's Valentine's for Vets* program in January and all who donated to the *VFW's Love Our Veterans* drive.

Together our community made 1,145 valentines that were distributed to local VA hospitals, a record for our program.

In conjunction with the other drop-off locations, Bloomingdale collected move-in essentials for veterans exiting homelessness. Thank you for helping all those who have served our country!

Love our VETERANS

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born to READ

Did you know that reading to your child is one of the most powerful ways to boost their brain power?

Join our **Born to Read** program and receive tips and support to begin your child's journey into the world of reading.

Sign up at the Youth Services desk to receive a gift for your new baby and discover all of the resources BPL has to offer you and your little one.

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 through September 1

Library Closings:
Sunday, March 31
Sunday, May 26 | Monday, May 27

Library Photos
Photos or videos taken at the library may be used for promotional purposes. If you do not want your image taken, please inform library staff.

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

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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**.